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## **GARCETTI ANNOUNCES LIBRARY RENOVATION FOR HOLLYWOOD \$1 MILLION PROJECT AT GOLDWYN-HW BRANCH TO BEGIN JAN 23**

The Los Angeles Public Library's Frances Howard Goldwyn – Hollywood Regional Branch, located at 1623 North Ivar St., will close January 23 for an extensive \$1 million renovation that will include new shelving, lighting, flooring, restrooms and heating and air conditioning systems.

The improvements are scheduled to be completed in six months and are generously funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation, as well as funds from the Library Foundation of Los Angeles' 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, the Los Angeles Public Library, The Beck Group and the Los Angeles Department on Disability.

To accommodate patrons during the closure, the nearby Will and Ariel Durant Branch, located at 7140 W. Sunset Blvd, will be open additional hours. Patrons are also encouraged to use other nearby branches including the Cahuenga Branch at 4591 Santa Monica Blvd., and John C. Freemont Branch at 6121 Melrose Ave.

Councilmember Eric Garcetti, who represents the Hollywood neighborhood where the library is located, said, "Los Angeles' libraries are its oases for children, families, and anyone who wants to find either solitary study or community connections. With these funds graciously provided by the Goldwyn foundation, the library will be able to expand and improve its service to the dense, urban Hollywood community."

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"I know how much the Goldwyn-Hollywood Regional Branch Library means to the community and to the Goldwyn family," said Mayor Jim Hahn. "That's why I'm so pleased with the public/private partnership between the library, the library foundation and the Goldwyn foundation, which will pay for renovations to spruce up the library and give community members even more reason to enjoy coming here. I am especially grateful to the Goldwyn foundation and the library foundation for their support of our extraordinary library system."

Commenting on the grant, Samuel Goldwyn Jr. said, "I am extremely grateful to Mayor Hahn for honoring the City's commitment to maintaining the integrity of this very successful public / private partnership. We are happy to play a significant role in the library's renovation so that it can continue to serve the people of Los Angeles for many years to come."

Designed by architect Frank Gehry, the Goldwyn – Hollywood Regional Branch was built with a generous gift of nearly \$4 million from the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation and opened in 1986. It replaced a branch that was destroyed by fire in 1982. Today, the Goldwyn – Hollywood Regional Branch is one of the busiest in the city of Los Angeles' library system.

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest urban population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 71 branch libraries, six million books, and state-of-the-art technology including its website at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org), provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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