

# Jackie Moves On

■ As Jackie Roberts is promoted and moving to a new department, her friends and coworkers throw a celebratory dinner for her. She had been with the Library Dept. for 32 years.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

LIBRARY — Jackie Roberts was the center of attention at a promotion dinner held in her honor April 28 at Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro.

After 32 years of service with the Library



From left: Jackie Roberts, Club Member; and Jene Brown, Sr. Librarian Harbor Gateway, Club Member.

Dept., she has been promoted to Secretary and will be moving to the Convention Center.

Here is information from her certificate:

The promotion was "in recognition of your 32 years of service to the Los Angeles Public Library, 12 years as a Library Assistant in the Central Southern Area and 20 years as a Clerk Typist at the Mark Twain Branch; for your dedication to training new clerical employees and efforts in support of Library groundbreakings, grand openings, GAB events and the Mark Twain Branch Book Festivals, and your excellent representation of the Library as a volunteer for the March of Dimes and as a Poll Worker for City of Los Angeles: Your hard work, dedication and commitment were a benefit to the Los Angeles Public Library and the entire community." The certificate was signed by Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian.

Congrats, Jackie, and enjoy your new position.

Special thanks to Jene Brown, Sr. Librarian, Club Member.



From left: Grate Shipp, guest; Patty Shipp, guest; Gil Johnson, guest; and Wanda Johnson, Retired Librarian and former Supervisor of Jackie Roberts.



Shirley Jordan, Clerk Typist, Harbor City Branch, checks in the more than 60 guest who attended.



Friends of Jackie, from left: Pat Pennington, Inez McBride and Deedra Fitzpatrick.



From left: Jeffrey Nelson, Clerk Typist; Norma Anders, Retired Librarian, Club Member; and Charlotte Jackson, Retired.



From left: Vince Jones, Clerk Typist; Shemekia Washington, Clerk Typist; Jo Ann Morgan, Sr. Librarian Jefferson Branch; Gaby Jimenez, Messenger Clerk; Sashah Garrett.



From left: Stephanie Roberts, daughter of Jackie Roberts; and Zachary Roberts II, 5, grandson of Jackie Roberts.



Standing, from left: Connie Dosch, Sr. Librarian Vernon Branch; and Stella Mittelbach, Children's Librarian. Seated: David Tulanian, Children's Librarian, Vermont Square.



From left: Kadette Cleveland, Retired, Library; Tracy Mochizuki, Retired, Library; Kei Mochizuki, guest; and Rosalie Preston, Retired, Library.



Certificate of Appreciation



From left: Camille Carter, Sr. Librarian Vermont Square, Club Member; Albert Johnson, Sr. Librarian Central Library; Sasshua Hollomon, Clerk Typist; Vashti Hollomon, daughter.



From left: Jackie Ruben, Substitute Librarian; and Ruby Ruben, spouse.



From left: Connie Melom, Librarian, San Pedro; Jennifer Stapleton, Young Adult Librarian, San Pedro; Celesta Duplechain, guest; Heawon Paick, Branch Manager, J. Serra Branch, Club Member; and Emma Roublow, Young Adult Librarian, San Pedro.



Congratulations, Jackie

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Reggie is alive and well at the Los Angeles Zoo.

ZOO — After two years of eluding capture, an American alligator, internationally known as Reggie, arrived at the Los Angeles Zoo May 24 to begin quarantine after being recovered from Lake Machado in Harbor City. The alligator was apprehended at the Lake May 23 by Ian Recchio, Senior Animal Keeper and reptile caretaker for the Los Angeles Zoo, with assistance from Rec and Parks officials and members of the Fire and Police departments.

"We are proud to have been involved in the safe removal of Reggie from Lake Machado," states Denise Verret, Deputy Director of the Los Angeles Zoo. "We're happy that he was recovered, without harm to anyone."

Now at the Zoo, Reggie is undergoing a minimum 30-days quarantine period at the Gottlieb Animal Health and Conservation Center to assess the state of his health. An initial visual examination indicates that Reggie appears to be

in good shape. The young alligator is estimated to be 6-1/2 feet long and weighs approximately 125 to 150 pounds.

"Reggie has excellent musculature, which suggests he has been eating well," says Dr. Curtis Eng, Chief Veterinarian for the LA Zoo. "He is hydrated, and has no major cuts or lacerations. Overall, he's a very good looking alligator."

A complete physical examination was to be conducted to determine the alligator's exact sex, length and weight, including a full blood workup to test for West Nile Virus and other diseases endemic to alligators. At that time Reggie was to be fitted with a microchip to confirm his identity for future use. While at the Zoo, Reggie's diet will consist of fish, chicken, small rodents and other meat products. This will provide the most balanced diet possible for him. A permanent residence will be determined for Reggie during the quarantine period.

## Later, Gator

■ The City's most notorious scofflaw, Reggie the Alligator, is captured and removed from a Harbor lake, and taken to the Zoo.



American alligators are typically found from North Carolina to the Rio Grande in Texas, with freshwater, along slow-moving rivers. They can grow up to 11 feet in length and weigh up to 1,000 pounds at maturity. In the wild, American alligators can live about 50 years. Once on the verge of extinction, the American alligator has made a remarkable recovery. Due to strict conservation measures, they are no longer listed as endangered; however they continue to be listed as threatened on the U.S. Endangered Species List, because it is very similar in appearance to the American crocodile, which is endangered, and hunters are likely to confuse the two species. Hunting is permitted in some states, but is heavily controlled. The American alligator's greatest threat is humans, along with habitat destruction and water pollution.