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Tutor & Volunteer Newsletter

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COMINGS AND GOINGS: ANNOUNCING NEW CHANGES TO PERSONNEL AND BOARD

Several personnel changes are in progress at Vision Literacy, including one new addition to the staff, two job realignments, and two departures.

At the Elmwood County Correctional Facility in Milpitas, Alyson Scott has been selected as the new associate manager of corrections. She will replace Sheryl Springer, who expertly administered the position for nearly a decade before taking a job with Alameda County's corrections department. Currently, Scott serves as a rehabilitation officer at Elmwood, acting as a liaison among inmates, program providers, law enforcement officials, and the courts.

In support of pairs tutoring in the North County, Marina Dols and Israel Velazquez will take over for Martha Inouye, whose position was eliminated last month due to budget constraints. Dols, who has managed Vision Literacy's family literacy programming for four years, will provide support and advice for tutors and learners meeting in and around the Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Milpitas and Saratoga libraries. Velazquez, who currently teaches Vision Literacy's ESL class at MACSA Youth Center, will support Mountain View's tutors and learners.

Finally, Vision Literacy bids a fond farewell to two members of our literacy family: South County Associate Manager Louise Shields and long-time board member Carolyn Brown. Shields has accepted a new, full-time position with the Santa Clara Unified School District implementing parent education classes at the Adult Education Center.

Carolyn Brown recently resigned her position with the Friends of Vision Literacy, citing increasing work demands as Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Director of Quality and Safety. Brown had served as a board member for five years, including two years as President from 2007-2008. She also was



Pictured from top: Marina Dols, Israel Velazquez, Louise Shields, and Carolyn Brown

a key member of the team that established Community Learning Centers at Valley Med and at Vision Literacy's office in Gilroy.

If you have questions about the personnel changes, please contact the Milpitas office at 408.262.1349.

GILROY LIBRARY RE-OPENS

After two months without a library, Gilroy residents flooded into the temporary facility that opened for business last week in their city. Nearly 500 people walked through the doors at 7652 Monterey Street during just the first two hours of operation.

The library will be housed in the temporary location for several years, while a new, state-of-the-art building is constructed at the old site on Roseanna Street. For detailed information on the Gilroy Library's location, hours and services, visit <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/gilroy>.

COMING EVENTS

Spread the word about upcoming orientations!

- Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St. March 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Cupertino Library, 10800 Torre Ave. March 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd. March 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Those interested can call the Milpitas office at 408.262.1349 to register.

Tutors: Please submit your monthly progress report by March 3. Thank you!

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