



**NEW REGIONAL LIBRARY**—Modern regional library which will replace old Arroyo Seco branch at 6145 N. Figueroa St. will have roof-top parking and space for 20,000 additional books. Construction on the \$315,000 Northeast area improvement is

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## BARE PLANS FOR NEW \$361,000 HP LIBRARY

Opening of northeast Los Angeles' new \$315,000 Arroyo Seco Regional Branch Library, 6145 N. Figueroa St. in Highland Park, is tentatively set for February 1960, City Librarian Harold L. Hamill announced.

The 9,000 square foot building will boast a nation-wide first in library architecture with roof-top parking. Space for 25 automobiles on the roof for patrons and seven more stalls on the street level for library staff is planned by Architect John J. Lanon and Associates of 7332 N. Figueroa St. The unusual pie-shaped lot and lack of space necessitated the roof parking arrangement, Hamill said.

Following the razing of the present branch building, which was financed and constructed by one of the early Andrew Carnegie gifts in 1914, the area will be graded and the new library constructed closer to the level of the street. The roof parking entrance will be on the Piedmont Avenue side of the building.

### START IN MARCH

March of next year will mark the start of construction and Hamill estimated the building will take 10 months to complete with allowance of an extra month in order to move in furniture, books, and add final touches.

The library itself will be constructed of reinforced concrete with a special sun screen of porcelain enameled aluminum designed to shade Figueroa St. windows. Bicycle racks will be provided at the corner of the lot closest to the Figueroa and Piedmont intersection.

scheduled to start in March, according to Harold L. Hamill, city librarian. Library will be built on pie-shaped land bordered by North Figueroa (foreground) and Piedmont Ave. (background).

Three main sections of the building consist of the reading, reference, and children's rooms. The children's room overlooks a

landscaped area on Piedmont Ave.

### 20,000 MORE BOOKS

The new library, in addition to more modern conveniences, figures to have approximately 20,000 more volumes added to its present book collection, making a total of about 50,000. The new book costs will amount to \$60,000.

Mrs. Emma Linsenmayer, branch librarian, and Mrs. Lillian Nicholas, Central-Northeast Regional Librarian, both expressed satisfaction at the new branch plans and said that Highland Park area citizens will have a much greater selection of library materials in a more pleasant atmosphere.

While the library is under construction, patrons are urged to use the nearby Lincoln Heights, Eagle Rock, El Sereno, and Richard Henry Dana branches. The entire project is being financed by a \$6,400,000 branch library bond issue approved in 1957.