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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for December 14, 2009

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer to the Board of Supervisors. This report provides information on issues affecting the County and the progress of County activities.

Library

The Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) is participating in a summit to develop solutions for improving and sustaining internet connections in local public libraries. Chris Ricker, Managing Librarian in charge of technology, will be representing Monterey County.

The summit is part of a Gates Foundation grant program designed to help seven states, including California, improve high-quality internet connections in their public libraries. The program will also support the development of a statewide sustainability strategy for public libraries to ensure that all communities can continue to access high quality internet at their local library long into the future.

Because of economic and geographic reasons, many Monterey County residents depend on computers and high-speed internet in the library to find jobs, take online courses, access important government services and forms, etc. MCFL has the opportunity to support and shape the sustainability plan through participation in this summit. MCFL was one of five libraries statewide whose staff and patrons were interviewed and videorecorded for inclusion in the presentation. In addition, a video made by the King City branch manager, Robin Cauntay, on the need for high-speed internet will also be featured at the summit.
The summit is being held on December 14th and 15th in Sacramento and is hosted by the California State Library and sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. For more information about the summit, please visit www.opportunityonline.org.

This concludes the CAO Report.