



LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY NEWS

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Los Angeles Public Library Introduces New Service Hours Starting April 11, 2010

Starting April 11, 2010, the Los Angeles Public Library will change service hours at the Central Library and all regional branch libraries and community branch libraries.

The Central Library will be open: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The library will be closed Sunday and holidays.

The 8 Regional branch libraries will be open: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon – 8 p.m.; Friday, 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The libraries will be closed Sunday and holidays.

The 64 community branch libraries will be open Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon – 8 p.m.; Friday, 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The libraries will be closed Sunday and holidays.

The Library's Web-based resources are available 24 hours a day at www.lapl.org. For more information about library locations and services visit www.lapl.org.

The change in service hours is needed to enable the library to adjust to recent staff reductions resulting from a citywide early retirement program and a hiring freeze initiated by the City of Los Angeles to reduce its budget deficit.

The new service hours were adopted by the Board of Library Commissioners, which sets policy for the Los Angeles Public Library, at the board's March 25, 2010 meeting. "We are committed to keeping our libraries open and providing access to their valuable services," states Commission President Tyree Wieder. "The city's financial deficit, unfortunately, has left us no alternative to reducing service hours. The city's financial situation presents great challenges, but the board will continue to work with

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our elected officials to ensure that the library operates efficiently and maximizes access to the library and its resources.”

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest population of any library in the country through its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, over six million books and other items, state-of-the-art technology, and its Web site (www.lapl.org). These resources and more than 18,000 public programs provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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