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MURPHY AND MADAFFER LAUNCH CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COLLEGE-ROLANDO LIBRARY

San Diego - Mayor Dick Murphy and Councilmember Jim Madaffer broke ground today on the new College-Rolando Branch Library.

"This new branch will be a tremendous asset to the communities it serves and will be yet another major step in building a San Diego library system for the 21st century," Mayor Murphy said. "The new library will more than double the book and media collection and will provide 30 computers to better meet the educational and recreational needs of local residents."

Designed by McGraw/Baldwin Architects, the \$6.1 million, 15,000-square-foot facility will be more than three times larger than the current College Heights Branch Library that it will replace.

To be located at the corner of Montezuma Road and Reservoir Drive, the state-of-the-art library will include community meeting rooms, a larger children's collection and special reading areas. It also will have a 65-space parking lot. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2005.

"I am very proud and extremely excited about the plan for a new library to serve the College Area and Rolando," said Councilmember Madaffer. "This is the result of years of community meetings and discussions about the new library, and it is further proof that the city of San Diego is committed to moving forward to improve our library system."

The city's \$312.3 million program to build a library system for the 21st century calls for the construction of 13 new libraries and the expansion of 11 existing branches over the next 10 years. Mayor Murphy and Councilmember Madaffer are working together to successfully implement the mayor's Goal #7, which is to build a strong, comprehensive library system throughout the city.

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