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COUNTY CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADA RAMP

ADA Ramp Installation was Partially Funded by the County's Community Development Block Grant to make the Library Community Room more Accessible to Seniors and Disabled Persons



CDC, Elected Officials, and residents celebrate the completion of the new South Pasadena Public Library ADA Ramp.

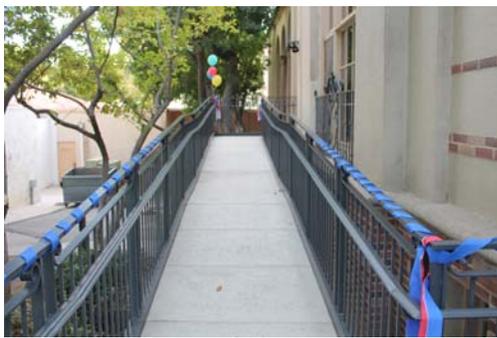
South Pasadena, October 18, 2012 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined the South Pasadena Public Library, the Friends of the South Pasadena Library, and the Library Board of Trustees in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) ramp for the

historic Carnegie Library Main Reading Room, now used as the Library's Community Room. The completion of this project, a first of its kind for the Library, alleviates the restriction of mobility for elderly or "severely disabled" persons.

The event celebrated the installation of the new ADA-compliant wheelchair accessible ramp for the Library Community Room. At various times throughout its history, the venerable building has been remodeled, renovated, and expanded. The

new ramp, designed by Architectural Resources Group of Pasadena and built by Rafael26 Construction, is a big stride forward for the Library. The design and construction were paid for with a combination of funding from the City of South Pasadena and a \$75,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided by the CDC.

For nearly 40 years, the CDBG Program has empowered Los Angeles County, local governments, and CDC partners to support the economy, strengthen public



infrastructure, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for millions of low- and moderate-income residents. The CDC works closely with each of the five Supervisorial Districts and 48 small participating cities implementing community

development activities for their constituents. The agency serves a population of over 2 million, making it the largest Urban County CDBG Program in the nation.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich said, “The nation-wide CDBG Program has suffered serious cuts in recent years. Projects like the ADA ramp at the Library Community Room demonstrate the need for this grant, and showcase how CDBG dollars are used to make the community safer and more accessible to its residents.”

For more information on the South Pasadena Library Community Room, please contact Steve Fjeldsted, City Librarian, at (626) 403-7332. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC Public Information Officer, at (323) 890-7415.

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