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City Libraries to Re-Open Sundays
Starting January 12, 2014

Mayor Garcetti, Councilman Huizar and community to re-open library doors at press conference & ribbon-cutting at Central Library, Sunday, January 12, 1:00 p.m.

LOS ANGELES, January 9, 2014 – Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Councilman Jose Huizar, City Librarian John F. Szabo and community members will celebrate the re-opening of nine libraries on Sundays at a press conference and ribbon cutting on the steps of the Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St, downtown on Sunday, January 12, at 1 p.m. The Central Library and eight regional branch libraries will once again be open 1 – 5 p.m. on Sundays, four years after they were closed due to budget cuts:

- **Central Library**, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown LA, 90071
- **Arroyo Seco**, 6145 N. Figueroa St., LA 90042
- **Goldwyn – Hollywood**, 1623 N. Ivar Ave., Hollywood 90028
- **Exposition Park**, 3900 S. Western Ave., LA 90007
- **Mid-Valley**, 16244 Nordhoff St., North Hills, 91343
- **North Hollywood**, 5211 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood 91601
- **San Pedro**, 931 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro 90731
- **West Los Angeles**, 11360 Santa Monica Blvd., LA 90025
- **West Valley**, 19036 Vanowen St., Reseda 91335

Everyone is invited to the celebrations at each of these libraries on January 12, featuring a ribbon cutting followed by special family programs and refreshments throughout the day. Ribbon cuttings at the regional branches will start at 12:30 p.m.

“Libraries play a critical role in our neighborhoods and our economy,” said Mayor Garcetti. “By reopening our libraries on Sundays, 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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The restoration of Sunday library service is made possible by Measure L, a ballot initiative overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2011. Measure L gradually restores hours and services over four years at the city’s 73 libraries by increasing their share of City funding without new taxes. The return of Sunday service comes one year ahead of the schedule promised to voters.

“Re-opening on Sundays has been a top priority because it’s one of the most popular days for families to visit the library,” said City Librarian John F. Szabo. “Having libraries open on Sundays makes it more convenient to visit the library and get homework help, join a computer classes, search for a job, use our health, citizenship and money management resources, and participate in our many other terrific programs.”

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 six 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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