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## **REC AND PARKS**

## Cabrillo Nets Award

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium receives prestigious award from nation's capital.



Visitors admire the various exhibits at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in 2006.



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium main entrance in 2006.

The City's Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has received a prestigious honor from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The honor is the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf Award.

Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of IMLS, announced that 33 institutions with living collections were selected after participating in a competitive application process. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) was the only aquarium awarded. More than half (19) of the institutions selected for the Bookshelf Award were zoos. Other types of institutions receiving the award include four arboreta/botanical gardens and two nature centers. "We are so proud of our exhibit, aquaria and library staff for their hard work and collaboration in competing for and bringing home this set of resources that will help

us provide the best care for our animals, CMA Director Mike Schaadt said in a statement.

The award consists of a core set of 12 resources, including several items developed especially for the bookshelf. In addition to the core resources, institutions with living collections will receive six texts specifically designed to address collections care issues related to plants and animals. The award will be on special display in CMA's Virginia Reid-Moore Marine Research Library before being added to the permanent reference materials.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a Rec and Parks facility, is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., in San Pedro and is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2010. For information, reservations, or to receive a calendar of events, call (310) 548-7562 or visit its Website at www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org.

## Newsbrief

## **NEW LOCAL CITY HALL:**

On Jan. 28, Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry and others cut the ribbon on a \$15 million neighborhood City Hall in South Los Angeles. The new Ninth District Community City Hall is the latest development to hit Central Avenue, serving as a testament of Councilwoman Perry and the City's commitment to the redevelopment of Central Avenue.

"This state-of-the-art local city hall sits in the heart of our historic corridor, furthering our goal of reinvigorating Central Avenue and supporting our efforts to create greater economic development and community opportunities on this major corridor," Councilwoman Perry said. "It is a beautiful building that sets the tone for the future of our community."

The new Ninth District Neighborhood City Hall is home to the Ninth District Field Office and other important City Departments like Community Development and Building and Safety, providing direct access to City services to the community.

Additionally, the center includes a 1,500 square-foot auditorium-style room with a full kitchen that can be used for community events. The kitchen will also serve as the home for cooking classes hosted by the Central Avenue Farmers' Market that will be on-site every Thursday from noon until 5 p.m.

As Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee, Councilwoman Perry worked with City staff to ensure the highest level of environmental building standards. The 9,000-square-foot City-owned building includes a rooftop garden, offering an urban oasis for everyone to enjoy. This "green" roof is the first of its kind on any City building and will pave the way for others throughout the City. It is designed as a community gathering space, serving as a safe and beautiful outdoor green space for people of all ages. The roof features native plants and will also act as an outdoor classroom where local schools can observe and learn first-hand about the vegetation.

Additionally, the building meets Silver-LEED building certification, meeting some of the strictest guidelines created for sustainable and environmentally sound development.

"Bringing sustainable building practices to South Los Angeles was a key goal of this project. Our new community City Hall includes forward-thinking environmental features, like a green roof, that will set the stage for future development," Councilwoman Perry said. "I think people will see this as not just a building but as a new model for creating park-like spaces in an urban setting."

The Constituent Service Center is at 4301 S. Central Ave. at the corner 43rd Street. The land was acquired and assembled by the CRA/LA as part of the Central Avenue Strategic Plan, a joint effort with the Ninth District. The land was transferred to the City in late 2006. Construction began in 2007.

