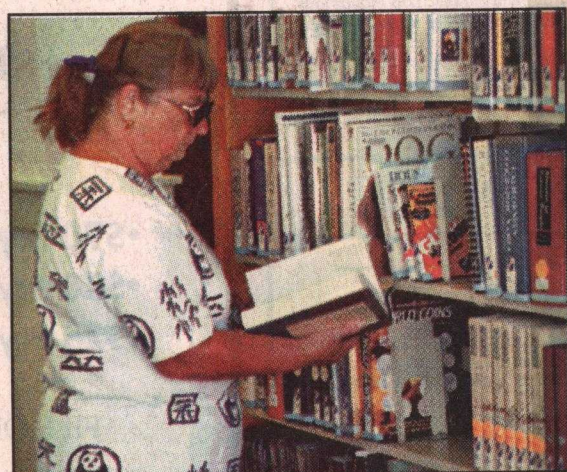
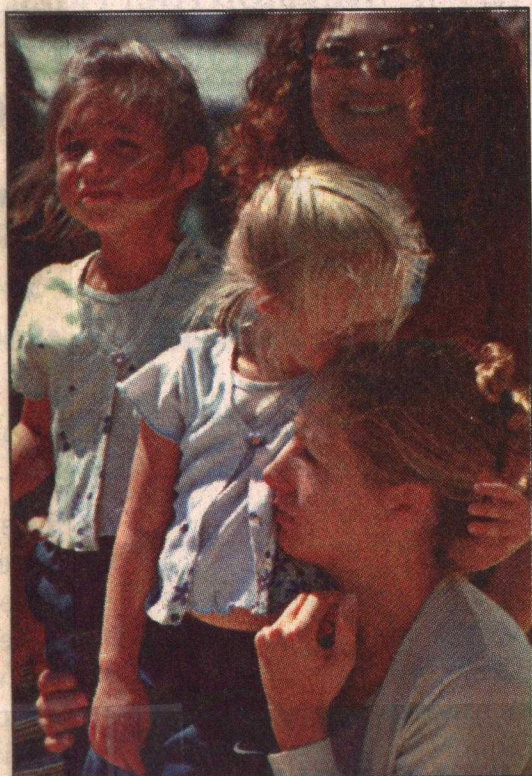


# Freedom Library opens



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The Watsonville City Council members joined various city officials, community members, Mayor Oscar Rios and Library Director Deborah Barrow for a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday to officially open the Freedom Branch Library, 2021 Freedom Blvd. Well over 100 people attended the ceremony, which was graced with music from members of The Watsonville Band. Barrows, Rios, Supervisor Tony Campos and council member Chuck Carter brought words of praise and thanks to key donors and volunteers who helped establish the 3,800 square foot library which will house over 15,000 titles. "Who are the winners? Each and everyone of you here today," said Campos. "And a special thanks has to go to Deborah Barrow, who has the ability to bring people together with different thoughts."



Diane Bengard of Watsonville (above), perhaps the first patron of the newly opened library, wastes no time searching the shelves. Milae Weiser of Watsonville and her children Kamala Clark (left, center) and Nsharra Clark join the crowds at the opening ceremony.