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Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Hosts Exhibit Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad

Monterey Park, Calif. - February 22, 2019 - [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#) will host an exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad and the role of Chinese immigrants who helped build the railroad. The public is invited to the exhibit's opening ceremony on Tuesday, February 26 at 2 p.m. in the Reference Department located on the 1st floor of the library.

2019 marks the sesquicentennial of one of the most momentous events in American history: the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad which transformed America linking the east with the west in 1869 at Promontory, Utah. The exhibit features the history of Chinese railroad workers who helped complete the railroad. Exhibit items will include railroad spikes, hammers, and other tools used by the Chinese railroad workers. Photos, articles, wood prints, and other items will also be on display. The exhibit opens on Tuesday, February 26 and will run through March 19.

Exhibit organizer, Pedro Chan, Ph.D., has an impressive interest in presenting US-China history exhibits at public libraries and museums. His past exhibits included "Salute to WWII Flying Tigers in China," "Sun Yat-sen's Lasting Legacy: 150th Anniversary Exhibit," and a photo exhibit on "US-China Presidential Visits." Chan is a past president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Los Angeles Chapter and is currently a member of the Monterey Park Sister Cities Commission.

For more information about the exhibit, please contact the library at 626-307-1368. The [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#) is the city's public library located at 318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Library hours are Sunday 1-5 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday 12-9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday closed; and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more City of Monterey Park news and information, please visit the city website at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

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