

June 8, 1973

Mayor Jane Tolmach
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Dear Mrs. Tolmach:

We are pleased you will be able to attend our Christian Science Reading Room opening on Thursday, June 14. We would like to call on you for a few remarks, and at the close of our opening ceremony. We would like you to "unlock" the door of our new Reading Room and be our "first visitor." A tour for guests will follow.

Perhaps it would be helpful for you to know some background information on our project.

The lease on our building was up for renewal this year. A Location Committee was formed to evaluate our present downtown location and potential locations throughout the city. Its findings were presented to the members of our Oxnard Church who voluntarily staff and support this Reading Room as a service to our community.

We reviewed the purpose of our Reading Room --- Christian Science Information Center --- retreat for business people or shoppers who want to take a few minutes out of a busy day to relax and read the Christian Science Monitor --- Bible Research Center --- quiet study room, and free lending library.

To fulfill our purpose we need exposure and foot traffic. The downtown area is not noted for these things at the present time.

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Our first thought was to move from downtown. Then we decided we could best help our city by staying in our present location, expanding and remodeling our facility. We rented additional space, remodeled the exterior and interior at our own expense.

We are taking an active part in the downtown area. A representative of the Reading Room attends the Downtown Merchants Association meetings. Our staff of over thirty are prayerfully and actively giving their support to the growth of the downtown area.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 14, at 10:00 A.M. on the mall in front of our Reading Room. We appreciate your participation in our opening.

Sincerely,

Kathy
Kathy Burris
Librarian

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cc: Bob Brown
Bill Riley