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**LIBRARY NEWS**

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**Mayor Villaraigosa and Councilman Eric Garcetti to join Community on Mon., Nov. 16, 10 a.m., for the Grand Opening of City's 72nd Library Branch in Silver Lake, at 2411 Glendale Blvd.**

***Last of Seven Added Projects Funded Through Savings from the Nation's Largest Bond Library Construction Program***

Silver Lake residents will join Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Council President Eric Garcetti, City Librarian Martín Gómez and other dignitaries to celebrate the grand opening of the community's first library—and the city's 72nd branch—on Monday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m., at 2411 Glendale Blvd.

The Silver Lake Branch, funded through savings from the Library Bond Program, is among nine new branches built in communities previously without libraries, and one of seven additional projects funded through savings from the Library Bond Construction Program. Completed on time and under budget, the \$335 million bond construction program is the largest library infrastructure improvement project in the nation.

The new 13,600-square-foot library features special areas for children, teens and adults, a multipurpose meeting room, a storytelling area and parking. The branch will also provide 21st century technology through computer workstations that link patrons to the Los Angeles Public Library's Web site, catalog, a vast array of databases and the Internet.

The branch is the first in the City's library system to have a state-of-the-art automated materials handling system which checks in and sorts materials as they are placed on a conveyor belt by patrons at specially designed stations. The self-checkout stations are equipped to check out multiple items at once and payment stations where patrons can pay any fees by cash or credit card.

"To compete in the 21st century, Angelenos must be able to read and write and we must provide opportunities for learning and growing," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "The

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new Silver Lake Branch Library will be a place where children and adults alike can broaden their horizons, have easy access to information and ideas, and share in the joys of reading."

M2A Milofsky, Michali & Cox designed the building and Artist Christina Ulke created the site-specific art project composed of quotes placed throughout the Library from notable Silver Lake residents.

"The long-anticipated Silver Lake Branch Library brings to the neighborhood a place of learning, entertainment, and community for people of all ages. I want to give special thanks to the Silver Lake residents who have been actively engaged in the library's design and construction," said Council President Eric Garcetti, who represents the neighborhood in which the new library is located. "The new library is not only educational, it's also environmentally-friendly with green features to help the building meet the LEED Gold standard."

The new Library facility was designed and built to meet Gold LEED standards as an environmentally sustainable design with minimal impact on the environment as recognized by the U. S. Green Building Council. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building rating system is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard established by the building industry for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

"Green" features include low-flow plumbing and irrigation to reduce water use by 30%; special mechanical systems, double glazed windows and a new integrated photovoltaic skylight system that makes the building 20% more energy efficient; and the extensive use of rapidly renewable materials such as bamboo for construction. *[See attachment for more information.]*

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest urban population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, six million books and state-of-the-art technology provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning. For further information, visit the Library's Web site at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org).

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## Silver Lake Branch Built to be Eco-Friendly LEED-Certified “Gold Standard” Building

The Silver Lake Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library will be the city’s newest eco-friendly “green” library when it opens in 2009.

The 13,600-square-foot building is part of the city’s Sustainable Design Implementation Program (SDIP), which uses the LEED-New Construction rating system developed by the U.S Green Building Council. The U.S Green Building Council has four certification levels (Certified, Silver, Gold, Platinum) awarded according to achievement as evaluated by points using the LEED scorecard.

The following outlines a few of the design measures employed at the Silver Lake Branch to attain Gold certification.

- 1. Alternative Transportation:** A shower and changing room have been provided for library employees who choose to cycle to work.
- 2. Landscape & Exterior Design to Reduce Heat Island:** Additional shade trees, covered parking and “Energy Star” reflective roof were provided to reduce the site’s heat absorption.
- 3. Light spill:** Fixtures were selected to reduce horizontal and vertical light spill to help preserve “night sky”.
- 4. Water Efficient Landscaping:** Drought tolerant and local species were selected to reduce the use of potable water for irrigation by 50%.
- 5. Water Use Reduction:** Low-flow plumbing fixtures and a highly efficient landscape irrigation system were selected to reduce water consumption by 30%.
- 6. Optimize Energy Performance:** The building will be 37% more energy efficient than stringent Title 24 code requirements through the utilization of efficient mechanical systems, increased insulation, double glazing with high-efficiency glass coatings, and naturally lit reading rooms with automatic light fixture dimming.
- 7. Power generation:** The full array of rooftop photovoltaic panels generates electricity from the sun. A new integrated photovoltaic skylight demonstration project is included at the entry to increase the output and provide educational benefits. Lobby display will monitor energy production.
- 8. Fundamental Refrigerant Management:** The HVAC system is designed to operate without environment-harming CFC-based refrigerants.
- 9. Green Power:** At least 70% of the Library’s electrical requirements will be provided through contracts to encourage renewable energy production.
- 10. Construction Waste Management:** Over 75% of the non-hazardous construction debris was recycled.
- 11. Recycled Content:** At least 45% of the construction cost was spent on recycled materials.
- 12. Regional Materials:** Approximately 45% of the total construction materials used for the library were from sources within 500 miles of the project, thus reducing the greenhouse gases.
- 13. Rapidly Renewable Materials:** Rapidly renewable materials such as bamboo flooring and cabinetry were utilized for the construction.
- 14. Low Emitting Adhesives, Solvents, Paints and Carpet:** Materials specified for the Library meet the standards to minimize the emission of toxins into the atmosphere.
- 15. Green Housekeeping:** The Library is committed to the use of cleaning products that comply with Green Seal’s GS-37 Standard.