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#### **Celebrating the Santa Maria Public Library Building's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Santa Maria Public Library in its newest building will be celebrated with a day-long program on Saturday, August 24, at the library, 421 S. McClelland Street. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both inside the library and outside on Lavagnino Plaza. Music groups, a barbecue lunch, various activities for children including a magician and a birthday cake, will highlight the day.

Two local bands will entertain visitors in front of the library on the Plaza. The five-member *Appellation Bluegrass Band*, or *Abbies*, will play their California bluegrass music from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Local group the *Amigos* will play jazz and swing music from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The only expense for the day will be for those who buy the barbecue lunch, offered for \$8 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A tri-tip sandwich, salsa, chips, drink, and a treat will be served for take-out, or to eat in the library's meeting room. The lunch is a fund-raising activity of the Friends of the Santa Maria Public Library.

Two special birthday story time programs will be given in the Youth Services' Altrusa Theater, for preschoolers, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and for kindergartners to second-graders, from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Children will make a paper candle to decorate a large cake made of paper in the Youth Services Department.

Professional magician Shawn McMaster performed at the library's grand opening in 2008 and is returning to help celebrate the library building's five-year birthday with a performance at 2:00 p.m. in the Altrusa Theater. To add to the festive atmosphere, games will be available for children to play throughout the afternoon.

The Friends of the Santa Maria Library, who are sponsoring the day's event, will serve birthday cake in the library lobby at 3:00 p.m. All children visiting the library will receive a prize gift bag and the Friends will give away 300 children's books. For more information please contact Joyce Hall, president of the Friends of the Santa Maria Library, at 925-7116.

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