

# Sample HB Library... At 'Tasty' Fundraiser For Library

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The Huntington Beach Central Library is hosting "A Taste of Huntington Beach" Valentine gala to raise funds for the expansion of the Talbert Avenue campus.

"It is the premier fundraising event in the city, not only do people get to donate to a great cause, but they also get a great bargain," said Ron Hayden, library director.

The affair will feature food from 25 local restaurants, a photo booth, caricature artist, as well as a display and discussion of the expansion proposal.

The highlight is a silent auction.

"We are offering anything from a private trainer to a mountain retreat vacation," Hayden said.

"We will transform the library into an elegant dining experience. Some have likened it to a cruise ship because of the water that surrounds us."

Hayden said organizers hope to host at least 500 people and to raise \$15,000 toward the \$7.5 million project. Construction is scheduled to begin in 1992.

Plans call for the addition of a children's wing, a 400-seat auditorium, more parking, and a specialized technology center to allow kids hands-on computer experience that will also expand the capacity for mainstream fiction and non-fiction books.

"It will be one of the most sophisticated libraries in the nation, but we will also have ser-

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vices like a parenting alcove with rocking chairs where parents and children can go and read together."

"A Taste of Huntington Beach" is from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Huntington Beach Central Library at 7111 Talbert Ave.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the library. Call (714) 536-5481 for more information.

