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“THE LETTERS” SCULPTURE INSTALLED AT THE LIVE OAK LIBRARY ANNEX

The County of Santa Cruz and Santa Cruz Public Libraries are thrilled to announce installation of the “The Letters,” a public artwork created for the new Live Oak Library Annex.

Artists David and Sooja (Soo) Choi collaborated on the fabrication of the seven-foot tall, welded-steel sculpture, composed of over 1,000 individually cut letters which form a crouching figure in the process of picking up words. The title of the work refers to the way that words and letters come alive to convey meaning, helping us to understand ourselves and our world. “The Letters” conveys a sense of one’s own destiny, through words of affirmation such as “liberty,” “happiness,” “love,” “unity,” “justice,” “peace,” and “hope.” It reminds us that how we move through the world is our choice. All-year-round, the shadows created by “The Letters” will delight visitors to the Annex, the adjoining Simpkins Family Swim Center, Live Oak Community Center and Parks Department offices.

Soo Choi has been drawn to creating large public sculptures for 40 years. Her insightful and conceptual sculptures explore the infinite possibilities of negative space. She specializes in working with various metals, acrylic, as well as mixed media materials. She immigrated to the United States in 1982, and currently works and lives amidst the inspiring landscape of the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband David Choi and her son.

With a generous spirit, positive outlook and affable nature, David Sehyoon Choi works and lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. After studying printmaking at the esteemed Hongik University in Seoul, Korea, David immigrated to the United States with his wife, Soo Choi, in 1982. Working as a team while each retaining their distinctive style is essential to their work.

Later this summer, the public will have an opportunity to meet the artists at the Annex grand opening; check www.parks.santacruzcountyca.gov or www.santacruzpl.org for details. For more information about the County’s public art program, please visit parks.santacruzcountyca.gov/Home/FindaProgram/ArtsCulturalPrograms/PublicArtPrograms.aspx.

Additionally, the Live Oak Library Annex will begin hosting the community this summer, offering limited library services. The Live Oak Community Rooms have reopened and are available for reservations. Contact the Santa Cruz County Parks Department at reservations@parks.santacruzcountyca.gov or visit parks.santacruzcountyca.gov.