

Brand New Library Campaign

Welcome to the New Crowell Public Library!



Pictured: (L-R) City Manager Matt Ballantyne, Mayor Matthew Lin, library benefactor Suzanne Crowell, City Librarian Carolyn Crain and Library Trustee President Lee Mothershead.
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beginning of the Crowell Public Library's service to the community.

After the ceremony and ribbon cutting, the community had the opportunity to meet authors, listen to the San Marino High School's musicians in the community room and meet Benjamin Franklin and Curious George.

It was a day to experience all the library's offerings. Arts and crafts took place in the Lifelong Learning Center while children used the new public access computers with their parents. Staff checked out books to patrons at the circulation desk as reference librarians answered questions and led patrons to new book shelves. Those looking to take a break enjoyed being outside in the patio garden.

It was a wonderful day for the community of San Marino to come together and enjoy one of the great new features of the city. If you have not been to the new library yet, please stop by and see what you've been missing.

The doors to the new Crowell Public Library opened to the public for the first time on Saturday, January 26, 2008. The library was flooded with both new and old library supporters. Visitors freely explored the first floor of the library with its expansive children's area, the Lifelong Learning Center, quiet reading porches and a community meeting room as well as the second floor's conference room and administrative offices.

The Grand Opening was a day long celebration full of activities and honors. Larry Mantle of KPCC and National Public Radio was master of ceremonies and introduced keynote speaker Steven Koblik, President of the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens followed by Matt Ballantyne, City Manager; Lee Mothershead, president of the Library Board of Trustees; Robert Sievers, president of the Library Foundation, and Carolyn Crain, City Librarian.

The Crowell Family grandchildren had the honor of cutting the ribbon and marking the



View from second floor conference room balcony.

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A Friend of the Library: Lucy Medz

The San Marino Public Library Foundation is fortunate to be the recipient of the generosity of Miss Lucy Medz. To our surprise, Miss Medz named the Foundation in her estate's gift planning. Since her passing in 2005, the Campaign to Build a New Library has benefited greatly. As a result, the second floor is named the Lucy Medz Memorial Administration Floor in recognition for her support.

Miss Medz became known to the library in 2004 after a handsome gift which vastly enhanced the audio collection of symphonic and operatic selections.

We would like to share a biographical submission by her loving cousin, Julie Ann Strong.

A 50-year resident of San Marino, Lucy Medz was born in Los Angeles on November 15,



**Miss Lucy Medz
1914-2005**

1914. She was the fourth of five children. Her mother and father were Armenian immigrants to America at the turn of the 20th century. They both graduated from colleges in England and Turkey, respectively.

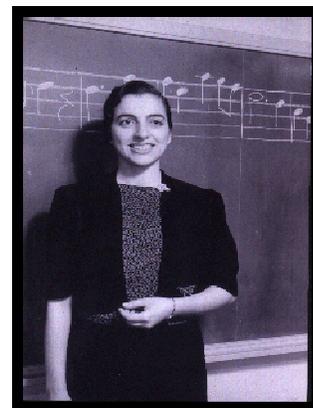
Lucy was a product of the Los Angeles Unified School District and graduated from Roosevelt High School. She graduated with honors in music from UCLA in 1935 and received a degree in Education from USC Graduate School.

She had a mastery of all the operas, famous composer's lives, and all the interesting stories that went along with them. She was a great accompanist on the piano and was even asked by her professor at UCLA, the great Arnold Schoenberg, to play at many performances at the university. She did it for awhile, but had to give it up so that she could concentrate on her studies.

Lucy served as Director of

the Concert Choir and Instructor of Music for more than five decades at Jordan and Lincoln high schools and El Sereno Junior High. She was greatly loved by her thousands of pupils and inspired many through her love of music.

For more information about planned giving, contact the Foundation at 626/300-0779.



It Takes a Community

We knew San Marino was a special place. The opening of the new library proves it again. Participation and support from across the community has been key to our Brand New Library Campaign. From the young children to the pillars of the community, support has been historic for this project. Our result — the new Crowell Public Library, City of San Marino.

The San Marino Public Library Foundation would like to say thank you to the nearly 1,100 donors to date and appreciate all of the donors



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that have gotten us to this point.

The Foundation is in its final phase of fundraising for the library project and is still seeking more participants to complete the campaign.

You can still play a role in supporting the library and the community it serves.

To make a gift, stop in the library, use the enclosed envelope, call 300-0779 or visit us on the web at www.brandnewlibrary.org.

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Join the Donor Wall of Honor

At the Grand Opening on January 26, 2008, visitors and fellow celebrants were able to view the Crowell Public Library, City of San Marino's Donor Wall of Honor.

The Donor Wall of Honor is a mixed media work of metal and glass. The growing begonia vines that adorn the expanse of the wall were designed and created by Ed Cristal of Cristal Studios. The glass panels displaying the recognition were designed by Dennis Kuntz of Sign Designers.

The Donor Wall recognizes families, companies, foundations and individuals who have donations totaling \$5,000 or greater to the Brand New Library project.

The wall is not yet complete. There is still room for more supporters. We continue to accept campaign



gifts and the recognition panels will reflect the names of all of our supporters at the Donor Wall recognition levels.

The updated recognition panels will be unveiled in June 2008.

It has been exciting to see how many are enthusiastic to join friends, neighbors and colleagues in showing their support for an institution that serves the whole community.

For more information on how you can support the library campaign and join the wall, contact Cindy Chan, Development Director at 626/300-0779 or visit the website at www.brandnewlibrary.org.

Don't delay in joining neighbors and friends on the Donor Wall. Donations must be received by May 5, 2008 to be included in the June 2008 ceremony.

A Cherished Friend and Leader Retires

On March 6, 2008, San Marino City Manager Matthew Ballantyne announced the retirement of Carolyn Crain.

"It is with a great deal of regret that I resign my position as City Librarian due to issues related to my personal health. I am indeed proud of my contributions during my tenure here in San Marino. It is especially gratifying to have realized the completion of the new library which has been the pinnacle of my service here in this community."

City Manager Ballantyne has not announced his plans for Crain's replacement at this point, stating, "At this time, I would like to revel in Carolyn's storied career. You will not find a more passionate individual who is committed to library services. Carolyn has accomplished a lot here in San Marino, and it has been an honor to have shared in those accomplishments these last two years. I would like to thank Carolyn's husband Alan for sharing much of her time with us as it has truly been a pleasure working with Carolyn."

Carolyn began her career with the City of Monrovia as an Adult Services Librarian then served as the Yucaipa Branch Librarian for San Bernardino County as well as the Regional Librarian where she supervised twelve of their branch libraries. In 1990, Carolyn was appointed the City Librarian for the City of San Marino.

The Foundation is proud to have had the opportunity to work with Carolyn for so many years. Her foresight and leadership were the driving forces behind the excellent library services offered to the San Marino community on a daily basis. Those qualities coupled with her tenacity and steadfast conviction that a new



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library would benefit the community are what inspired the Foundation to take on the campaign to build a new library.

We miss her greatly and wish her all the best for a happy retirement.

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- *Bookmark Contest Winners*

2008 B'MARK WINNERS



Tina Chen

Kurtis Tsai

Chrystal Yen

Jason Omori

Christine Law

Ashley Chuck

copies of the first design within the first month of release. The other five bookmarks will be re-released on an every other month basis until the end of the year. Make sure to collect all six.

The San Marino Public Library Foundation would like to thank everyone for helping make this contest a success.

A special thank you to Janice Lee and the Prudential Realty Office of San Marino for their sponsorship and support of this community-wide design contest.

Here are the winning designs and the names of their designers for the 2008 “We Need New B’Marks” design contest.

After receiving so many exciting and talented bookmark designs, it was difficult to

choose the winners. These bookmarks will help celebrate this inaugural year of the Crowell Public Library.

Each winning bookmark will be released for a limited time. Eager patrons snapped up 1,000