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## **Los Feliz Branch Welcomes Former City Librarian Fontayne Holmes and Library Architect Barton Phelps**

### ***Special lecture celebrates library's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary***

**Los Angeles** (April 15, 2019) – Former Los Angeles City Librarian Fontayne Holmes and architect Barton Phelps will be the featured speakers at the Architecture & Beyond Lecture Series on Thursday, April 18, at 6:45 p.m. at the Los Feliz Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, 1874 Hillhurst Ave.

Barton is the architect of the Los Feliz Branch that opened in 1999. Holmes, who led the library system from 2004-2008, was the Director of Facilities when the library was designed and built. Their talk, “Learning from Los Feliz,” will focus on the design of the local library and other public projects.

The Los Feliz Branch, on the corner of Hillhurst and Franklin, is one of LAPL’s 72 branches, three of which were designed by Phelps. This special lecture comes as the branch celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, May 11, from 1-5 p.m. in the branch’s parking lot.

The Architecture & Beyond Series is a free public event supported by Friends of the Los Feliz Library and merchants of the Los Feliz Business Improvement District. For more information, call the Los Feliz Branch Library at (323) 913-4710.

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 [lapl.org](http://lapl.org), and more than 25,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

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