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NEW ARTESIA LIBRARY BEING BUILT TO OFFER INCREASED PROGRAMMING AND EXPANDED SERVICES

County and City Officials Celebrate the Groundbreaking of the \$12.2 Million Project



Artesia, April 13, 2016 - Los Angeles County and City of Artesia officials joined in the groundbreaking celebration of the future 10,850 square-foot Artesia Library. The new library will replace the 46 year old existing facility, offer increased programming, and

provide expanded educational and community-oriented services to residents of the City of Artesia. Construction of the new site began early March 2016.

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) is overseeing the development of the \$12.2 million dollar project, located within Artesia Park, which nearly doubles the existing library space. The project is funded by the office of Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe as part of his “Operation Library” initiative. Upon

completion, the library will include adult, teen, and children reading areas, early childhood and family areas, programming space, a homework center, two group study rooms, and a teen study room. Further, the new library will offer a 100-seat community meeting room with an audio-visual system and kitchenette, express-service checkout machines at the lobby, laptop vending machines, information services pods, public access computers, Wi-Fi, staff areas, public restrooms, and parking for 45 vehicles. Construction is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2017.



The facility is designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) minimum Silver Rating, and will contain many sustainable features such as permeable paving, high-reflective roof, and drought-tolerant landscaping. Solar panels are carefully integrated and designed into the exterior building's façade providing an alternative onsite energy source.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said, "The existing library served as a community asset for nearly 50 years. It is now time to expand and improve so that Artesia residents are offered the latest technology, most efficient use of gathering space, and the resources to support their education and creativity."

Once complete, the facility will be operated by the Los Angeles County Public Library. For more information on library services, please call (562) 695-3979. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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