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and a good deal of "ho-ho-ho-ing."

Linda Lewis, 40, was delighted to have her three children at the event.

"The Clauses get the kids to use their imagination," Lewis said, "and it's free."

Even the shyest children

were gently encouraged to participate. The famous duo lined the young ones up to create a herd of reindeer, then led them prancing through the aisles of books.

Jonathan Pelletier, 11, of La Crescenta Elementary said he was happy to see the couple again. It had been a year since he'd last seen them and he was enjoying their stories.

Like many children, he couldn't help adding, "I hope

that they give me my presents."

Claus family touches down

On a whirlwind tour, first family of holiday cheer makes appearance at La Crescenta Library

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NEWS-PRESS

LA CRESCENTA — Mr. and Mrs. Claus flew in to La Crescenta during a torrential rainstorm. It wasn't exactly the weather Mrs. Claus is accustomed to enjoying on her usual Southern California visits.

"I'm used to coming here and laying around the beach for a few days," said Santa's wife, smartly done up Saturday in her own plus-sized and ultra-flattering red dress.

The rapt audience of youngsters was thrilled to hear and see things not regularly found at the La Crescenta Library, or any library for that matter.

Replacing the usual calls for quiet were jingling bells, singing, dancing, storytelling



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Mrs. Claus (Suzanne Shoemaker) leads children pretending to be Santa's reindeer around the La Crescenta Library.

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