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California State Library to Celebrate its Return to Historic Library and Courts Building

SACRAMENTO – The California State Library invites the public to the Grand Reopening Ceremony on Tuesday, February 11 to mark the return of library services at the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building in Sacramento. The building, located at 914 Capitol Mall, recently reopened after four years of extensive renovations. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Following the ceremony, there will be docent-led tours of the building and a talk on the renovation by Pella McCormick, project manager of the renovation for the state Department of General Services.

The event is free but attendees must RSVP by February 7 at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-california-state-library-reopening-ceremony-registration-9737648569>. No ticket is required.

Built in 1928 as part of the Capitol Extension, the building is considered one of the most stunning examples of neoclassical design in the state. A grand semi-circular marble staircase, black marble columns, bronze statues, and murals by famed artist Maynard Dixon are just a few of the unique architectural features of the library that will be included in the tours.

The six-story building closed in 2009 for renovation of the mechanical, electrical, security and fire suppression systems. The project was completed in April 2013 and the library has spent the ensuing months moving its collection of over four million titles back into the building.

About the California State Library

Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor's office, Legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library administers federal and state grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteering, and broadband connectivity in public libraries. For more information, please visit www.library.ca.gov