

2013 ANNUAL REPORT BY BRANCH MANAGER DAVID HAGOPIAN

In 2013, the state of the Los Angeles Public Library and the Encino-Tarzana Branch was strong. This past year we have hired new clerk typists, librarians and senior librarians, and starting in January 2014, the Central Library and eight regional libraries will again open on Sundays. We have funds for more materials that patrons want on our shelves. In 2013 we had presentations and performances by artists, magicians, musicians, storytellers, yoga instructors, a Medicare expert and singers. We had notable Angelinos give talks about the Library and the community. We hosted poetry readings, arts & crafts programs, book clubs and film screenings. The big event this year was the 10th Anniversary of the Rebuilding of the Encino-Tarzana Library celebration in April. With over 300 attendees, we celebrated with a magician; a temporary tattoo artist; a local historian who talked about early life in Tarzana; and a very special appearance by Former City Librarian Fontayne Holmes, who spoke about the planning it took to build the branch. Friends members dedicated many hours and energy to making it a huge success.

Summer Reading Club 2013 was the most successful ever. Over 760 children and teens signed up, many winning some pretty cool prizes in our end of the summer drawings, generously provided by the Encino-Tarzana Friends. In addition to funding programs and purchasing materials, the Friends also paid for nine beautiful new chairs for the reading room, and a state of the art projector system. This past year we spent a lot of time reviewing our collection. We added a Local, Regional & California History section; we made more space for Teen fiction and classics, and began updating our Travel and Large Type collections.

E-Media continues to grow in popularity. In 2013, the Library added new electronic access to movies, music and magazines. As with all of our services, use of these valuable resources is free. Books, CDs, DVDs and paper magazines are still as popular as ever, as evidenced by our high circulation statistics. Another 2013 trend was increased use of social media—such as Twitter and Facebook—by many branches and Central Library. And in 2013, LAPL has been forming partnerships and lining up programs to help Angelinos navigate the new Affordable Care Act system. Many Angelinos also benefited this past year from Citizenship programs and resources in every branch. More than ever, the Library is the place where people come for help with issues that are very personal to them, relying on Library staff to help them with more than research, entertainment and information needs.

Regardless of how people access, use and enjoy Los Angeles Public Library materials and resources, the huge number of Los Angeles residents using our services demonstrates how important the Library is in our communities and lives. The Encino-Tarzana Branch remains one of the busiest in the system; and our goal continues to be to help our patrons make the very best use of the Library's resources that they can.