

Proclamation

Recognizing the Redwood City Library Foundation for the Library Makerspace

WHEREAS, the mission of the Redwood City Library Foundation is to support the Redwood City Public Library in cultivating literacy, life-long learning, and community connections; the Redwood City Library Foundation has completed fundraising to construct and equip a Makerspace in the Downtown Library; and

WHEREAS, a fully equipped Makerspace brings the full spectrum of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) programming to the community. Makerspaces are inclusive, particularly to people unfamiliar with maker activities, and available to a broad, ethnically and socio-economically diverse audience; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood City Public Library has built the only Makerspace available in southern San Mateo County to serve families with young children; and

WHEREAS, a robust Makerspace introduces children to STEAM and helps address challenges of literacy, with special emphasis towards girls and children of color who are not equally represented in STEAM careers. In a library makerspace, adults can gain career development opportunities, practical life skills such as learning how to fix things, a chance to explore a variety of STEAM opportunities, and enjoy connecting with others and keep current with technology; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood City Library Foundation has been fundraising since 2019 for the Makerspace initiative and is grateful for the vision, generosity and support of partners such as the SAGA Foundation, the City of Redwood City, and all the donors, sponsors, business partners, volunteers and library patrons who made it possible to construct and equip the Makerspace on behalf of the Redwood City Public Library; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, do hereby salute and congratulate the Redwood City Library Foundation, the Redwood City Public Library, and their partners, on the completion of the Makerspace in the Downtown Library, a vital community resource. I encourage all community members to take advantage of the Makerspace and continue to partner with the Redwood City Library Foundation and the Redwood City Public Library to maintain and expand its impact and reach.

Date: November 22, 2021



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Diane Howard, Mayor

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