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**Los Angeles Public Library's Van Nuys Branch Reopens
with Redesigned Space and Upgraded Technology,
Thursday, October 7, 12 noon**

VAN NUYS, CA (Oct. 7, 2021) – The newly renovated Van Nuys Branch, at 6250 Sylmar Ave., reopens to the public on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 12 noon with a modernized interior and upgraded technology to enhance the library experience.

Library patrons will find redesigned check-out and information areas providing convenient single point of service, upgraded reading and children's areas, new shelving, flooring, and lighting, and renovated restrooms. New and improved technology includes more self-service options, a tech kiosk, a public printer and a high-resolution scanner.

The \$1.9-million renovation project was funded by the Los Angeles Public Library, designed by City architects and construction completed by the city's Department of General Services and Bureau of Engineering.

"Today's grand reopening of the Van Nuys Library is another step toward returning to normalcy for our community," said City Council President Nury Martinez. "This \$1.9 million improvement gives our students access to a brand-new, state-of-the-art library that not only bridges the digital divide, but opens the door to endless opportunities for our community."

Branch hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 noon to 8 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The branch is closed on Sundays.

"We are thrilled to welcome the community back to their local branch, offering patrons a new and enhanced library experience," said John F. Szabo, City Librarian. "The redesigned space and expanded resources will further strengthen the community connection."

The Los Angeles Public Library established service in Van Nuys when it was founded in 1911. A voter-approved bond built a library at 14555 Sylvan St. that opened in March 1927. Growing demand for library service and the development of the Van Nuys Civic Center, led to construction of a new branch building at the current location, which opened in May 1964.

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For more information about the branch, visit lapl.org/van-nuys.

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 six million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at 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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