



Department of the Month

Los Angeles Public Library



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Los Angeles Public Library Branches: Approved by the People, for the People

■ Incredible building and renovation program, approved overwhelmingly by voters, is creating beautiful libraries and transforming literacy in Los Angeles.

On November 3, 1998, 73 percent of the voters in Los Angeles passed a Library Bond Issue for \$178.3 million to improve, renovate, expand and construct 32 branch libraries. Since the program's inception, the Library Department and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering have made outstanding progress in the design and construction of the branch library facilities.

In addition, in April 2002, the Library Commission approved the addition of another library project, Harbor Gateway-Harbor City, to the Program's total scope. Overall the actions of the Board of Library Commissioners, the Board of Public Works and the Library Bond Oversight Committee have expedited work on all 33 projects.

Since reopening, branches have seen their circulation soar. At the Mark Twain Branch, the Los Angeles Times reported, circulation is up 300 percent since before renovation.

The 1998 bond is:

- replacing 28 existing branches citywide with new library buildings;
- creating 4 entirely new branches in communities that didn't have libraries;

- the largest library infrastructure project in the nation; and
- on schedule and under budget.

With project savings and a state grant, the library has added another branch (Harbor Gateway-Harbor City branch). The Library will purchase property and construct a new building for the branch that is currently in leased space.

Through excellent program management and partnering between the Library Department and Bureau of Engineering, in conjunction with other City departments, consultants and contractors, the program has realized cost savings. The LBOC and the Library Commission approved the addition of Harbor Gateway-Harbor City branch library in April 2002. The program's interest earnings and project savings will fund the cost of this project.

The Library Department and Bureau of Engineering received a 2003 Quality and Productivity Award for the "Library Bond Construction Program," as well as the Best in Class award for delivering library projects ahead of schedule and under budget. Members of the program management team were recognized at a luncheon held May 8, 2003, for all award recipients. These awards recognize City projects that improve public services for the City of Los Angeles in efficient and productive ways.

The rebuilding program received several awards for the outstanding design and positive community impact. The Cultural Affairs Commission awarded Design Excellence Awards to Milofsky & Michali for the design of Pico Union branch library;

Barton Phelps & Associates for the design of Will & Ariel Durant branch library and CardeTen Architects for Canoga Park branch library.

The North Hollywood Regional Library received a 2003 Governor's Historic Preservation Award from the California State Office of Historic Preservation and a 2003 Preservation Award from the Los

Angeles Conservancy.

Chinatown Branch Library received a 2003 Rose Award for new structures and renovations in the downtown area, sponsored by the Downtown Breakfast Club.

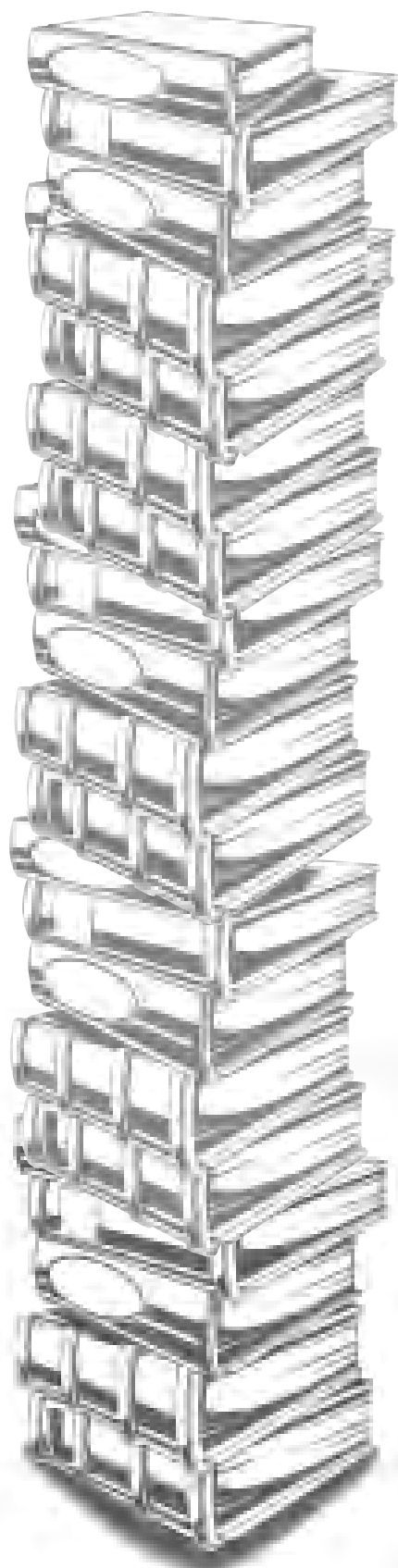
The success of the 1998 Library Bond Program is due to an excellent partnership between the Library Department and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. The Library Bond Oversight Committee is an effective body made up of general managers and high-level staff that helps the program management team expedite project delivery. The City Librarian, City Engineer, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Office and the Mayor's Office compose the Library Bond Oversight Committee. This committee has met on a monthly basis since November 1998. This partnership further extends to the Bureau of Contract Administration, Department of General Services, the Design Consultants, the PM/CM Consultant and support from the Mayor's Office, City Council, the CAO and the CLA.

Specifically, the program consists of:

- 17 libraries: Demolition of existing building and construction of new building with parking on the same site.
- 9 libraries: Acquisition of new site and construction of new building with parking.
- 4 libraries: Acquisition of new site and construction of new building with parking in communities that do not have library services.
- 3 libraries: Renovation and expansion of existing building and parking.

The 33 design agreements awarded are within the budget amount. All 27 properties acquired are within the budget amount.

The original 32 library projects are: Edendale, El Sereno, Fairfax, Hyde Park, Little Tokyo, Westwood, Arroyo Seco, Ascot, Baldwin Hills, Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Chinatown, Cypress Park, Encino/ Tarzana, Mar Vista, Mark Twain, North Hollywood, Northridge, Pacoima, Palisades, Palms Rancho Park, Pico Union, Playa Vista, Sherman Oaks, San Pedro, Sun Valley, Sylmar, Valley Plaza, West Valley, Westchester/Loyola, Woodland Hills, and Will & Ariel Durant. The Harbor Gateway-Harbor City project was added to the original program scope in April 2002. ■



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Serving the City Means Building Better Libraries

by Susan Kent, City Librarian

To provide the best, state-of-the-art libraries possible, the Library department is rebuilding and expanding its 64 aging and inadequate buildings and establishing eight new branches in communities without libraries. In the largest library construction project in the nation—possibly the world—we're replacing the City's antiquated, overcrowded 4,000-square-foot libraries (most built in the 1920s and 1960s) with new buildings that are 10,000 to 14,000 square feet. The project began in 1990 with the first of two bonds, and when completed next year, the Library will have 62 facilities—more than 90 percent of its branches—improved and tripled in size, the historic Central Library renovated and doubled in size to 500,000 square feet, and a system that has grown from 64 outdated facilities to 72 state-of-the-art libraries.

To implement the construction program, the Library works with dozens of other City

commissions, agencies and departments, such as Public Works and Cultural Affairs. In what has become a model for other City departments, the Library also partners with the communities served by each of the branch projects. We've held more than 170 community meetings in the past three years, providing neighborhoods with input on site selection, the architectural style, building features and public art projects.

By any measure, the construction program is an extraordinary success. With larger and updated collections; special areas for children, teens and adults; new technology; and amenities like community meeting

rooms, the Library has become more than a repository of books—it is a vibrant community center. More people than ever before—14 million people last year alone—visit Los Angeles Public Library facilities and millions more utilize the Library online from their home, office, school or PDA.



Susan Kent, City Librarian

Individuals, elected officials, businesses and others have supported the program in many ways. Perhaps the most dramatic endorsement came from Los Angeles taxpayers, who voted in 1998 by an overwhelming 74 percent for the \$178 million bond that

funded the construction program's final stage. The public support continues with record numbers of people visiting the new libraries once they open. At the Mar Vista Branch, for instance, visits soared from 12,500 people per month at the old building to more than 21,500 at the new library. The use of library materials has also increased dramatically; on average, the number of items borrowed at the new branches has tripled compared to the previous facilities.

We're proud to be fulfilling our promise to voters and even exceeding expectations by delivering these branches on time and under budget. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our more than 1,000 employees, we're transforming a good library system into one of the nation's—and the world's—greatest.



Ascot, Back row, from left: Edith Tabb, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Olivia Alexander, Clerk Typist, 4 months; Thianne Levy, Messenger Clerk, 7 years; and Anastasia Mars, Clerk Typist, 20 years. Seated: Camille Carter, Senior Librarian, 32 years; and Ana Aguilar, Children's Librarian, 2.5 years.



Lake View Terrace, from left: Caryljo Fox, Messenger Clerk, 8 months; Vicki Carnecer, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Tim Hou, Children's Librarian, 3.5 years; Pat Johnson, Messenger Clerk, 10 months; Mary Bell, Children's Librarian, 9 months (from Sylmar); and Phillip Levie, Young Adult Librarian, 2 years.



Baldwin Hills: Sharalyn Comfort, Clerk Typist (on loan from Hyde Park), 1 year.



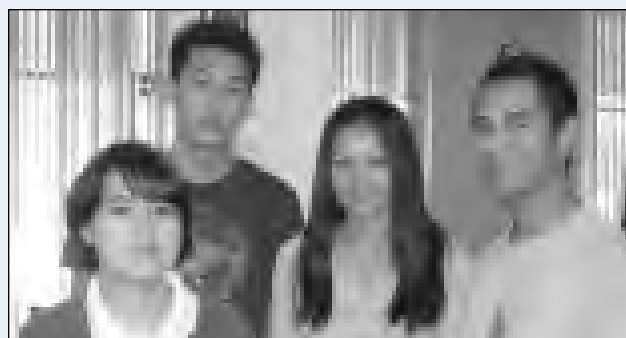
West Los Angeles: Ogechi Anum, Western Area Office Assistant, 15 years.



Venice, standing from left: Lucille Cappas, Senior Librarian, 32 years; Vickie Remington, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Brandon Brown, Messenger Clerk, 6 years. Seated: Eva Mitnick, Children's Librarian, 17 years.



Mar Vista, back row, from left: Marie Carlsson, Children's Librarian, 2 years; Olivia Sandaña, Messenger Clerk, 10 years; Tanya Cain, Clerk Typist, 22 years; and Gilly Rodriguez, Clerk Typist, 22 years. Seated: Goldie Ayers, Messenger Clerk, 24 years; and Peggy Murphy, Senior Librarian, 7 years.



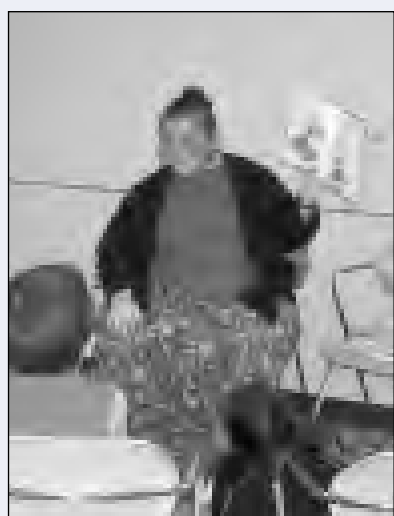
Harbor Gateway, in back, from left: Steven Own, Computer Assistant, 1.5 years; Sharon Gatchalian, Messenger Clerk, 7 years; and Suitbert to Buston, Messenger Clerk, 4 years. Seated: Grace Miguel, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



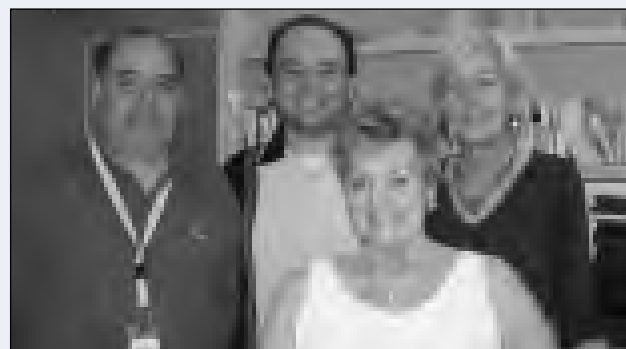
Panorama City, from left: Marjorie Acevedo, Young Adult Librarian, 7 months; Catherine Ortiz, Senior Librarian, 7 years; and Felecia Warren, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Arroyo Seco, from left: Reynold Badman, Librarian; Kirsten Hawley, Children's Librarian, 3 years; John Hunter, Children's Librarian, 9 months; Guillermo Ybarra, Library Assistant I, 29 years; Karyn Allen, Librarian, 7 years; Tom Johnson, Senior Librarian, 15 years; and Madeleine Cardenas, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



Valley Plaza: Donna Horartos, Children's Librarian, 25 years, reading to the children.

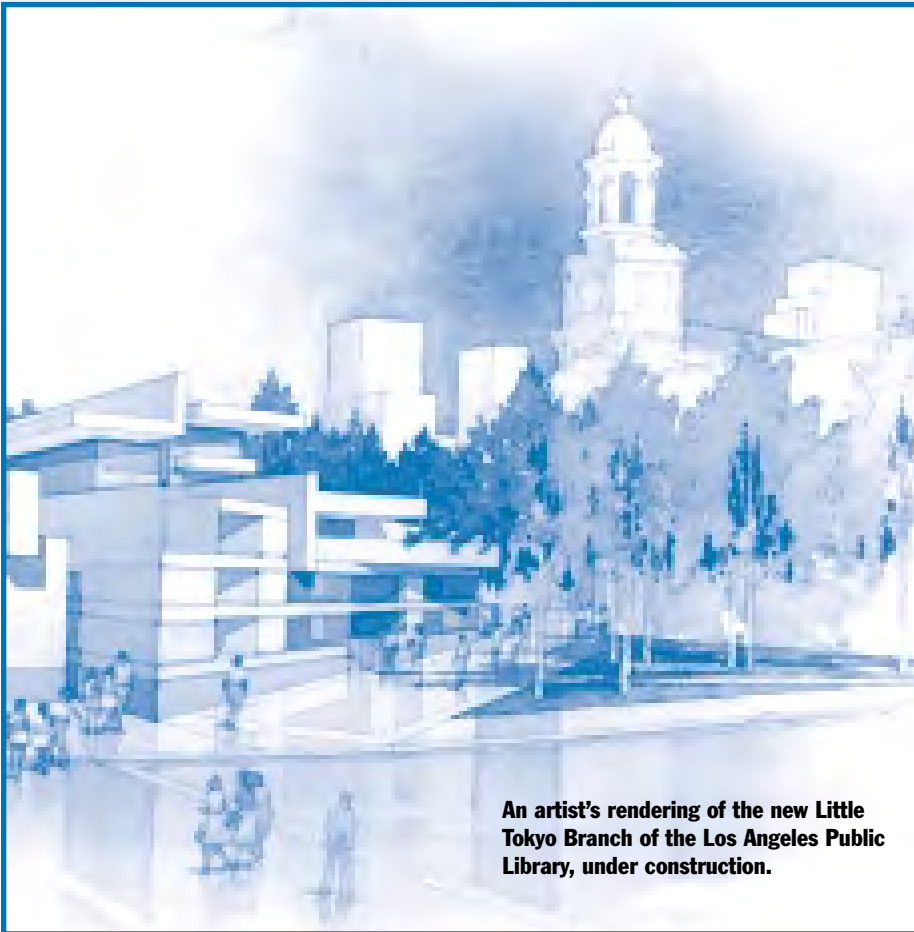


Valley Plaza, from left: Jose Galvan, Young Adult Librarian, 10 years; Ardem Tajejian, Reference Librarian, 5 years; Ettiene, Clerk Typist, 1 year; and Laura Dwan, Senior Librarian, 25 years.



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An artist's rendering of the new Little Tokyo Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, under construction.



Memorial, from left: Susan Tso, Clerk Typist, "forever;" Erroll Ramey, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Kardina Rosa, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Barbara Bozeman, Young Adult Librarian, 20 years; Field Weber, Children's Librarian, 2 years; and Babbit Saidian, Messenger Clerk, 4 years.



Washington Irving: Effie McSweeney, Clerk Typist, 6 years.



North Hollywood, from left: Johnette Hamilton, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Jane Voyles, Librarian, 27 years; and Elizabeth Me, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



Pio Pico, from left: Helen Chung, Clerk Typist, 15 years; Joanna Moran, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Miki Lim, Senior Librarian, 20 years.



Palms/Rancho Park, from left: Maggie Johnson, Senior Librarian, 25 years; Michele Robinson, Children's Librarian III, 5.5 years; Patrice Myrich, Clerk Typist, 4.5 years; Sandy Kaplan, Volunteer Reader, Grandparents and Books Program; and Thelma Morris, Reference Librarian, 14 years.



Washington Irving: Eloise Logan, Branch Manager, 19 years.



Cahuenga, from left: Linda Benner, Children's Librarian, 3.5 years; Rebekah Dalby, Adult Librarian, 1 year; Claudia D. Martinez, Young Adult Librarian, 3 years; Delia Mayorga, Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Sophia Chou, Clerk Typist, 28 years. Not shown: Bev Costner, Librarian, 20 years; and Anne Reese, Clerk Typist, 25 years.



Brentwood, from left: Andrejs Kurlavs, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Penny Chiba, Librarian, 2 years.



Van Nuys, from left: Darlene Dauer, Clerk Typist, 20 years; Jan Metzler, Senior Librarian, 28 years; Pete Mann, Young Adult Librarian, 24 years; Robert Caboor, Clerk Typist, 18 years; Carlos Gonzalez, Messenger Clerk, 6 years; Regina Periorskaya, Computer Aide, 2 years; and Paul Barrera, Computer Aide, 2 years.



Sherman Oaks, from left: Julie Jung, Messenger Clerk, 10 months; Diana K. Gordon, Librarian II, 19 years; Michaela Johnson, Senior Librarian, 29 years; Darlene Allande, Clerk Typist, 17 years; Connie Balboa, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Larry Paulson, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Laurie Perkins, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; and Fran Avery, Clerk Typist, 8 years.



Studio City, from left, bottom row: Marjorie Clifton, Young Adult Librarian, 30 years, and Susan O'Brien, Senior Librarian, 7 years. Middle row: Eleanor Yonezawa, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Teresita Herrera, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Delisa Inker, Clerk Typist, 9 months; and Andree Matton, Adult Librarian, 25 years. Back row: Laquita Grant, 3 years; and Rita Cohen, Clerk, 2 years.

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PROFILE

City Librarian:	Susan Kent
Assistant City Librarians:	Joan Bartel Fontayne Holmes
Commissioners:	Lucy McCoy, president Dr. Cynthia Telles, vice president Robert A. Chick Rita Walters Geri Witt
Employees:	More than 1,000
Facilities:	Central Library and 67 branches
Collection:	6.1 million volumes
Visitors (per year):	14 million
Materials borrowed (per year):	15 million
Library card holders:	1.65 million
Website use (per year):	80 million
Public computers:	2,100
Annual budget: (includes related costs)	\$109 million

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Pacoima: Angelica Hurtado-Garcia, MLS, Senior Librarian, 28 years



West Los Angeles: Richard Kraus, Librarian III, 20 years.



Washington Irving: Stephanie Banda, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years.



Washington Irving: Adam Mendelsohn, Young Adult Librarian, 17 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: Boris Korinman, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



The community room of the Will and Ariel Durant Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Hollywood, from left: Rozelle O'Dell, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Edward Kane, Librarian, 6 years; Heidi Adagio, Clerk Typist, 25 years; Noel Sales, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; and Kim Woo, Librarian, 5 years.



Baldwin Hills, from left: Leslie Edward, Clerk Typist (on loan from Playa Vista), 1 year; Kathy Hanes, Clerk Typist (on loan from Playa Vista), 1 year; Joe Mata, Computer Aide, 1 year; Sai Uto, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Melissa Potter, Young Adult Librarian, 1 year; and Joseph Atkinson, Senior Librarian, 8 years. Not pictured: Emily Beeck, Children's Librarian, 2 years.



Sun Valley, from left, bottom row: Lupe Canales, MLS, Senior Librarian, 20 years; and Juanita Rojas, Messenger Clerk, 22 years. Top row: Lydia Lee, 13 years; Noel Evangelista, Clerk Typist, 2 years; and Scott Duimstra, Librarian I, 10 months.



Pacoima, from left: James M. Smith, 1.5 years; Luva Coulson, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 1.5 years; Jacqueline Henriquez, Children's Librarian, 2 years; Molly Snider, Young Adult Librarian, 1 year; Aaron Lowe, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years.



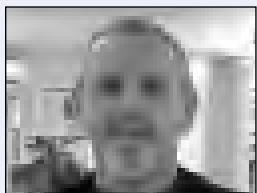
Hyde Park, from left: Angela Lee, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; Kren Malone, Senior Librarian, 5.5 years; and Martha Clay, Clerk Typist, 22 years.



Eagle Rock, from left: Angela C. Gilliland, Messenger Clerk, 4.5 years; Oleg Ross, Clerk Typist, 23 years; Lois M. Shotlow, Librarian II, 25 years; Rocio Hernandez, Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Kent Brinkmeyer, Senior Librarian, 33 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: BJ Jenkins, Custodian, 17 years.



Pio Pico: David O'Brien, Librarian Assistant, 32 years.



Malabar, back row, from left: Adriana Orozco, Clerk Typist, 7 years; Susan Parekh, Children's Librarian, 12 years; and Paz Duenas, Messenger Clerk, 7 years. Front row: Lupe Estrada, Computer Aide, 2 years; Laura Contin, Senior Librarian, 19 years; and Maria Viramontes, Messenger Clerk, 20 years.



Pio Pico, from left: Shirley Matulich, Children's Librarian, 5 years; Tanya Moran, Computer Aide, 4 months; Ruth Brown, Children's Librarian, 32 years; and Sterling Yeargain, Reference Librarian, 33 years.



Back row, from left: Rosa Bensahoff, Messenger Clerk, 21 years; Anna Donanian, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; Barbara Darden, Clerk Typist, 6 years; and Cynthia Wohlberg, Adult Librarian, 20 years. Front row: Heawon Paick, Young Adult Librarian, 9 years; Nora Cofie, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Kunthea Keth, Messenger Clerk, 3 years.

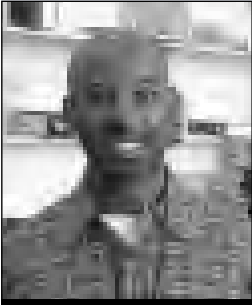


San Pedro, from left: Vince Jones, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Arturo Sanchez, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Jonquil I. Bibee-Stephens, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Alabina Sviric, Messenger Clerk, 9 years; Janet Mitchell, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Carolyn Weathers, Librarian, 21 years; Manuel Bueno, Library Assistant, 23 years; Jennifer Stapleton, Children's Librarian, 3 years; and Emma Roublow, Young Adult Librarian, 38 years.



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Will and Aerial Durant: Rocearstus Gendrett Jr., Clerk Typist, 2 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: Aleksey Tsalolikhin, Messenger Clerk, 4 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: Oleg Kagan, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Will and Aerial Durant: Wendy Horowitz, Children's Librarian, 2.5 years.



Pio Pico: Gwendolyn Harris, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years.



Los Feliz, from left: Pearl Yonezawa, Senior Librarian, 30 years; Catherine O'Conner, Adult Librarian, 7 years; and Steve Shaw, Clerk Typist, 18 years.



Chinatown, from left: Maria Pascual, Clerk Typist, 9 months; Wanda Fong, Library Assistant, 31 years; Pauline Chan, Clerk Typist, 24 years; and Susan Boonsirith, Messenger Clerk, 16 years.



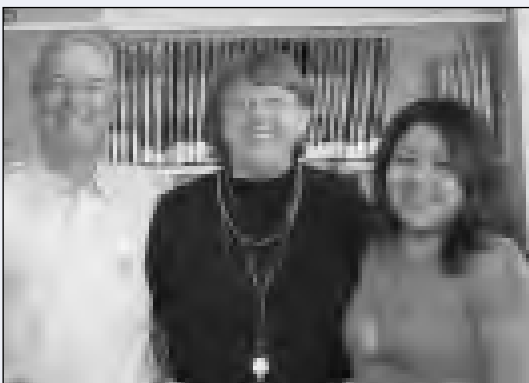
Cypress, back row, from left: Jeanne Rankin, Senior Librarian, 10 years; Rico Aguirre, Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Jerene Thompson, Children's Librarian, 25 years. Front row: Sylvia Ortiz, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Karen Hernandez, Clerk Typist, 25 years.



Wilshire, from left: Shantell Stutts, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Lena Gillespiel, Clerk Typist, 2.5 years.



Watts, from left: Joanne Bliss, Children's Librarian, 3 years; Annie Thomas, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Lucille Vestal, Senior Librarian, 33 years.



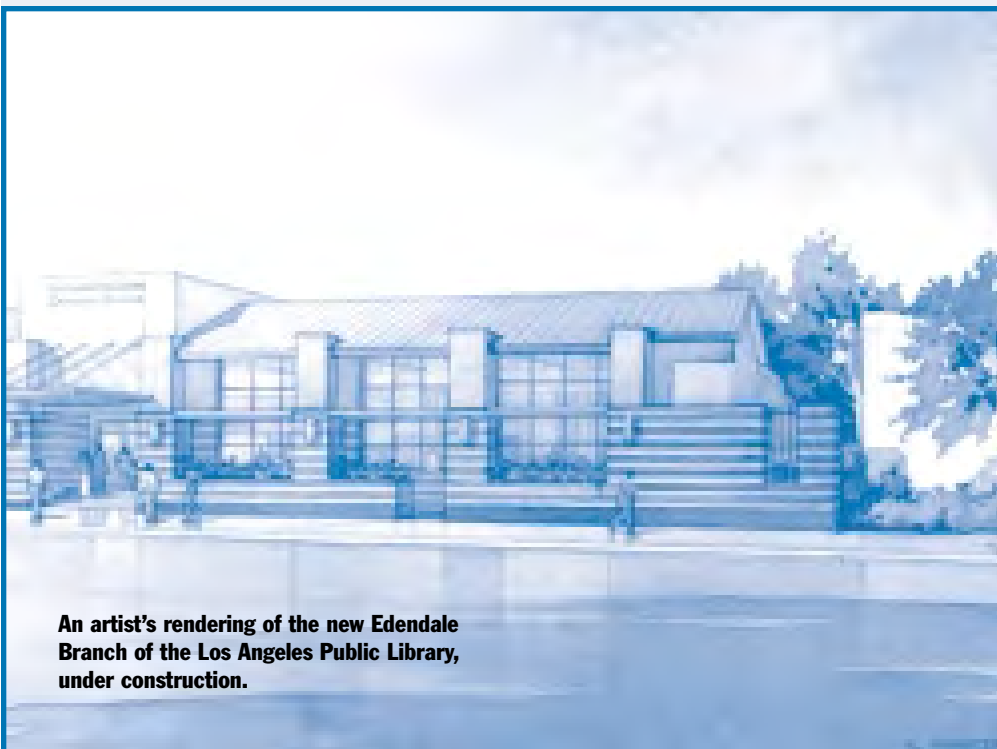
Mark Twain, from left: Roy Stone, Senior Librarian, 32 years; Jean Engelbach, Children's Librarian I, 2 years; and Miriam Tepox, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Westchester, from left: Vanessa Mejia, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Edward Gomez, Computer Aide, 6 months.



Westchester, from left: Judy Moorhead, Senior Librarian, 28.5 years; Gordon Trim, Messenger Clerk, 5 years; and Beth Slick, Clerk Typist, 2 years.



An artist's rendering of the new Edendale Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, under construction.



Robert Louis Stevenson, from left: Maria Pardo, Messenger Clerk; and MaryAnn Peters, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



Platt, from left: William Leventhal, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Patty Obryan, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Vicki Magaw, Children's Librarian, 19 years.



Watts, from left: Catherine J. Law, Clerk Typist, 30 years; and Tariq Shah, Young Adult Librarian, 2 years.



Wilmington, from left: Patricia Rosales, Messenger Clerk, 5.5 years; Martha Sherod, Children's Library, 8 months; and Ted Yamashita, Clerk Typist, 25 years.



Vermont Square, back row, from left: Darla Lewis, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Elvira Medina, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Judah Jean-Marie, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Tracey McNeal, Clerk Typist, 3 years. Seated: Liz Gooden, Librarian, 31 years; and Judy Hermann, Senior Librarian, 29 years. Not pictured: Gilbert Jones, David Phipps, Novella Bland, Vilma Flores and DeAndre Ford.

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Lincoln Heights, from left: Jeff Olmsted, Young Adult Librarian, 9 months; Jim Kennington, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 2 years; Karla Gonzalez, Children's Librarian, 7 months; and Maritza Zapata, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Little Tokyo, from left: Martha Ramos, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Yoshiko Solomon, Children's Librarian, 25 years; and Fumiko Hiramine, Clerk Typist, 14 years.



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Hi, I'm **Beverly Haro**, your Club Member Services Counselor. I can help you with insurance products ... advice ... ticket discounts ... and all your Club benefits. It's my job!

I'm in the libraries all the time. Call or e-mail me to schedule an appointment: (800) 464-0452, or bharo@cityemployeesclub.com

Beverly Haro, Member Services Counselor



John Muir, standing, from left: Cesar Vazquez, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Yeni Hernandez, Computer Aide, 8 months; Rosalie Preston, Young Adult Librarian, 28 years; and Kenneth Jones, Acting Senior Librarian, 29 years. Seated: Anne Holcomb, Children's Librarian, 9 months.



Will and Aerial Durant: Hannah Kramer, Senior Librarian, 30 years.



Los Feliz: Warren Seid, Librarian, 30 years.



The Lake View Terrace Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Los Feliz: "Jair," Computer Aide, 6 years.



Los Feliz: Gilbert Barrera, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Chinatown, standing from left: Nancy Pon-Wen He, Adult Librarian, 8 years; Julia Chang, Children's Librarian, 5 years; and Cathy Anne Lu, Young Adult Librarian, 4 years. Seated: Carol Duan, Senior Librarian, 18 years.



Sunland-Tujunga, from left: Kelly L. Banks, Young Adult Librarian II, 18 years; Ann Hoffman, Librarian II, 35 years; Joanna Watkyns, Children's Librarian, 24 years; Maria Erres, Clerk Typist, 10 years; and Linda Castecl, Clerk Typist, 33 years.



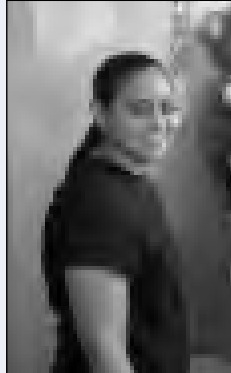
Wilshire: Christopher Parsons, Senior Librarian, 19 years.



Venice: Donna Mosley, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



El Sereno, from left: Romy Rojas, Clerk Typist, 22 years; Sokha Huot, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Gene Estrada, Senior Librarian, 24 years; Olga Chaparro, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Emily Lopez, Young Adult Librarian, 2 months; and Moses Merchain, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Los Feliz: Saida Espinal, Messenger Clerk, 1 year.



Robertson, from left: Mark Pezzell, Adult Librarian, 4 years; Hosneya Khattab, Senior Librarian, 20 years; and Cyril Carr, Clerk Typist, 6 years.



Benjamin Franklin, from left: Jie Ren, Adult Librarian, 3 years; Lucy Garza, Clerk Typist, 9 years; Kim Bendimez, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; Sarah Moore, Librarian, 3 months; Dora Suarez, Senior Librarian, 8 years; and Gina Frixione, Clerk Typist, 16 years.

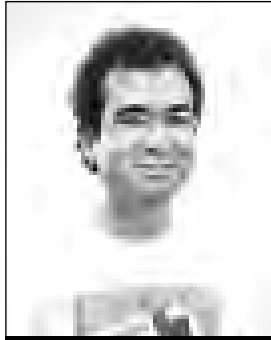


Jefferson, standing, from left: Victoria Sikora, Adult Librarian, 4.5 years; Melinda Rosas, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Lola Anderson, Messenger Clerk, 1 year. Seated: Beth Tarr, Children's Librarian, 1 year; Gaby Jimenez, Computer Aide, 1 year; and Carol Alexander, Clerk Typist, 24 years.



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Westchester: Ian Rosen, Children's Librarian, 8.5 years.



Northridge, from left: Grandma Becky Cook, Reading Grandparents Program, 5 years; and Sierra Malo, first grader.



Canoga Park, from left: Renee Ardon, Sr. Librarian, 30 years; and Kathryn Hopewell, Children's Librarian, 2 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Patti Marion, Clerk Typist, 25 years; Marie Devera-Calamba, Clerk Typist, 2 years; and Fernando Gavile, Clerk Typist, 4 years.



Canoga Park: Gail Furci, Children's Librarian, 23 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Sam Joyner, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; and Jason Rodriguez, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Sherry Van Sickle, Adult Librarian III, 30 years; Larry Rotunno, Librarian, 5.5 years; Yvonne Wong, Sr. Librarian, 32 years; and Michele Raeburn, Adult Librarian II, 21 years.



Mid-Valley, from left: Madeline Parker, Area Secretary, 30 years; and Tina Hanson, Acting Area Manager, 30.5 years.



Canoga Park: Shirley Marshall, Volunteer, 9 years.



Northridge: Ania Bloch, Librarian, 1 year (seated); Jackie Ruben, Substitute Librarian, 18 years (standing); and Katy Cueba, Reference Librarian, 24 years (seated right).



Vernon, standing, from left: Oscar Ramon, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Erika Richards, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Deborah Landry, Clerk Typist, 2 years; Connie Dosch, Library Manager, 19 years. Seated: Anita Estrella, Children's Librarian, 7 years. Not pictured: Johnnie Frazier, Jose Gutierrez, Ofelia Lopez, Juliette McAllister, Sonissa Norman and Phyllis Stitt.



Encino-Tarzana: Roy Liebman, Substitute Librarian, 4 years.



Encino-Tarzana: Shokoufeh Moghtassad, Children's Librarian, 6 years.



Northridge: Manju Rajappan, Clerk Typist, 8 months.



West Valley, from left: Marcus Clayton, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; Frank Navarro, Sr. Librarian, 28 years; and Kelley Denby, Clerk Typist, 14-plus years.



Porter Ranch, from left: Dagmar Lestrel, Children's Librarian, 25 years; and Beth Hardy, Young Adult Librarian, 5 years.



Mid-Valley: Sherry Van Sickle, Adult Librarian III, 30 years.



Jorge Valle, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



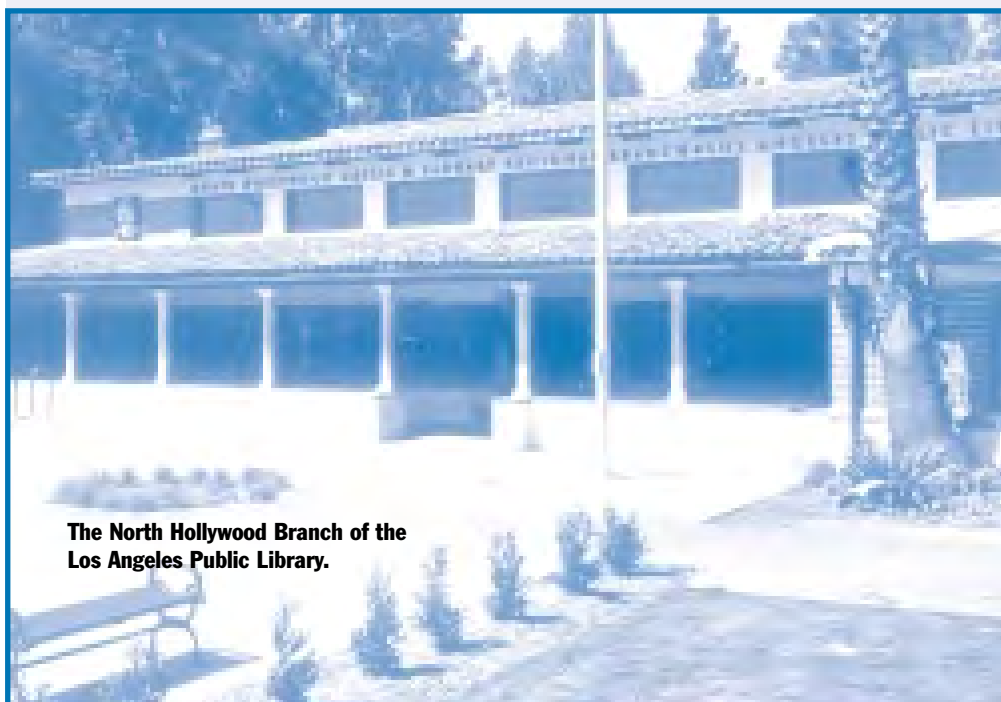
Platt: Lynn Light, Sr. Librarian, 33-plus years.



Porter Ranch: David Larkins, Clerk Typist, 3 years.



Porter Ranch: Roger Bradley, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



The North Hollywood Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Wilmington: Corrina Ursua, Computer Aid, 2 years; and (seated) Rueben Serrano, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 12 years.



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Harbor Gateway: John Pham, Acting Senior Librarian, 3 years.

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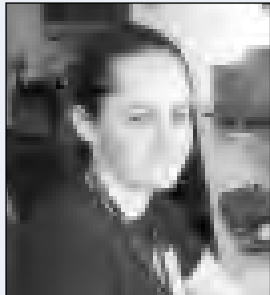
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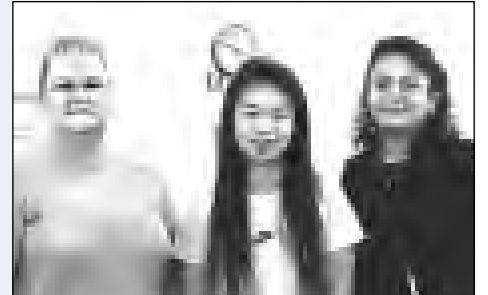
Encino-Tarzana: Molly Ford, Volunteer, 1.5 months.



Mid-Valley: Vera Sigal, Clerk Typist, 16 years.



West Los Angeles: Tania Wilson, Clerk Typist, 1 year.



Echo Park, from left: Pam Powers, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Joyce Jung, Clerk Typist, 24 years; and Lupe Cocolan, Clerk Typist, 15 years.



Platt: Daisy Chen, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



Platt: Bruce Silver, Clerk Typist, 4 years.



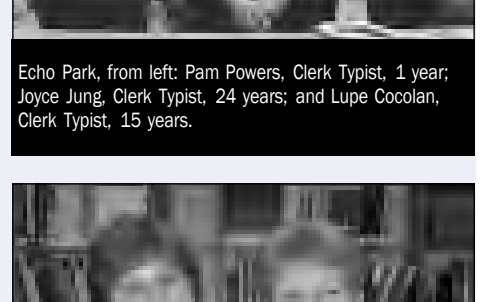
Wilmington: Selma Streicher, Substitute Librarian, 30 years.



Northridge: Shelly Levine, Clerk Typist, 26 years.



Wilmington: Michael Kennedy, Volunteer Literacy Tutor, 1 month.



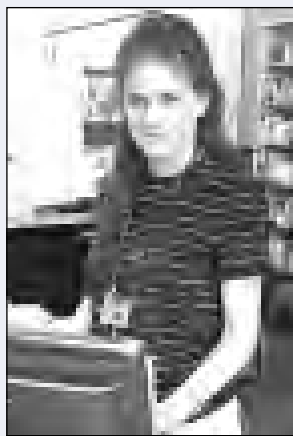
Granada Hills, from left: Linda Orozco, Clerk Typist, 25 years; and Heather Sells, Children's Librarian, 20 years.



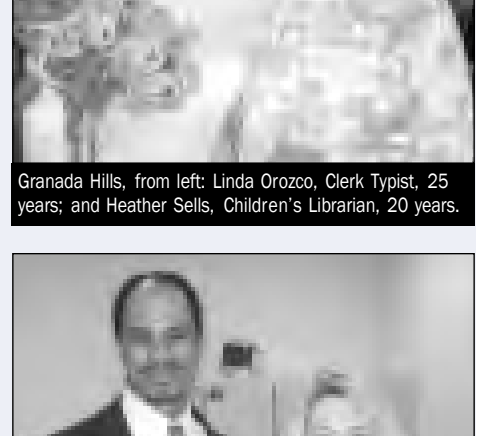
Echo Park, standing from left: Alicia Moguel, Librarian II/Adult Librarian, 7 years; Lupe Cocolan, Clerk Typist, 15 years; Marlon Escalante, Messenger Clerk, 7 years; and Jeni Zambrano, Children's Librarian II, 5 years. Seated: Nadine M. Flores, Adult Librarian II, 8 years.



West Los Angeles: David Yeh, Messenger Clerk, 4 years.



Westchester: Barbara Vaccariello, Clerk Typist, 20 years.



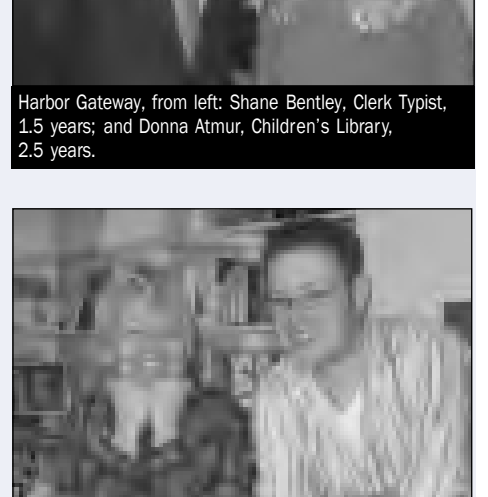
Harbor Gateway, from left: Shane Bentley, Clerk Typist, 1.5 years; and Donna Atmur, Children's Librarian, 2.5 years.



Angeles Mesa, from left: Aracely Menendez, Messenger Clerk, 5 years; Sonia Gonzalez, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Stefanie Leal, Computer Aide, 2 years; Cynthia Merina, Senior Librarian, 6 years; and Ruth Culpepper, LCA, 14 years.



Junipero Serra, standing, from left: Patricia Mares, Messenger Clerk, 34 years; Lisa Palombi, Children's Librarian, 1 year; Jené Brown, Senior Librarian, 6 years; Mike Doiel, Adult Librarian, 5 years; and Shemkia Washington, Clerk Typist, 3 years. Seated: Retha Walker, Clerk Typist, 3 years; and Selena Terrazas, Young Adult Librarian, 5 years. Not pictured: Shirley Jordan, Sandra Bogan, Sergio Barragan, Jose Hernandez, Imani Ford, Bernardo Lopes and Doris Jenkins.



Northridge, from left: Xanthia, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and Nick Bennett, Messenger Clerk, 4 months.



Atwater, back row, from left: Lyn Gillson, Adult Librarian, 15 years; Steve Shaw, Clerk Typist, 18 years; Sonja Hannah, Children's Librarian, 23 years; Edwina Valencia, Clerk Typist, 15 years; Chris Basco, Computer Aide, 2 years; and Marcelino Jimenez, Library Security Officer, 7 years. Front row: Katherine Loeser, Messenger Clerk, 4 years; Gretchen Wingerter, Young Adult Librarian, 3 years; Damian Flores, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Stella Nahapetian, Senior Librarian, 19 years, and Sergey Barseghian, Messenger Clerk, 2 years.



Exposition, standing, from left: Alicia Washington, Clerk Typist, 17 years; Larry Neuton, Librarian II, 27 years; June Brandon, Adult Literacy Coordinator, 5 years; Earl Garbourel, Messenger Clerk, 3 years; and Hugo Sarmiento, Messenger Clerk, 7 years. Seated: Larry Nash, Librarian III, 14 years; Cecily V. Thomas, Senior Librarian, 14 years; and Debra A.Walker, Library Assistant I, 23 years.