

Library Department Opens 68th Branch With Playa Vista Facility



Mayor James Hahn greets guests at the event.

City opens latest in its series of library branches, funded by Proposition DD bonds.

"Libraries are the most important buildings we can build in a city," said District 11 Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski. And so the City opened its 68th branch, Playa Vista, in the burgeoning Westside community tucked between Culver City and Playa del Rey. The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place May 13.

"In ten years, people will say, 'Let's go to the community place.' They'll mean, 'Let's go to the library.' This is for all the community."

"The Los Angeles Public Library has really delivered on its promise to the citizens of Los Angeles," said Mayor James Hahn, who put himself through law school assembling helicopters in the Hughes facility just down the street, he said. "I love these openings because I love libraries. I grew up near one and used to take books out."

"This new library is everything you can imagine," said City Librarian Susan Kent.

The Explorers Color Guard of the LAPD Pacific Area led the crowd of dignitaries, children and Playa Vista citizens through the Pledge of Allegiance.

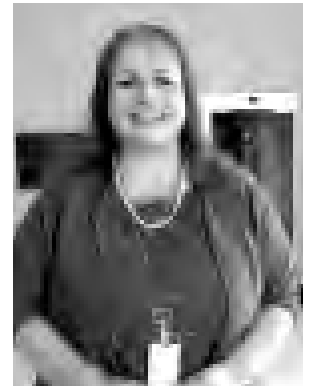
Other speakers included Lucy McCoy, president of the Board of Library Commissioners; Doug Moreland, Senior Vice President, Playa Vista; and Ka-Kit Jackie Poon, senior at near-by Westchester High School.

Students from Playa Vista and Westport Heights Elementary Schools were in attendance. ■

Here are photos of the event.



The library staff is ready for first-day visitors.



Playa Vista Senior Librarian Diana Lisignoli-Cochran, 20 years.



The ribbon cutting.



Mayor James Hahn inspects the interior of the new library.



Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski addresses the gathering.



City Librarian Susan Kent opens the ceremony.



The Explorers Color Guard of the LAPD Pacific Area lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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