From Oxcarts to Airplanes

Exhibit on California’s transportation history opens at State Library

(Sacramento) The California State Library’s new exhibit of photos, graphics and ephemera tells the story of the many modes of transportation used in California from pre-statehood times to the 1950s. Wagons and stagecoaches, balloons, steamships, locomotives, bi-planes and more were used to traverse the vast spaces and varied terrain of the Golden State.

The exhibit covers some better-known stories of Pony Express riders, railroad workers, and daredevils of all kinds, but viewers may be surprised by the inventiveness of Californians in the aviation and automobile industries. In California, not even the sky is the limit.

Where: California State Library  
900 N St., Sacramento 95814

When: Open Monday - Friday, 8-5, through June 30, 2016

Note: A 3D slide show of the building of the transcontinental railroad is on view April 18-22 only.

Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state’s rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners’ diaries, and newspapers to photos, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library and the Braille and Talking Book Library.