

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER AT JOYCE ELLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY

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The Community Health Information Center at the newly remodeled Joyce Ellington Branch Library has been created by San José Public Library and PlaneTree Health Library. This unique collaboration, funded by The Health Trust* in partnership with the San José Public Library Foundation, will offer health information resources in a variety of formats and languages. The collection reflects The Health Trust's strategic initiatives to promote healthy living and healthy aging and to reduce health care disparities in Silicon Valley.

The Center includes resources in the three languages that are prevalent in the neighborhood (English, Spanish, and Vietnamese). The books and media are organized to be browsed quickly and easily. Most items can be borrowed for the standard three week checkout period. Customers will be able to watch health DVDs while in the Center or borrow them to take home. They can also search the unique "health portal" databases and websites on the Library's website – Sjlibrary.org – using the Center's two computers. These online resources are freely available remotely to anyone with an Internet connection.

Volunteers who have received special training by PlaneTree will soon be available to help customers with their health information needs on a regularly scheduled basis. Additionally, a variety of health information programs will be offered at the branch throughout the year.

San José Public Library has served the Empire neighborhood since 1976. PlaneTree began serving the area in 1989 with services located in a remodeled Victorian house only a few blocks from the Joyce Ellington Branch Library. PlaneTree relocated in 2003 to Los Gatos where medical librarians and experienced volunteers continue to provide in-depth, individualized health information services at one of the oldest and largest consumer health libraries in the U.S.

The Center is available Monday – Saturday (47 hours per week) when Joyce Ellington Branch Library is open.

HOURS

Monday 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Wednesday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

People who would enjoy helping others locate health information, have basic Internet skills, and are fluent in English are encouraged to call PlaneTree Health Library for more information about volunteer opportunities. Bilingual Spanish and Vietnamese skills would be a plus.

Joyce Ellington Branch Library
www.sjlibrary.org
(408) 808-3043

PlaneTree Health Library
www.planetreesanjose.org
(408) 358-5667



* The Health Trust is a nonprofit public charity committed to improving the health and wellness of residents of the greater Santa Clara Valley.