

MEDIA ALERT •

L.A. LIBRARIES WILL RE-OPEN SUNDAYS, FOUR YEARS AFTER THE RECESSION CLOSED THEM

Mayor Garcetti to cut ribbon at Central Library 630 W. Fifth St., downtown Sunday, January 12, 1:00 p.m.

WHEN: Sunday, January 12, 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Central Library – Flower St. entrance

630 W. Fifth St., Los Angeles 90071

WHAT: Mayor Eric Garcetti will be joined by City Librarian John F. Szabo and the

community to celebrate the re-opening of nine city libraries—closed in 2010

due to budget cuts—on Sundays beginning Jan. 12.

The ribbon-cutting will be followed by refreshments and family programs throughout the day including a Peruvian music performance, anime film

screening, and exhibits.

Ribbon cuttings will be held at the eight regional branches at 12:30 p.m. followed by a variety of family programs throughout the day. Information

and locations at: www.lapl.org/sundays.

WHY: Restoring Sunday library service in L.A. is made possible by Measure L, a

ballot initiative overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2011. Measure L gradually restores hours and services, which were reduced to the lowest levels in the library's 140 year history during the recent recession. Reopening Sunday comes one year ahead of the schedule promised to voters.

Sunday is one of the most popular days for families to visit the library and use its healthcare, citizenship, job search and homework help resources.

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