New San Pablo Library celebrates grand opening

By Mike Kinney San Pablo's new library, which is nearly three times the size of the previous library, celebrated a well-attended ribbon-cutting today.

The new library at 13731 San Pablo Ave. is 22,000 square feet, LEED certified and cost $6.5 million to construct. It replaces the 8,000 square foot location at El Portal Drive.

It will offer San Pablo residents access to computers, books, meeting rooms, and study rooms. It will also have expanded library hours — from 39 hours per week to 47 hours.

The project was made possible by a joint funding partnership. While Contra Costa County provides the operating budget and staff, San Pablo invested in the capital costs for construction.

“The partnership between San Pablo and the County has enabled us to provide the community with what they deserve — a new state of the art library nearly three times larger than the old facility,” Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia said. “San Pablo residents will now be able to access the resources and services of a 21st century library.”