

PRESS RELEASE

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The official opening of the newly remodeled and expanded Christian Science Reading Room on the Downtown Mall was held on Thursday, June 14, at 10:00 A.M. Oxnard's Mayor Jane Tolmach and representatives of the Oxnard Redevelopment Agency were among the many guests attending the program.

Mayor Tolmach took the occasion of this opening ceremony to commend the Christian Science Reading Room for its contribution to the rejuvenation of the downtown area. Mayor Tolmach also noted during her remarks that the continuation and expansion of the Reading Room program at its present location on the Mall adds a special dimension to the broad range of services available to patrons of the downtown area.

Mabel Finegan, President of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Oxnard, explained the Reading Room project and gave special recognition to several people in the community who were instrumental in the remodeling and expansion of the facility. Mr. Duane Porter, Redevelopment Agency Director, and his staff were especially thanked by Ms. Finegan for their assistance in planning the project.

At the conclusion of these presentations, Mayor Tolmach unlocked the door to the building and became the first "visitor" to the new Reading Room. Guests then toured the facility to view the many improvements which have been made to the interior of the building.

Leon Johnson of Shamrock Builders served as general contractor for the remodeling project.