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Moraga Library's interior remodel unveiled

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The newly refurbished Moraga Library retains its cozy atmosphere. Photo Vera Kochan

scanner that has a flatbed and feeder (Scan EZ), replacement of exterior lights due to nesting bird activity, and new data lines which "is not that exciting, but because the carpet was being replaced it allowed us to do those updates," Carrasco explained.

The Stankus Family, in honor of their 102-year-old mother, donated a cushioned, green bench for her and others to sit and browse through books in comfort. Robert Muller, who had donated six new tables and 24 new chairs to the library, was so excited about the Oct. 10 reopening that he had marked it on his calendar. Sadly, his daughter had notified the library that a week before the reopening her almost 102-year-old father had passed away.

The Friends of the Moraga Library had contributed nearly \$90,000 toward the project through its membership dues, used book sales and private donations; and the Collection Development Department pushed to get new books on the shelves.

"We will continue to have a featured artist display on the walls behind the self-checkout, and we've also added a 'puzzle swap' where you can check out a puzzle to work on at home and also bring one of yours to exchange," said Carrasco. "A lot of people have jigsaw puzzles that they bought during COVID. We've also enhanced our 'teen area' with a few added touches."

The reading area by the fireplace has remained unchanged. "The one thing we had talked about from the beginning was the homey, cozy feel that the library always had," stated Carrasco. "We didn't want to lose that. All of this was really a community, town, and Friends effort to make this happen. Big thanks to the Friends - they enabled us to do so much more."

The Friends of the Moraga Library will hold its semi-annual Fall Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28.

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