



**Stanislaus County Library**

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## **New Turlock Library set to open Aug. 10**

*Dedication ceremony scheduled for Monday, Aug. 9 at 9:30 am*

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the successful completion of the new, expanded Turlock Library!

The Turlock Library, located at 550 Minaret Ave. is scheduled to open on Tuesday, Aug. 10. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 9 and will be livestreamed at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org). The public is invited to attend in person, or to enjoy the livestream of this event, to celebrate a larger, modern, safe library for Turlock area residents.

“As Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and County Supervisor representing the Turlock Community, I am thrilled with the successful completion of the beautiful new Turlock Library! As is our way, on time and under budget!” said Supervisor Vito Chiesa. “The Turlock Community has waited a long time for this to happen and the Friends of the Turlock Library and their donors should be commended for their generosity making the new Library even more awesome! This is a great example of working together, with a shared purpose resulting in a new modern library and community center we can all enjoy for generations to come.”

Turlock’s first community library, a Carnegie library, was built in 1916 and served the community for more than 50 years. In 1968, the library moved to a new 10,000-square-foot Minaret Avenue location. The newly constructed and expanded library will preserve the beautiful park-like setting that is so loved by the community. The new, 16,530-square-foot library will feature teen and children's areas, a community room, a makerspace, and more.

The Turlock Library expansion and renovation project budget is \$12,795,302, with funding from Library Savings, Tobacco Endowment Funds, Public Facilities Fees, Deferred Maintenance Funds and General Funds. The dedicated sales tax for County-wide Library services have contributed to the savings for this project. In addition, the Friends of the Turlock Library have raised \$1 million for furnishings, architectural enhancements and technology upgrades. The new facility was designed and constructed by LDA Architects, and Roebbelen Contractors, Dewberry Architects.

“We are grateful for the Friends of the Turlock Library and their donors for their support, encouragement and generosity making this effort truly a remarkable feat,” said Stanislaus County Librarian Sarah Dentan.

The new library will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 12 to 8 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The library will be closed on Friday and Sunday.

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