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ARTESIA LIBRARY: BIGGER, BETTER, AND READY TO WELCOME YOU

County Manages the Construction of the \$12.2 Million Facility



Artesia, December 8, 2017 - Los Angeles County and City of Artesia officials joined in the grand opening celebration of the new 10,850 square-foot Artesia Library. The library, located within Artesia Park, more than doubles the

square footage of the original 46-year old library, which will now be used as an expansion of the community center. City residents will have access to increased library programming and educational and community-oriented services.

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) managed the development of the \$12.2 million project, funded by the office of Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn.

CDC Acting Executive Director Monique King-Viehlend stated, “I am very proud of the talented team who worked tirelessly to bring Artesia residents this beautiful new library that supports education and recreation.”



The new library includes adult, teen, and children’s reading areas, early childhood and family areas and programming space, a homework center, two group study rooms, a teen study room.

For community events, the new library features a 100-seat community meeting room with audio-visual system and kitchenette, public restrooms, and parking for 45 vehicles. In line with modern technology, the library offers express-service checkout machines at the lobby, laptop vending machines, information service pods, public access computers, and Wi-Fi access.

Artesia Library was designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating, and contains many sustainable features such as permeable paving, high-reflective roof, bicycle storage and drought tolerant landscaping. A photovoltaic system is carefully integrated providing an alternative onsite energy source.

The library, located at 18801 Elaine Avenue in the City of Artesia, is made possible with the support of the County’s Fourth Supervisorial District, the City of Artesia, Los Angeles County Public Library, the CDC, community members, the design team of IBI Group and Morillo Construction. For more information on library services, please call the Los Angeles County Public Library at (562) 695-3979. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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