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## Stanford Hospital Health Library Brings New Resources to East Palo Alto

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Nora Cain (left), Nancy Lee and Nancy Dickenson (right) celebrate the opening of Stanford's fifth Health Library at the Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto on April 29.

STANFORD, Calif.— The Stanford Hospital Health Library opened new branch Thursday, April 29 in East Palo Alto's Ravenswood Family Health Center, where visitors have free access to the Library's nationally-recognized, multilingual and multimedia health information collection.

East Palo Alto Mayor David E. Woods cut the ribbon with Nancy Lee, Stanford Hospital & Clinics' Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer. Community members came to help celebrate the Health Library's grand opening between 4 pm and 7 pm.

The Ravenswood Family Health Center annually serves an average of 10,000 people in East Palo Alto, East Menlo Park and Redwood City's North Fair Oaks neighborhood. The Center offers its patients primary medical and preventive health care services to underserved families, regardless of their ability to pay.

This year, the Ravenswood Center expanded its services to include a dental clinic and a center focused on preventive health care. "When we decided to go ahead and build a Center for Health Promotion, I knew this provided the opportunity to invite the Stanford Hospital Health Library to join us at our Center," said Luisa Buada, CEO of Ravenswood Family Health Center. "It's the perfect time to bring our two organizations together, creating access to health resources for patients and residents of the community."

The bilingual medical librarian at the Stanford Hospital Health Library at Ravenswood will collaborate with RFHC clinicians to create multi-cultural programs, classes and lectures for the specific needs of the communities served by the Ravenswood Family Health Center. This branch features materials in Spanish, Tongan, and other languages as needed.

"This is a project we have wanted for many years," said Nora Cain, Stanford Hospital Health Library Director. "This is an opportunity to reach an underserved community and provide access to the best and most complete information available."

The Stanford Hospital Health Library at Ravenswood is just over 250 square feet in size, but its patrons are able to use the full collection of the Health Library system. That system includes 8,000 catalogued books, 700 health-related videos, a database of nearly 400 medical journals, thousands of articles from general interest publications and eBooks. The librarian can also prepare information packets customized to each patron's needs. All of the Stanford Health Library's services are free.

The Stanford Hospital Health Library marks its 20th anniversary this year. It was one of the first hospital-based libraries in the U.S. to open with a consumer health-focused collection. Its other locations can be found at the Stanford Hospital, Stanford Cancer Center, the Stanford Shopping Center and the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto.

The Library's branch at Ravenswood is located at 1807 Bay Road in East Palo Alto. For directions or more information about Ravenswood Family Health Center, please go to <http://www.ravenswoodfhc.org>. For more information about the Stanford Hospital Health Library, please see <http://healthlibrary.stanford.edu>.

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