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**Old Morgan Hill Library to Close on June 9**  
*Bookmobile to Provide Service Until New Library Opens on July 21<sup>st</sup>*

**SAN JOSE, CALIF.**— Morgan Hill residents will have until June 9 to check out as many books and other items as possible from their Peak Avenue library, and enjoy the materials for six weeks, without having to pay any penalties. The catch? They should keep the items for at least six weeks, and return them after July 21<sup>st</sup> to a brand new location.

As one of the libraries administered by the Santa Clara County Library system, this incentive is part of the overall efforts to facilitate the transportation of 150,000 books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and other library materials from the 34 year old, 14,000 square-foot building at 17575 Peak Avenue, to a brand new, double its size, library at 660 West Main Ave., also in Morgan Hill. Library staff, professional movers, and volunteers will take advantage of the six week transition to help transport the remaining materials, computers and other equipment, and install a new phone system, an automated conveyor belt and a laser scanner to check in and sort materials to expedite the book return process.

On average, the Morgan Hill Library circulation exceeded 46,000 items per month in 2006.

“Currently 25,426 people hold Santa Clara County library cards in Morgan Hill, San Martin, and surrounding areas,” said Morgan Hill Community Librarian Rosanne Macek. “Account holders can support our relocation project by checking out as many items as possible between now and June 9, the day the old library will officially close, and returning them to the new location after July 21<sup>st</sup>.”

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For those who are checking out books prior to the library's closing, Macek explains due dates are staggered based on when items are actually checked out; however, nothing is due until after the new library opens. And while the old library will close down with a farewell party on June 9, a Grand Opening awaits the new facility when it opens its doors to the public on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Plenty of activities will be scheduled to present a wide range of services.

"Morgan Hill residents have fond memories of the old library, and many of them might want to come and say good bye," said Deputy County Librarian Sarah Flowers. "But once they see the new facility on July 21<sup>st</sup>, they are going to love it."

Those who cannot visit the old library one last time this week will have access to a limited supply of books and DVDs for check out courtesy of the Santa Clara County Library Bookmobile, which will park at the old site of the Morgan Hill Library from 10am-12pm, 12:30-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday while the library is closed. Since services do not include holding books for patrons or Internet access, library patrons could place items on hold to be mailed to them by using the library's Web site [santaclaracountylib.org](http://santaclaracountylib.org). Access to the Internet will be available at the nearby Recreation Center.

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