



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



FACTS ABOUT

Serra Mesa – Kearny Mesa Branch Library

Library Location: 9005 Aero Drive

Construction Cost: \$8.9 Million

Architects: Coombs Architects & Planning

Construction Began: Fall 2004

Old Library Size: 4,860 square feet

Library Opened: Dec. 2, 2006

New Library Size: 15,626 square feet

More than three times the size of the old library it replaces, the new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library provides a variety of great services and programs for the public. Below are some of the special features of the facility.

Architecture and Public Art

Designed by Coombs Architecture & Planning Inc., the structure will be distinctive in appearance and will be created to be in harmony with its surroundings. Per the community's request, the design borrows on the mission revival and craftsman styles. These designs are incorporated in furniture, display areas, floors, ceilings and window treatments. The building incorporates green building technology, including the use of recycled materials into some floors and other surface areas as well as the use of energy saving designs and devices.

An artist is being sought to design and create an educational space for children ages 5 years and younger as well as their parents and caregivers. The artist will work on the project with assistance from an expert in child/parent education, mental health/health care provision, community/family/child care service provision or child development. Funding for the project will come from the First Five Commission of San Diego County.

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Career Center

The library houses a satellite office for San Diego Workforce Partnership's Metro Career Center. This center offers staff-assisted employment resources and on-site job search workshops for area residents.

Children's Area & Preschooler Learning Center

The library's Children's Area is a large space with a collection of about 18,400 children's items and more than 3,100 items for teens. A Preschooler's Door to Learning Center is located in the Children's Area that promotes school readiness and provides services for young children and their parents to share the pleasures of reading and learning with special materials and equipment. Funded by the First Five Commission of San Diego County, this center also includes space and equipment for the Library's Families for Literacy Program, which helps families experience the value and enjoyment of reading.

Collection

The new library holds a collection of approximately 54,000 books, DVDs, CDs and other materials available to the public. The public can also have books or other items from the entire library system catalog delivered to the new branch library.

Computer Access

There are a total of 40 computers available to the public throughout the library. The Computer Lab provides a quiet area for research, study and other computer-related activities. The lab can also be used for special classes and workshops for the public. In addition, the library has free wireless Internet access. The Library also offers online access to 70 subscription databases on a wide variety of topics through its web site.

Meeting Rooms

The library has a large community meeting room with a capacity of 80 people. The room offers multimedia, a kitchen, grand piano, and outdoor patio. Also, one seminar room is available with seating for 12.

Outdoor Courtyards

There are three outdoor courtyards surrounding the library that offer relaxing places to read and study, and settings for classrooms and other group meetings. The courtyards are inviting landscaped areas with views and sunshine.

Operating Hours

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Fridays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library at 858-573-1396, or visit the San Diego Public Library's web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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