

HTG PAPERS SOUGHT FOR NEW CENTER by Rick Rudy

On Thursday, September 4, the San Jose Public Library unveiled its new "Silicon Valley Information Center" (S.V.I.C.), and High Tech Gays' newsletters and other papers have been requested for that collection.

In a letter to HTG from the Library, Lenora P. Blouin, Head of Reference said, "I would like to recommend that your newsletter and any other pertinent information you can provide be included in their information files."

S.V.I.C. is a unique reference service and collection including annual reports, financial and product information, company histories, employment information, newsletters and journals, T-shirts, buttons, games, posters, videotapes, books, brochures, newspaper and magazine clippings, all chronicling the economy, society and culture of Silicon Valley. Access to this information is possible through an on-line computerized catalog which may be scanned via terminals at the Library or via modem, free, from any outside system.

For the past four years High Tech Gays has held a unique position in the life of Silicon Valley's lesbian and gay residents who keep the high tech businesses running. HTG's business, social and political activities have been noted by a rapidly growing number of observers of Valley life, and S.V.I.C. will provide a permanent home for the record of HTG's accomplishments.

The opening ceremonies at the Library featured brief speeches by San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery, California State Librarian Gary Strong, San Jose City Librarian Homer Fletcher, San Jose Library Commission Chair Carol Lynne Beardslee, and Friends of SJ Public Library President Robert Boyles.

In private comments, Mayor McEnery acknowledged the role of lesbians and gays in San Jose, and seemed pleased to hear of the outreach from the Library to the gay community.