

LIBRARY REPORT FOR ENCINO-TARZANA BRANCH
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The library has seen a great deal of sprucing up over the past few months, and many building repairs. Burned out lights and ballasts were replaced inside and out. Several spots in the parking lot were dark and created a safety concern. Everything is now light and bright. An abandoned homeless encampment was removed from the northeastern edge of the parking lot. Overgrown foliage was removed from the compressor to the air-conditioning unit. It has been causing it to malfunction by forming large blocks of ice around the pipes. That ice turned to condensation that rained repeatedly through the ceiling and light fixture in the staff workroom. The building had a number of plumbing issues that were repaired. The broken and peeling fence at the end of the parking lot adjacent to the wash was repaired and painted. It had been an eyesore for a number of years. The fence was painted with reflective paint that should be good for many years. The library now has 4 new Electric Vehicle charging stations. The old non-operational station at the front of the building has been removed. A contracted security officer has been assigned to the branch 2 days per week. This should cut down on some concerns felt in having to deal with a number of security issues caused by the increase in the homeless population throughout the West San Fernando Valley. It is hoped that the presence of an officer will be a preventative measure, as well, and take the burden off the library staff, thereby allowing them to focus their attention on assisting the public.

In addition to the branches own permanent Russian and Persian collections, a long term loan of books in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Armenian were ordered from the International Languages Department at Central Library. Many patrons had asked for the additional materials, with current fiction and romance titles being especially requested. The use of e-books and other electronic materials by our patrons continues to grow. Regular programming at the branch at all levels has been going strong this quarter. Our Wednesday morning storytimes with our Children's Librarian continue to be very well attended. She had many special guest performers and the branch has also benefited from the time given by our STAR volunteer readers. In addition, we had a number of outstanding programs over the summer in support of this year's summer reading program theme, Reading By Design. The Encino-Tarzana Branch continues to lead the system in ESL outreach. We have English Language Conversation classes 3 days per week now and all are well attended. In addition to all of this, we offer weekly adult coloring classes, a monthly poetry salon, adult computer classes, a Friends'-led book club, and yoga classes. The generous support of our Friends group in making it possible for us to offer these wonderful programs is much appreciated.

The Encino-Tarzana Branch Library continues to be a thriving and vital hub in our community.