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Renovated Dimond Branch to Reopen on July 15

Oakland, CA – The Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, will reopen on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

The Dimond Library renovation project consists of a “makeover” of the first floor to better serve children, teens and adult patrons, with distinct program areas and comfortable seating. There will be fresh paint throughout the interior, new carpeting on the first floor and enhancements to the second floor meeting room, including replacing the linoleum tile floor with carpeting. New furniture will be purchased for the first floor spaces for children, teens, and adults. The remodeled branch will feature a new information desk and self-check machines.

The project is funded entirely by donations and foundation grants. A community fundraising campaign led by the Friends of the Dimond Library had a goal to raise \$50,000 to help purchase new, library-grade furniture for the branch. On behalf of the Friends of the Dimond Library, OPL is excited to announce that the campaign raised over \$52,000! Since November, the Friends has received 180 donations from library supporters, including over \$7,300 from the “2nd Annual Piedmont Tri-School Read-A-Thon” event, in which students raised funds for the library through reading.

“We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Dimond Library in July,” says Gerry Garzon, Director of Library Services. During this temporary closure, attendance at storytimes and check-outs at other Oakland libraries increased as Dimond patrons explored other locations.

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