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# **Mayor Faulconer, Local Dignitaries to Lead Community Celebration for Opening of New Uptown Library**

**\$20M MISSION HILLS-HILLCREST LIBRARY IS FIRST OF  
TWO LIBRARIES SLATED TO OPEN THIS YEAR, PROJECT  
UNDERScores MAYOR'S COMMITMENT TO NEIGHBORHOOD  
INVESTMENTS**

San Diego – Continuing historic investments in neighborhood improvements across the city, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer will be joined Saturday by fellow elected officials, community leaders and more than 1,800 volunteers to celebrate the grand opening of a new state-of-the-art branch library that will serve Hillcrest, Mission Hills and surrounding neighborhoods for decades to come.

Joining Mayor Faulconer at the community celebration will be the area's elected representatives – U.S. Rep. Susan Davis, state Assemblymember Todd Gloria and City Councilmember Chris Ward. As part of the celebration, volunteers will line the sidewalk to pass books from the old branch location to the new facility.

The new 14,000-square-foot library is more than triple the size of the community's previous library that was built in 1961. It features modern amenities, including designated areas for teens and young children, a community meeting space, study rooms, computer labs, drought-tolerant landscaping, an underground parking garage and a design expected to achieve LEED Gold certification.

This marks the second new branch library constructed under Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer following the opening of the new Skyline Hills library in 2016 – the first to open in the city in a decade.

Named in honor of the late philanthropists who helped fund it, the new Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Harley & Bessie Knox Library will serve residents in Bankers Hill, Hillcrest, Middletown, Mission Hills and Old Town. More than 350,000 visits are expected each year.

**WHAT:** News conference and ribbon-cutting ceremony

**WHO:** Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer  
U.S. Rep. Susan Davis  
State Assemblymember Todd Gloria  
City Councilmember Chris Ward  
Jay Hill, CEO, San Diego Public Library Foundation  
Connie Matsui, President & CEO, The San Diego Foundation  
Phyllis Marion, President, Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 26, 2019

- Book pass – 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mayor Faulconer will walk the book pass route and thank volunteers starting at 9:15 a.m.
- Press conference and ribbon-cutting – 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** 215 W. Washington St.  
San Diego, CA 92103

**VISUALS:** More than 1,800 volunteers passing books from the old library to the new library, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony, library tour and community activities.

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