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Final Phase of Restoring Service Hours at City Libraries to Begin October 2

New hours mark the final year of a four-year restoration of library hours made possible by voter-approved Measure L

LOS ANGELES – The final phase of a four-year restoration of service hours at the Los Angeles Public Library will begin Thursday, October 2. The restoration includes one hour per week at Central Library, six hours per week at each of the eight regional branches and two hours per week at each of the 64 community branches. The restoration is made possible by Measure L, a ballot initiative passed by voters in 2011 to restore hours and services cut during the recession. New library hours starting October 2 are:

Central Library and Regional Branch Libraries

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Branch Libraries*

Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 12 noon – 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday & holidays: closed

"Libraries play a critical role in our neighborhoods and our economy," said Mayor Garcetti. "By extending the hours at our libraries, we re-open the doors of opportunity for thousands of children and families who look to their local library as a place of learning, safety and community."

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^{*} Robertson Branch is closed Saturday and holidays and open Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

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"I'm proud that this final phase of service restoration fulfills the promise we made to voters with Measure L," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "By restoring hours we're increasing access to the library's outstanding collections, robust technology and innovative programs including ones that help Angelenos find jobs, become citizens, earn high school diplomas and access health care."

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library and 72 branch libraries, more than 6 million books, and state-of-the-art technology accessible at *www.lapl.org*, provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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