



# PRESS RELEASE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
700 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Elisa Vásquez, (626) 586-1762, [Elisa.Vasquez@lacdc.org](mailto:Elisa.Vasquez@lacdc.org)

## STATE-OF-THE-ART ENERGY EFFICIENT LIBRARY OPENS FOR SOUTH WHITTIER RESIDENTS

Community Input Contributes to Key Facility Amenities and Programming



South Whittier, November 21, 2016 - Los Angeles County officials joined in the grand opening celebration of the 14,411 square-foot South Whittier Library. Following an accelerated planning and design stage, a construction

contract was awarded to Cal-City Construction, Inc., to get the project on its way. Cal-City Construction delivered the completed project in 17 months. The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) provided oversight for the development of the \$13.5 million project, funded by the office of Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe.

Based on input received from the community and the County of Los Angeles Public Library, the new facility offers adult, teen, and children's reading areas, an early childhood/family place area and programming space, and a homework center. Multiple



group study rooms allow ample space for student learning. A 100-seat community meeting room with audio-visual system and kitchenette provide an opportunity to host community events. To help improve the visitor's library experience, express-

service checkout machines are located in the lobby, as well as information services pods, public access computers, Wi-Fi, public restrooms, and an outdoor reading patio.

The South Whittier Library has been designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum Rating, and will contain many sustainable features such as permeable paving, bicycle storage, drought-tolerant landscaping, and a photovoltaic system. The project includes parking for 61 vehicles and incorporates an exterior civic art element.

“We are very excited to unveil the new facility to the community,” said Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director. “The contribution of each partner, and support of Supervisor Don Knabe has allowed us to offer an amazing, state-of-the-art library that’s perfect for the South Whittier Community.”



The library is located at 11543 Colima Road in South Whittier and will be operated by the Los Angeles County Department of 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.

###