

Morgan Hill Steve Tate Library Dedication & Children's Area Expansion Celebration

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 10:30 am
Morgan Hill Library, 660 W. Main Avenue

10:30 am Meet & Greet

Snacks & Friends of the Library Book Sale

10:45 am Dedication

Event Emcee: Larry Carr

Speakers:

Rich Constantine, Morgan Hill Mayor
Carol O'Hare, Friends of the Morgan Hill Library
Heather Geddes, Community Librarian
Ria Deshpande & Vaishnavi Muralidharan, Youth
Action Council
Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Board of
Supervisors

11:15 am Library Expansion Celebration

Ribbon Cutting, Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce
Tours of the Newly Expanded Children's Area



About Steve Tate and the Library

Former Morgan Hill Mayor Steve Tate has made innumerable contributions to the Morgan Hill community throughout his 27 years in public service. With his passion for community access to libraries and library services, Steve Tate worked to ensure that library services were available to all through his work on the City Council and with the County Library District. As a long-time library patron, he knew what an amazing resource a library is and led an effort within the community to ensure that all children in Morgan Hill had a library card. Steve led the countywide parcel tax campaigns that increased services at all the County Libraries. When the County Library District and City were looking to build the new library, he worked to identify City funds to build the new Morgan Hill Library.

I held Steve in the highest regard. His commitment to the library was absolute and steadfast, from the high-profile jobs like chairing the tax measure campaign twice to working behind the scenes to expand access to reading materials to incarcerated youth and high-risk students. When I was the community librarian in Morgan Hill, the City faced potentially divisive decisions about whether to build a new library, how to fund a new library, and where to place a new library. Steve Tate elevated the dialogue with respect for every opinion, often stating his belief that "the library is the heart of the community." Of course, that unified us and kept our eyes on the common goal. I am so pleased to learn the library will permanently bear his name.

- Nancy Howe, County Librarian 2012-2020