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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO ANNOUNCES THE RETIREMENT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR BRIAN REYNOLDS

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – August 2, 2013 – After nearly three decades of working in local government, County Library Director Brian Reynolds has announced he will retire on October 12, 2013.

Reynolds was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as San Luis Obispo County Library Director in 1993. Prior to that he served eleven years as Siskiyou County Librarian.

“The past twenty years have brought many changes and improvements to Library service throughout the County,” said Reynolds. Branch library space has increased approximately 50% and new libraries were established in the Nipomo, Santa Margarita, Creston, and Cayucos, and services were reinstated in Oceano.

Reynolds has also led the County Library through lean financial times that saw a reduction of operating hours and budgets for books and materials. Throughout these challenges, said Reynolds, Library staff and community support groups have maintained a high level of customer service, implemented new technologies, and offered innovative library programs and services.

Expansion projects are currently underway in Atascadero and Cambria and a substantial remodel is planned in Morro Bay.

“I would like to thank Brian for his twenty years of service to our County Libraries. Brian has been an effective advocate for the library system and he’s overseen significant growth even through tough financial times,” said County Administrative Officer Dan Buckshi. The County will be opening a recruitment to fill the Library Director position.

Reynolds praised Library staff and thanked the various Friends of the Library groups, the Library Foundation, and County leadership for their support in promoting a vital community service.

Reynolds and his wife Diane plan to remain in the County and stay involved in community affairs.

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