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## **Sunland-Tujunga Branch of Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates 90 Years in the Community**

Los Angeles, Dec. 6, 2016—The Sunland-Tujunga Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library will pay tribute to 90 years serving its dual communities with a special celebration on Saturday, December 10.

A puppet show for children, entitled Santa's New Sleigh, will kick off festivities at 12:30 p.m., followed by music by the Soul Purpose Band, crafts for all ages, and refreshments for the public. For more information, visit <http://www.lapl.org/whatson/events/90th-anniversary-celebration-sunland-tujunga-branch> or call 818-352-4481.

The current Sunland-Tujunga Branch, opened in 1995, is housed in a facility that was designed to reflect the terrain of the Tujunga Wash. However, the library's roots extend much further into the past than the last two decades.

Two library stations served Sunland and Tujunga in the early years of the 20th century: a county branch that opened in 1914 on Fenwick Street in Sunland and in 1926, a branch of the Los Angeles city library that shared the same building with the county library. A couple of moves later, the two libraries settled on Foothill Blvd. When the community of Tujunga was annexed by the City of Los Angeles in 1932, the Los Angeles Public Library assumed control of both library stations and combined them into a single branch.

To meet the needs of the growing communities, a new Sunland-Tujunga Branch facility was opened in 1952 at the library's present location of 7771 Foothill Blvd. When the library outgrew that space, the current building was constructed, more than doubling the branch's size. Now, at age 90, the Sunland-Tujunga Branch continues to play an integral role in the communities it serves, offering programs for children, teens and adults.

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The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Sunland-Tujunga Branch will be held Saturday, December 10, 12:30-4:00 p.m. at 7771 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga.

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org), and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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