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**SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND LA COUNTY LIBRARY TO OPEN NEWLY
RENOVATED AVALON LIBRARY, NOVEMBER 4**

Newly Renovated Avalon Library Provides 21st Century Technology for Community

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (October 31, 2019)—Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn will join LA County Library Director Skye Patrick and the Avalon community to celebrate the re-opening of the newly renovated Avalon Library. The formal remarks will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and programming for the entire family.

WHAT: Avalon Library Grand Re-opening

WHEN: Monday November 4, 2019 at 12 pm

WHERE: Avalon Library, 215 Sumner Ave, Avalon, CA 90704

BACKGROUND:

Avalon Library will open after a \$1.4 million renovation project, with funding provided by the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Janice Hahn.

The 1,256 sq-ft library includes over 12,000 items in its collection, with an increase in Spanish literature, 5 public access computers, and free Wi-Fi for customers to use. In efforts to increase access for customers, the Library has installed a unit with 10 Grab and Go Google Chromebooks which can be used within the library.

Avalon Library will be the first location within LA County Library to implement Open+, providing customers extended access to the library without staff on site. The library will be open on Tuesday – Saturday from 7 – 9 am for customers to check out and return books with self-check stations, use computers, Chromebooks, and Wi-Fi.

As LA County Library continues to widen its reach outside library walls, Avalon Library staff can be seen cruising around the island with a new golf cart for outreach services, allowing them to

provide extended programming and services for the community. The Library has also installed 3 public little library bookcases on the island to promote book sharing for residents and visitors, who will be able to pick up a book to read and leave a book for others to enjoy.

“The newly renovated Avalon Library will provide the community with the resources, programming, and technology needed to meet and exceed educational and personal goals,” said Skye Patrick, LA County Library Director. “With Grab & Go Chromebooks, Open+, and a golf cart, the Library continues to expand our available services to our customers.”

Avalon Library will be open following the ribbon-cutting till 5 pm on Monday, November 4. Library programming will include Gypsy Folk Ensemble at 1:30 pm, Franklin Haynes Marionettes at 3:30 pm, and an opportunity for customers to decorate their own ceramic piggy bank and make their own bead suncatcher throughout the day.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents through its 86 libraries and mobile fleet of 12 vehicles, including 3 Bookmobiles, 6 MāK Mō maker mobiles, and 3 Reading Machines. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit LACountyLibrary.org and follow @LACountyLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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