

BLACK HISTORIAN

Library Named For Vassie D. Wright

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The announcement was made at a

recent meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners in conjunction with the celebration of this year's Black History Month.

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sored California's first Negro History Week, the forerunner of Black History Month. Wright was also instrumental in efforts to get Black history classes offered in public schools.

Jefferson Branch Library has been closed since it caught fire in 1983. However, the building is currently undergoing a \$97,000 restoration and

renovation project which was approved by the Los Angeles City Council last year. The newly restored building is scheduled to be dedicated in April.

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