



"Groundbreaking" Ceremony
beginning the renovation and expansion of the

Cahuenga Branch
Los Angeles Public Library
4591 Santa Monica Blvd.

Monday, March 7, 1994
12:30 p.m.

HISTORY

The Cahuenga Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) began serving the community on December 4, 1916, when its Italian Renaissance style building opened to the public. At the time, the surrounding area was sparsely settled. The unpaved roads were dusty during the summer and muddy in the winter. Fannie Dorman, the branch's first librarian, considered herself a pioneer. Yet, despite the rural territory, there had been enough residents to successfully petition the city for the creation of this branch library.

As the neighborhood grew and diversified, the library became a social and cultural center. The library has continued to play this valuable role to this day.

In 1990, service was briefly interrupted when the building closed because it did not meet seismic code. Soon, however, the branch library reopened in temporary quarters at 4627 Santa Monica Blvd.

The renovation and expansion program will provide the historic building with seismic reinforcement, full accessibility for the disabled, a 1,400-square-foot addition, and a 25-car parking lot. The carpeted and air-conditioned building will include a bookstore, community meeting room and study center. The facility also will utilize the most advanced library technology, including LAPL's new automated circulation system and computerized catalog, which provides information about books available within the LAPL system.

The firms of Artec Inc. and Benton/Park/Candrea are the architects for the project; Victor Henderson and Elizabeth Garrison will provide the public art.

The project, located in the Thirteenth Council District represented by Councilmember Jackie Goldberg, is funded by Proposition #1, the 1989 Library Bond Issue; a Housing and Community Development Block Grant; and the City's Capital Improvement Program.

PROGRAM

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Olivia Cueva-Fernández
Board of Library Commissioners

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Harry Durkee, Pastor Emeritus, Hollywood Lutheran Church

WELCOME

Elizabeth Martínez, City Librarian

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Honorable Jackie Goldberg, Councilmember, Thirteenth District

Parker C. Anderson, General Manager,
City of Los Angeles Community Development Department

Dr. Henry C. Chang, Director of Library Services, Braille Institute

Queen Silver, Friends of the Cahuenga Branch Library

Jasmine Boyadzhyan, student, King Middle School

UNVEILING OF CONSTRUCTION SIGN

ENTERTAINMENT

Raymond Pitts & the Jazz Poets

REFRESHMENTS

Friends of the Cahuenga Branch Library

MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES
Richard J. Riordan

COUNCILMEMBER - THIRTEENTH DISTRICT
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BRANCH STAFF

Sarah Yamasaki, Children's Librarian; **Barbara Crawford**, Young Adult Librarian;
Linda Enriquez, Clerk Typist; **Sophia Chou**, Library Clerical Assistant;
Michael Baradi, **Chheng Ung**, Messenger Clerks.