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California Public Library Grant Awards Announced

SACRAMENTO — State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth announced today that on November 29, 2004, the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board awarded public library construction grants for a total of \$80,588,293 to 12 library projects.

The California State Library's Office of Library Construction (OLC) is charged with the administration of the Library Bond Act of 2000 that provides 65% of eligible construction costs for the new construction of a public library or the renovation and expansion of an existing library.

The California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board considered 72 applications for state matching grants for public library construction projects in California. As part of the process, the Board reviewed the "Office of Library Construction Staff Findings," as well as individual application summaries for each application. After accepting comments from many of the library applicants, the Board deliberated and awarded grants to the following 12 projects for the third and final cycle of the bond act grant program:

<i>Project</i>	<i>State Grant Request</i>	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>
81st Avenue Branch Library	\$6,513,345	28,112	Oakland, City of	Oakland Public Library
Acton/Agua Dulce Library	\$4,613,685	10,874	Los Angeles, County of	County of Los Angeles Public Library
Castro Valley Library	\$13,961,227	41,331	Alameda, County of	Alameda County Library
Fontana Library & Resource Technology Center	\$14,900,075	84,042	Fontana, City of	San Bernardino County Library

Ingleside Branch Library	\$3,751,943	6,100	San Francisco, City & County of	San Francisco Public Library
Lafayette Library & Learning Center	\$11,880,531	25,453	Lafayette, City of	Contra Costa County Library
Lawndale Library	\$7,300,132	17,360	Los Angeles, County of	County of Los Angeles Public Library
North Natomas Library	\$7,013,889	23,011	Sacramento, City of	Sacramento Public Library
Orange Cove Neighborhood Library	\$2,807,698	9,735	Fresno, County of	Fresno County Public Library
Richmond Branch Library Expansion and Renovation	\$5,958,841	13,820	San Francisco, City & County of	San Francisco Public Library
Sierra Valley Library and Children and Families Center	\$666,755	3,579	Sierra, County of	Plumas County Library
Tranquility Branch Library	\$1,220,172	3,484	Fresno, County of	Fresno County Public Library

State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth said that, “these projects represent an enormous investment in the life of the communities they serve. For many years to come, Californians will reap the benefits from these centers of life-long learning.” Hildreth also said that grant award letters would be sent soon to the grant recipients.

Over the duration of the three award cycles since 2000, the California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board has funded 46 projects allocating approximately \$338 million.

The selected libraries will next execute a grant agreement with the California State Library then begin the OLC architectural plans review process. OLC staff will assist grant recipients to begin construction of these public library buildings as soon as possible.

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