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TOWN OF BERNAILLO MARTHA LIEBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY GRAND OPENING AND RE-DEDICATION

Bernalillo, NM – Mayor Patricia A. Chávez, Library Director Juanita Montañó and the Library Board announce the grand opening and re-dedication of the Town of Bernalillo Martha Liebert Public Library on Wednesday, June 21. “I see this facility as a center of learning. The initial visionary efforts of Martha Liebert, unquestionably a pioneer, has evolved into a valuable community resource – a dedicated place not only to gather information but also to exchange ideas that expand the mind”, Mayor Chavéz stated.

The facility will be re-dedicated in the name of town resident, Martha Liebert, who as a volunteer established Bernalillo’s first public library in 1965. Liebert served the community as librarian from 1965 until her retirement in 1990. The Bernalillo Public Library was initially dedicated in her name in 1985 but the designation was lost when the public library was moved to Roosevelt Elementary.

The library currently under the directorship of Juanita Montañó since 1995 has been housed in several public facilities including Town Hall, and most recently in shared space at Roosevelt Elementary School. The new facility is located at 124 Calle Malinche and officially opened to the public on May 22, 2006. Service hours are Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The public can enjoy an expanded, six-computer station with internet-access, a media center, and a Southwest Collection/Artworks room.

The new facility is constructed in a hacienda style with early territorial accents common to the Bernalillo area and in compliance with the character design guidelines of the Town of Bernalillo Main Street Overlay Ordinance. “The library was designed by Town staff to fit appropriately in a residential neighborhood and to reflect the architectural styles of the traditional houses and historic Roosevelt Elementary that surround the new facility”, said Maria Rinaldi, Community Development Director for the Town.

For further information or to RSVP for the re-dedication event on June 21, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., contact the Town of Bernalillo Martha Liebert Public Library at 867-1440.