

Altadena Library District: Our Story

BRINGING **PEOPLE + IDEAS** TOGETHER

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ESTABLISHED OVER 90 YEARS AGO

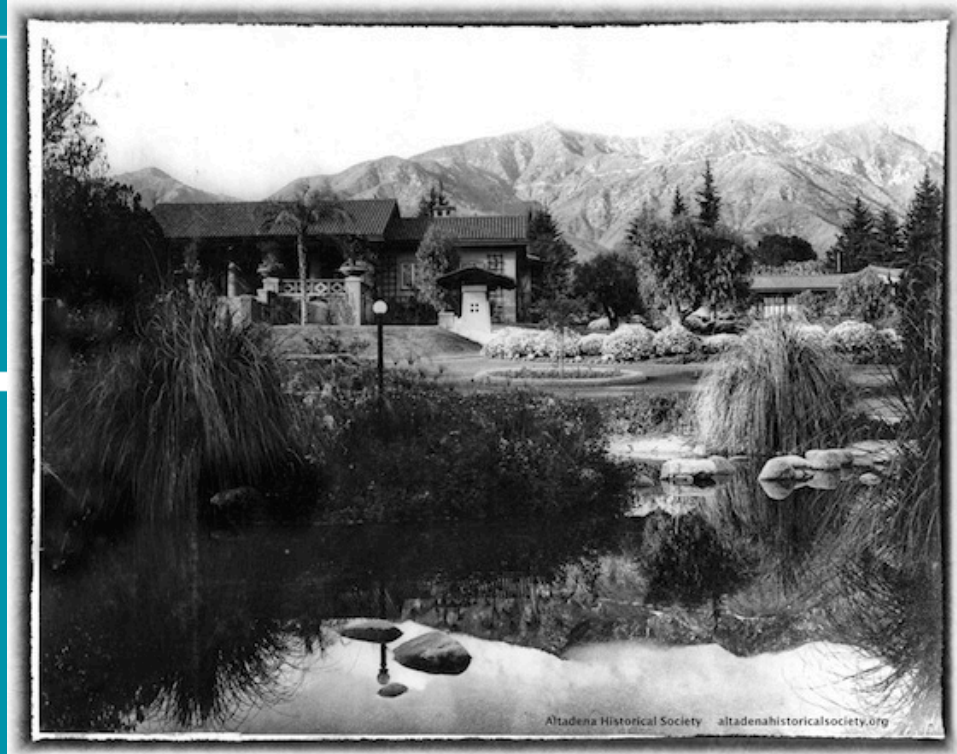
OUR RICH HISTORY



1908

1913

1916
Library installed
in new
Altadena
School



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Los Angeles Times (1923-Current File); Nov 21, 1954;
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ALTADENA—The Altadena Library District will become a separate entity next July 1, divorced from any dependence on the County Public Library which sired it back in December, 1926.

At that time, the Altadena library system consisted of some 350 books and two niches at Andrew Jackson and Altadena Elementary Schools, from which modest quarters the books were loaned out.

The district today owns its own buildings, at 2366 N Lake Ave. and at 2281 N Lincoln Ave. A staff of five under Li-

brarian Mrs. Gladys Babcock normally handles the Lake Ave. branch and a staff of two under Librarian Mrs. Emma Long takes care of the western branch on Lincoln Ave. Both units have a caretaker as well. Buildings and property are valued at \$50,000.

Service Described

During the changeover from county jurisdiction (actually books and library personnel are contracted from the county by the Altadena Library District Board of Trustees), two additional employees are working at the Lake Ave.

branch to help catalogue and index all books which are the property of the district.

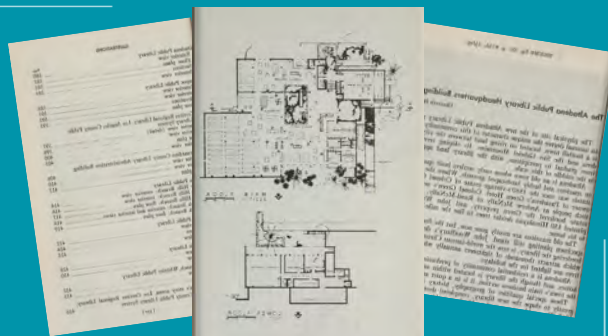
Some 8300 borrowers frequented the two branches during the past year, according to William A. Wilson, the retired businessman who has headed the board of trustees as its president for going on 19 years.

Wilson's fellow members are Dr. Seth B. Nicholson, solar astronomer at Mt. Wilson Observatory, and H. R. Sault, district manager for the American Automobile Association.

1927

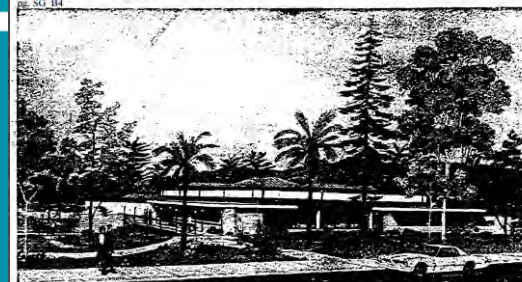
Altadena Library
confirmed as
independent
district

1961
Current Main
Library
property
purchased



August 28, 1967
Grand Opening
celebration!

Bid Accepted for Library in Altadena
Los Angeles Times (1923-Current Files): Jul 17, 1966;
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ALTADENA LIBRARY.—This is how Altadena's new \$446,700 library will look when it is completed in about eight months. Boyd Georgi of Altadena is the architect. Construction work on it will start shortly.
Times staff

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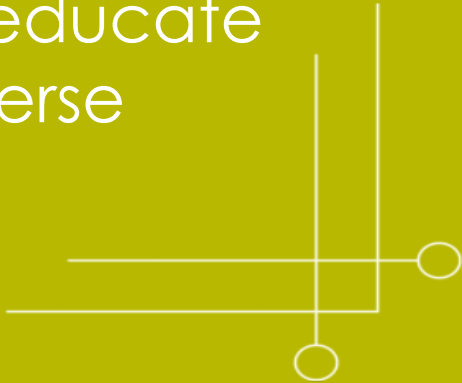
WHY WE EXIST

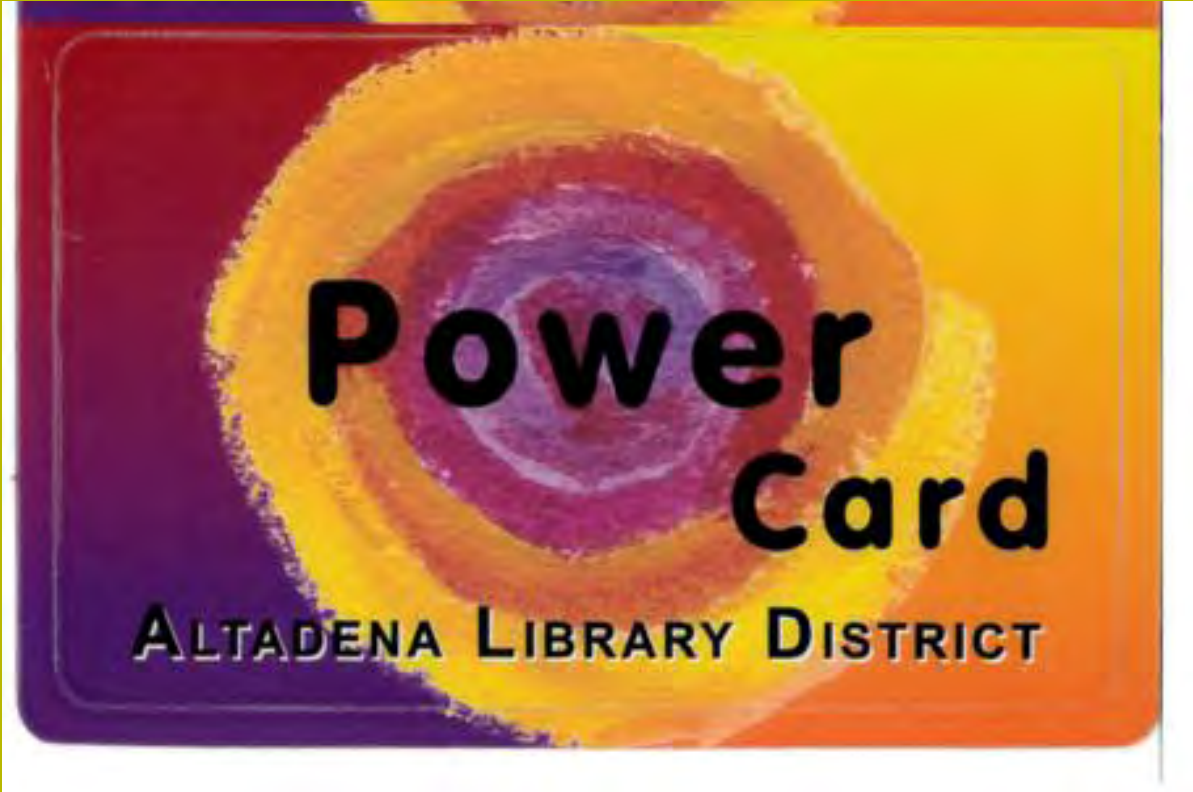




**The Altadena Library District
is dedicated to**

providing free and equal access to
information, ideas, technology,
and the joy of reading to educate
and empower our diverse
community.







SERVING THOUSANDS THROUGH TARGETED PROGRAMMING

WHAT WE DO



We provide
programs designed to
reach and inspire
children, teens and
young adults, and
adults of all ages.



Children's Programs

Including

- Sensory Story Time
- Read to Cedar (dog)
- A special children's place for reading and creative play

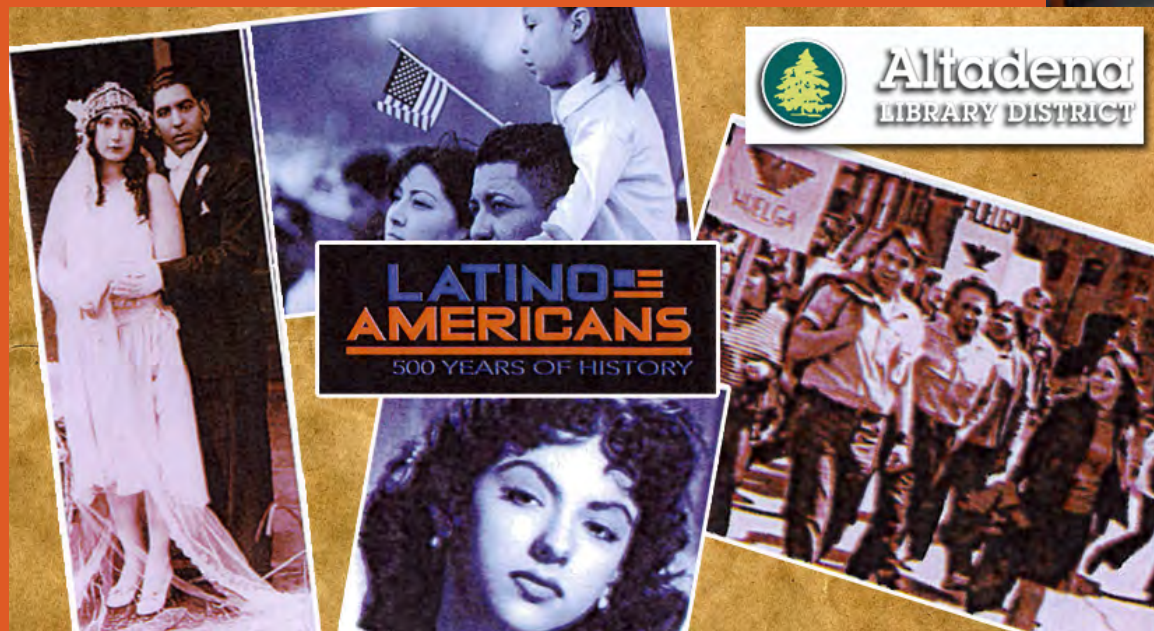
and so much more!



*“This is a really nice environment where one can enjoy a nice read through the updated selection of reading material...
Best of all, my son loves this library, and my wife gets all of her books here.”*



Latino Outreach



WHAT WE DO

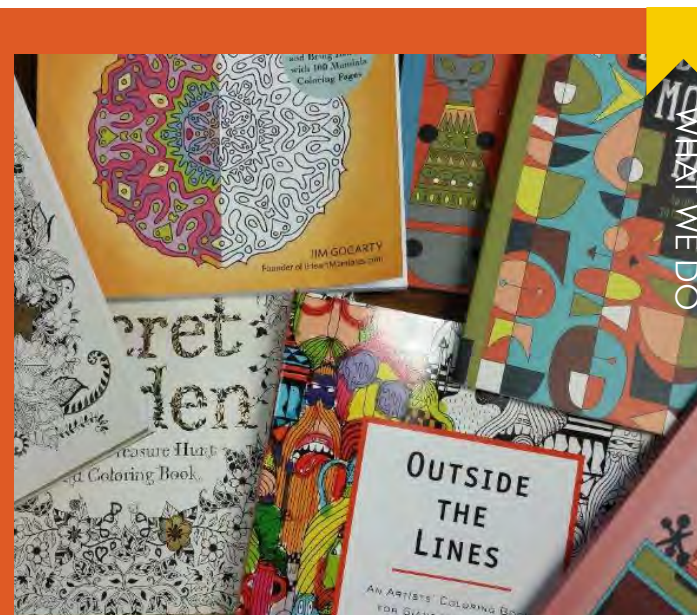
Teen Experiences



WHAT WE DO

"This is a fantastic library... **It's such a refreshing place to study.** Big windows with plenty of greenery and natural sunlight... Awesome library."

Special Spaces



Summer Reading!



WHAT WE DO

Summer
fun for
ALL
ages!

Second Saturdays

*Great concert!
Love the people
and the
atmosphere. I
came from
Alhambra to enjoy
second Saturday
concert. I plan on
coming every
month!*



Community Engagement



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Introducing
our Water Conservation Demonstration Garden!



AS POTENTIAL TO SERVE EXPANDS, SO DOES OUR NEED

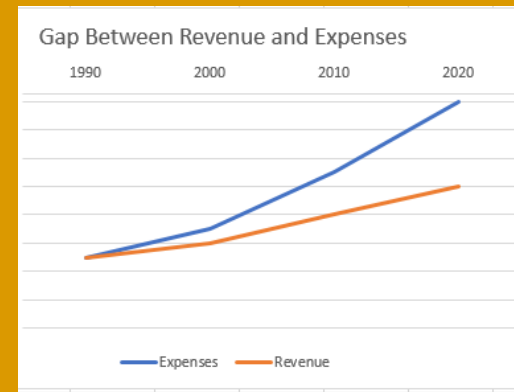

FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY





While our maintenance and operating costs continue to **increase,**

our annual revenue remains relatively stagnant. The gap increases every year.

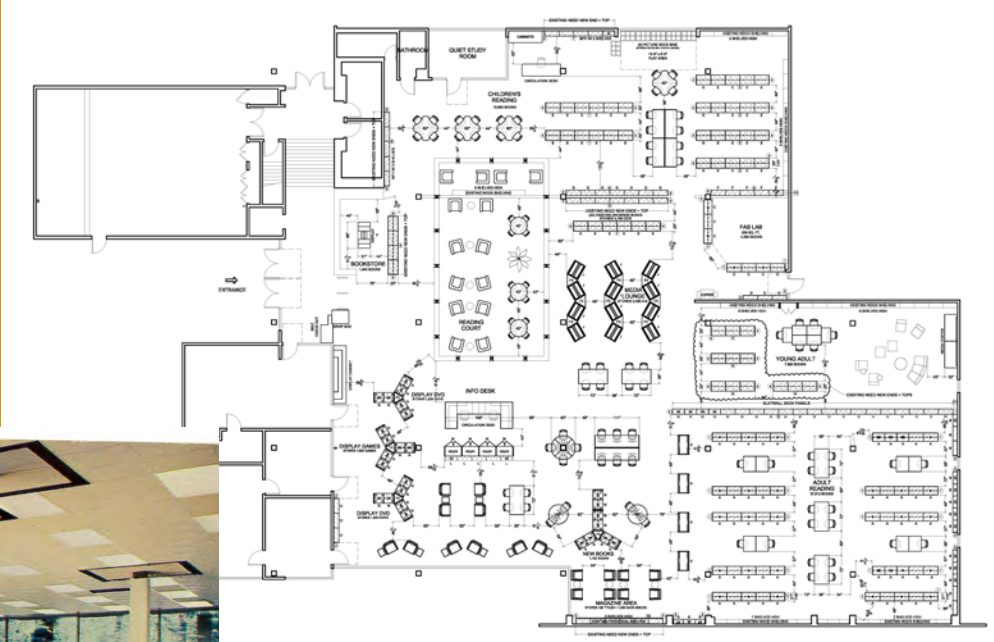


But for now...

Phase I Renovations

To include:

- Accessibility and safety enhancements
 - Bringing the Library up to ADA compliance on our shelving
 - Replacing our broken and non-ADA doors
- Addition of electrical and data outlets
- Updates to carpeting, flooring, ceiling tiling, and signage



FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY



**As we move forward the District
wants to be looking outward.**

That means we need to hear from you, what
are your aspirations for Altadena?... What
are the challenges? What can we do
together?

Join a Community Conversation





Thank you for your time!

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