

Relocation of the Grace Taber Room

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

A ribbon cutting for the Maker Exchange was on Saturday, August 17th. A combination of approximately \$75,000 in grant-funding, donations, and in-kind support has given the Corona Public Library the opportunity to provide this maker space to the community. The renovation of this portion of the library included the repurposing the Grace Taber meeting room.

Grace Taber is the City of Corona's first City Librarian. Grace Taber oversaw the move of the library from two-rooms of rented space at the Bank Building, to the Carnegie Library in 1905. During her fourteen-year tenure as City Librarian, the Reading Room developed into a free public library with meeting spaces, a classroom book collection, and a Children's literature collection¹⁴. Under her guidance the library collection grew from 438¹⁵ to 6,977¹⁶ titles and an increase of 2640% in circulation and 351% in card registration.

In order that Grace Taber continue to be recognized in the Corona Public Library, we recommended the renaming of the Board Room, to the Grace Taber Board Room. The Library Board of Trustees approved this at their meeting of Monday, September 23, 2019.