

# Our Children's Area has a New Look

The San Carlos branch Library is getting spiffed up in anticipation of its fortieth anniversary on January 9, 2014.

☒ On September 27, preceding the Pre-school Storytime, preschooler Michaela Watson, did us the honor of cutting the ribbon to mark the presentation of the refurbished Children's Area to the community. Funds for the upgrade were donated by a San Carlos Friends of the Library Life-Member family who wishes to remain anonymous. The community, especially the children of San Carlos, send a hearty and warm "Thank You" to this generous family. There will be a plaque in the library marking the area as "donated through the generosity of Rutherford's Family".

The refurbishing includes a new area rug designed in bright multicolored cubes, new book racks, stuffed animals, puzzles, kid sized chairs & tables, bean bags, and awesome wall décor depicting a multitude of funny and friendly characters. After the dedication, preschoolers were entertained in the Community Room with stories and crafts by Nicole Johnson.

A new pre-school program (ages 3-6) started in October on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. called "Virtues and Character Building." The aim of this program is to build community, foster virtues in our children, and develop a service orientation to humanity. On 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, for the K-3 group, there's *STEAM2 Academy* which presents awesome hands-on science, math, art & music projects. New topics every week. Other weeks it's Storytime with Mr. Eric.

On the opposite side of the library, Teens now have a new reading and study area, with books and magazines chosen just

for them. Their activities change monthly.

With donations from SCFOL, the entire library was outfitted with new tables, chairs, window treatments and signage last year. We could still use new chairs for the Community Room. If you haven't visited the San Carlos Branch Library recently, now is the time. Enjoy our new facelift and join us in celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our website tells how you can help sponsor an event. [easingsliderpro id="13"]