

New Harbor Library

Library Dept. opens new facility in Harbor area.

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LIBRARY — Hundreds of schoolchildren and even an Abraham Lincoln look-alike watched as City officials, including Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, cut the ribbon to the new Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library Feb. 1.

The branch is at 24000 S. Western Ave.

The ceremony included students from local schools, City Librarian Fontayne Holmes, Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Library Commission President Robert Chick and State Librarian Susan Hildreth.

The new 14,650-square-foot, state-of-the-art branch features special areas for children, teens and adults, a multipurpose meeting room, and two study rooms. It also provides 50 computers with access to the Internet and the library's full range of electronic resources. Also provided is a Computer Training Center for joint use with Narbonne High School.



"Abraham Lincoln," pictured with some of the schoolchildren at the ceremony.

Harbor Gateway-Harbor City Library was the only library in leased storefront space in the City, and it was way too small. The new library is big; it is state of the art; and its location is in the perfect space to share with Narbonne High School. This is exactly what this community deserves."

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest urban population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 71 branch libraries, more than six million books, and state-of-the-art technology provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning. For further information, visit the Library's Web site at www.lapl.org.

The Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library is in the 15th Council District represented by Councilmember Janice Hahn.

Special thanks go to Sr. Librarian Jene Brown, Club Member, for assisting us.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa welcomes the crowd gathered at the ceremony.



The new Harbor Gateway Branch Library.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn proclaimed the library as a "place where residents can get away from the travails of life."



City Librarian Fontayne Holmes joined Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Dist. 15 Councilmember Janice Hahn, Library Commission President Robert A. Chick, State Librarian Susan Hildreth and other dignitaries Feb. 1 to cut the ribbon announcing the opening of the new Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library, at 24000 S. Western Ave.



A new library patron enjoys the Kid's Path computer section with her mom.

The branch was formerly located in leased space. Construction of the new purpose-built library building was funded by savings from Proposition DD, the 1998 City of Los Angeles library bond that built 32 branch libraries on time and under budget, as well as funds from Proposition 14, the State Library Bond Act of 2000.

"We need to celebrate reading, and we need to make opportunities to read, learn and share the joys of reading together readily available in our communities," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "It is our



The Harbor Gateway Branch staff.

job to create and maintain places for them to do just that because our children are the bridge to a brighter future. The new Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library will provide a haven for children and adults to have easy access to information, ideas, books and technology that will enrich, educate and empower every resident of Harbor City and Harbor Gateway."

"The residents of Harbor City and Harbor Gateway have been waiting for this library for 40 years," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member. "For years, the



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa talks with Sr. Librarian and Club Member Jene Brown.

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