Owl Box Perched at Marina Library

Legend gives the owl a reputation for wisdom. What could be better then for a family of owls to take up residence at the Marina Branch of the Monterey County Free Libraries?

A serendipitous connection between Friends of the Marina Library organization and the Marina Tree and Garden Club resulted in the placement of an owl nesting box just outside the library in Locke Paddon Park late last month.

Dana Cleary is a member of both organizations and saw the project as a win-win. The garden club had been interested in placing an owl box in the community and being near the library has advantages: there are plenty of trees nearby for baby owls to fledge and if owls do take up residence, a camera live stream from inside the box could be transmitted through the library Wi-Fi.

Cleary says while Friends of the Marina Library wasn’t a part of the initial box project, she will ask the group about funding the ‘owl cam’ once there has been a successful nesting.
So for now, club members, library staff and patrons can peek out library windows, watch, wait and hope.

Next time you are at the library, check out the nesting box for yourself.

Here’s hoping a couple of barn owls move in soon and get their library cards! Can a ‘name the owls’ contest and curated owl-themed book and media offerings be far behind?

“This project is another example of how a physical library facility can serve community needs,” says Library Director Hillary Theyer. “The setting in Marina is so lovely, and I am proud we can contribute to enabling our community to learn about the land and our wildlife.”

Natividad Earns National Safety Award

Natividad has earned an “A” Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, which is national recognition for how safe the hospital keeps patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. The Leapfrog Group is an independent health and safety watchdog group.

“We are proud to once again be recognized for our continued focus on improving processes and care hospital-wide,” says Natividad’s CEO Gary Gray, DO. “All of our staff, from
Child Support Service Staff Appreciation

Child Support Services honored its own, marking years of service at a special Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Staff who reached benchmark years during 2019 received service pins and appreciation for all they have given to the department and community. Those earning pins were:

- Byron Bland 5 years
- Therese Hernandez 5 years
- Roy Sanchez 5 years
- Arturo Sanchez 10 years
- Ana Hernandez 15 years
- Angela Sepulveda 15 years
- Maria Espitia 15 years
- Kristina Morales 15 years
- Adlanta Pizano 15 years
- Lisa Ortiz 20 years
- Miguel Barrera 20 years
- Pamela Monteith 20 years

Congratulations!

Receiving service pins were Pamela Monteith, Lisa Ortiz (l-r above), Therese Hernandez, Byron Bland, Roy Sanchez (l-r at right), Angela Sepulveda, Adlanta Pizano; Kristina Morales and Ana Hernandez (l-r far right).