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Woodland Hills Branch Library Dedicates Marie Bougetz Meeting Room

Daughter Continues Family Library Tradition with Nov. 7 Celebration

Los Angeles, Nov. 5, 2015—The Woodland Hills Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library will name the library's meeting room for Marie Bougetz, honoring the former reference librarian's 29-year career. A dedication ceremony and free reception will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at 2 p.m. at 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills.

Bougetz's daughter, Susan Bougetz, followed in her mother's footsteps and is the Children's Librarian at the Chatsworth Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

"My mother, Marie, loved her job as reference librarian at the Woodland Hills Branch and enjoyed assisting the community for nearly three decades," said Susan. "No one was more thrilled when I became a librarian myself than my librarian mother."

The event will feature Taro Wayama on classical guitar, tributes by library patrons and friends, and light refreshments.

Marie retired from her library position at age 75, but continued to volunteer at the Woodland Hills Branch, organizing concerts and events that were held in the meeting room now dedicated to her.

The Board of Library Commissioners voted to name the room for Marie after receiving positive feedback about the proposal from the Woodland Hills community.

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