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Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Frye Open New Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Jerry Sanders, Councilmember Donna Frye and a large crowd of local citizens participated in the grand opening today of the new Serra-Mesa Kearny Mesa Branch Library. The new library will directly serve more than 22,000 San Diego residents.

“The new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library will provide great educational and recreational opportunities for the surrounding neighborhoods,” said Mayor Sanders. “The new library is more than three times the size of the facility it replaces. This branch will offer excellent resources, including meeting rooms and computers, as well as a larger collection of books and media to better serve the needs of area residents.”

The 15,626-square-foot Serra Mesa-Kearny Branch replaces the 4,860-square-foot Serra Mesa Branch. The library includes a large children’s area, outdoor patio, meeting and conference rooms, and a computer lab. It also includes a Preschooler’s Door to Learning Center, funded by the County’s First Five Commission, which provides services for young children and their parents to share the pleasures of reading and learning. The library also houses a satellite office for San Diego Workforce Partnership’s Metro Career Center offering staff-assisted employment resources and on-site job search workshops for area residents.

“I am thrilled to open the doors to this long awaited library for the residents of Serra Mesa and Kearny Mesa,” said Councilmember Frye. “After I was elected in 2001, I made the completion of this library a community priority. This library will be an inspiring learning facility for many generations to come.”

The branch library has a collection of approximately 54,000 books and other media, and 40 computers that are available to the public. In addition, like all other City libraries, the new location will offer free wireless Internet access.

The \$8.9 million project was designed by Coombs Architects & Planning and constructed by Jaynes Corp. Funding for the library came from developers’ fees and \$1 million from the First Five Commission. The library includes green building technology and recycled materials. Per the community’s request, the design borrows on the mission revival and craftsman styles. Windows are plentiful and provide varied views and there are three large courtyards outside the building.

Located at 9005 Aero Drive, the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library is open 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.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. The library can be reached at 858-573-1396.

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