



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Public Library

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### **San Ysidro Branch Library Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *Community Event to Include Food, Music and Other Entertainment*

**SAN DIEGO** – A fun-filled community celebration will be held to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Ysidro Branch Library on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 2-8 p.m. This free event will take place at the library, located at 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd.

The San Ysidro Branch is the oldest facility in the City of San Diego Public Library system. The branch library first opened its doors in October 1924, as a gift from early local settler Frank Beyer and his wife Evelyn. The original building was closed in 1983 for reconstruction and reopened in 1984, newly remodeled and expanded. The library houses about 55,000 items. Spanish language materials account for about one third of the collection and 50 percent of the annual circulation.

For this historical occasion, there will be lots of entertainment with live Mariachi music, ballet folkloric dancers, Mexican rancheras and food as well as informational booths from community agencies and organizations. These fun filled performances will be open to the public free of charge. No reservations are needed.

For more information about the San Ysidro Branch Library's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, please call the library at (619) 424-0475.

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