

## Soquel social event

With much flag-waving and other ceremony, Porter Memorial Library was dedicated Oct. 17, 1912, after three years of community fundraising work. Even a dog attended



# 72 years in Soquel; Porter Memorial Library

Staff and patrons of Porter Memorial Library in Soquel will celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the library as well as five years of all-volunteer operation, during activities next week that are open at no charge to the public. In addition, overdue fines will be suspended Jan. 21-26.

On Monday at 7:30 p.m., the library board meeting will be held at Sesnon House, Cabrillo College, to honor the volunteer staff, Mai Daniel, Lynn Coker, Patti Herman, Dorothy Sides, Vi Garrison, Vera

Morey and Marianne Raedler. Most of the volunteers have been working for the entire five years.

Since it became an independent library, after being closed by the Santa Cruz City-County Library system after Prop. 13 passed, circulation has increased 60 percent. Porter Library is the only library in the county open every day. Circulation is more than 10,000 books a year.

Students from Soquel Elementary School District have been invited to tour the library throughout the week with their

classes, and first-time visitors are also welcome to stop by the library.

A slide show and lecture by Cabrillo College history instructor, Sandy Lydon, will focus on the history of Soquel at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 in the multipurpose room of Soquel Elementary School, 2700 Porter St.

Porter Library is very much a part of Soquel history; it was a project of the Soquel Improvement Club in 1909. The Sesnon Family donated the land and the organization sponsored a variety of fund-

raisers to finance the library. The Sesnon family matched dollar for dollar.

It took three years of suppers, programs and other events to raise enough money. One of the most memorable events was the Rose Festival held in May, 1911.

Porter Memorial Library, 3050 Porter St., is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is a free public library. Further information is available by calling 475-3326.