

Library Dept. Brings Services to Pico Union As First Branch in That Community Opens

The Library Dept. opened its latest branch, in Pico Union, with a gala ribbon-cutting ceremony May 17. Mayor Jim Hahn and Councilmember Ed Reyes attended, as well as other dignitaries.

City Librarian Susan Kent gave the opening remarks. Entertainment was provided by Mariachi Santana.

The new Pico Union branch, 1030 S. Alvarado St., will provide permanent library service for the first time in the historic Pico Union community. Funded through Proposition DD, the 1998 library bond, the library is one of four new branches opening in communities without previous library services.

The new 12,000-square-foot facility features multiple computer work stations that link patrons to the Los Angeles Public Library's Website, catalogs, a vast array of databases and the Internet. Other features include special areas for children, teens and adults, a multipurpose meeting room, and parking.

The library was designed in turn-of-the-century style by architectural firm M2A, which worked with the community. The style is reminiscent of the Carnegie Library prototype, with traditional reading rooms set within a formal brick and clay-tile building.

The Club congratulates Pico Union for its first-ever full library service!

Here are photos from the groundbreaking.



The crowd pours into the library the moment it opens to the public.



The Mariachi Santana band with Club Counselor Bev Haro.



A librarian prepares for the opening at the information desk.



The Children's Reading Room contains the colorfully tiled Victorian "fireplace," which is set into the wall



Mayor Jim Hahn, Councilman Ed Reyes, and City Librarian Susan Kent cut the ribbon with children from the community.

WIN \$50 Black Angus

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Contest Rules:

1. Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
2. Responses can be delivered by mail, fax, e-mail or in person (phone responses will not be accepted).
3. Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
4. The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Where in LA?

New Photo ... Great Prize

Apparently, we stumped you! We received no correct responses from the May/June contest. So we'll give you a new photo to identify, and keep offering the same great prize!

The first person to respond correctly and fully (in your own words) wins a \$50 gift certificate to Black Angus restaurants!

So ...

What is this? Where is this?

The Club member who gives us the most complete, detailed description of the object related to the City of Los Angeles wins a \$50 gift certificate to Black Angus!

■ This month's deadline: July 14. See complete list of rules to the left. ■ Thanks for playing, and good luck!

Send your response along with your Club card number by e-mail (whereinla@cityemployeesclub.com), by fax ([213] 620-0598) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).

Here's the answer to last month's contest:

This image is of a tile design in the third floor outside rotunda of City Hall (not far from the Council room). It's on the wall. Look around the rotunda for a few minutes, and we bet you'll see it. Just goes to show you how many beautiful things there are in the City.

