Pico Rivera (December 14, 2013) – Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, the County of Los Angeles Public Library, and the City of Pico Rivera were joined by more than 300 residents in dedicating the new $16 million state-of-the-art Pico Rivera Library on December 14, 2013.

“Our new library is an architectural beacon with all the bells and whistles, and will serve as a focal community space, leading our County public library system into the future with first-class amenities, the latest technology, and unique indoor and outdoor spaces,” said Supervisor Molina. “Libraries play a critical role in the community and serve as learning centers and hubs for civic engagement. Growing up, the library was my sanctuary—where I had a window to the world.”

The 16,000 square foot library, replaces a small building by three times the size, and features a collection of 80,000 items, 29 public computers with internet access, and an 80 seat community meeting room.
A ‘green’ facility, the Pico Rivera Library is on the frontline of innovation utilizing renewable, green technology such as built in solar panels, providing sufficient building power and energy. This facility will be LEED Gold certified. To celebrate a green sustainable library, there will be all day programming which includes a plastic bag recycling drive and making reusable bags.

Funding for the construction of the new library is a County-City of Pico Rivera collaborative and part of Supervisor Molina’s investment in capital and service enhancements at libraries throughout her district. The County of Los Angeles Public Library will operate the facility.

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) began the demolition of the existing structure in April 2012, to make way for the new library. The CDC’s construction management team is comprised of project managers, inspectors, and labor compliance representatives. In partnership with its clients, the team has successfully managed and completed projects including new construction, rehabilitation of residential and commercial developments, community and senior centers, libraries, neighborhood and special access parks, and major streetscape projects.

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