

MAY 11, 1964

Dedication of the

VAN NUYS BRANCH OF THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library service in Van Nuys began in 1911 when the community was founded. In 1925 a bond issue was approved providing a Spanish-style library at 14555 Sylvan Street. That library was opened to the public in March 1927 and served the community until April 1964. In 37 years the circulation grew from 27,000 to more than 350,000 volumes annually.

By 1957 the growth of the Van Nuys community and the heavy usage its residents made of the public library resulted in the formulation of plans to expand the building. A \$6,400,000 Library Bond Issue, including these plans, was approved by the voters. Great community interest in the library and in the development of the Van Nuys Civic Center merged into the idea for a new library building in the Civic Center.

The new Van Nuys Branch Library is the 15th and final project in the San Fernando Valley under terms of the 1957 bond issue program. Twenty-eight projects were authorized in the bond issue and the Van Nuys Branch was the 27th to be completed.

In addition to housing one of the busiest branches in the Valley, the new building is also headquarters for the Los Angeles Public Library's bookmobile service. These "libraries on wheels" bring books to the outlying sections of the San Fernando Valley where community libraries have not been established. The bookmobile service, known as the Traveling Branch, circulates almost 250,000 volumes annually.

FACTS ABOUT THIS NEW LIBRARY

Address	14357 Erwin Street	Book Stock	60,000
Telephone	State 2-6125	Floor Space	12,814 square feet
Hours	Mon-Fri. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Parking Area	32 spaces
	Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Seating Capacity	60 adult--38 children
Estimated Cost	\$367,000	Architect	Arbogast & Associates

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