

# 'Something For Everyone' Slogan For Public Library Observance

(Editor's Note: This is Public Library Week in California and in recognition of the annual observance, The Sentinel-News is publishing a series of articles about the county's libraries. They are being prepared through the cooperation of Mrs. Geraldine Work, county and city librarian. This second article tells about the Capitola, Soquel and Twin Lakes libraries. The first dealt with the three libraries in the San Lorenzo valley.)

Public Library Week in California features the slogan, "Something for Everyone at Your Public Library." The Santa Cruz Public Library invites you to visit your nearest branch library or to come to the main library in Santa Cruz and look over the many books and magazines of interest.

In addition to the branch libraries in Santa Cruz, there are three busy county branch libraries located in the central part of the county.

Capitola has its library in a small rented building on San Jose avenue near the center of town. The collection is widely used by residents of Capitola and is a popular place in the summer. There is a good basic reference collection for the use of students and also a complete set of books on municipal administration which has been used widely in the past two years.

Requests from Capitola for new books range from biography, history and travel to information on antiques, electrical repairs and fishing. Current novels and reports also are requested frequently. The branch library has been in several locations since it opened in 1942 and at one time was housed in the Community hall.

Mrs. Kathleen Moore has been the branch librarian since it opened and she assists readers in obtaining the books they desire, requesting them from the Main library if they are not in the branch. Library hours at Capitola are Monday, 2 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Friday, 2 to 5 p.m.

The Soquel Porter Memorial

Library has recently been repaired and painted and is modern both in appearance and in its collection of books. The circulation of books at this library has more than doubled in the past few months since the work of renovating was completed. The building was a community project in 1912 and was built with funds raised by local groups, supplemented by the Porter family as a Memorial to their parents.

The building in recent years had been in need of repair and provision for this work was made in the 1950-51 county budget by the board of supervisors when the library contract was increased so that the foundation of the building could be strengthened, new lights installed and the building painted. The increased cost of operation and need for additional books in all of the county library branches was recognized also at this time and the supervisors, in their contract with the Santa Cruz Public Library, voted additional funds to maintain and provide for the county library branches.

That this action has been beneficial is shown in the increased use of the libraries, the new applications for library privileges, the number of children who borrow books, and the growing use of the library as a source for the answer to many questions.

The Soquel library had its official re-opening December 15, 1951, with the Soquel Improvement club sponsoring the "open house." The Improvement club's library committee had helped in many ways to improve the library, giving its time and work to prepare the building for the repairs and its support in behalf of increased revenue for library service. Mrs. Charlotte Fidel is the branch librarian and her interest in the community and the library has been responsible for much of its growth. The library is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Monday and Friday nights from 7 to 9.

Twin Lakes Library branch serves a large reading public and while open only three days a week is one of the most active of the county branches. It has a well selected collection of books, frequently changed, and is a popular place for both adults and children. Bill Vernon and Mrs. Lila Vernon are well-known in Twin Lakes and the readers' advisory service given by them to residents of the area is appreciated greatly. A true love of literature is given young people who borrow at the branch library.

The building housing the library is another of the community-provided buildings, originally having been built with funds contributed by interested residents. For many years the library was on the grounds of the Twin Lakes Baptist church. When the new church buildings were being erected it was necessary to move the library building. Again the residents of the area came to the support of the library and through subscriptions purchased a lot for "our library."

Through the efforts of individuals and the Twin Lakes Improvement club the building was moved to the library lot on 7th avenue, where new shelving was installed and the building painted. The community has actively supported the library at all times, requesting that adequate funds be provided for books and other materials.

The board of supervisors in its 1950-51 contract set aside \$500 for needed improvements to the building and added another \$500 in 1951-52. With the help of volunteer workmen, plans are being made to construct a work area and other facilities. Actual construction has been held up pending the plans of the improvement club to build a community hall adjoining the library. The improvements will be started this spring to the library building to take care of the increased use of library services. The library is open at present Tuesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday evening from 7 to 9.

(The next article will tell of the branch libraries in the southern end of the county.)