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**Betty Rodriguez Regional Library Receives Award of Honor**

The Betty Rodriguez Regional Library that the Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) opened on Saturday, January 9, 2016 was recently selected for an Award of Honor by American Institute of Architects San Joaquin Chapter. At the Chapter's Bi-annual awards ceremony Paul Halajian Architects was recognized in the Adaptive Reuse & Renovations category for the renovation of a former Fresh and Easy grocery store into the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library. It's a project that took 15 months and \$5.019 million to complete.

"Needless to say, this is a very prestigious honor, and to be a recipient of this award is terrific. We are very fortunate to have had a very talented and dedicated team from Paul Halajian Architects work on this project. This library is designed to grow and serve this community for the next 50 years," said County Librarian, Laurel Prysiazny.

Since opening its doors on January 9, 2016, the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library has seen its usage and circulation more than double. Program attendance has climbed a colossal 707% from 197 attendees to 1,304 for the same time period. Having the space is what makes the difference

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