

Huntington library to buy computer equipment for children's center

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HUNTINGTON BEACH — A \$10,000 grant to the Huntington Beach Library Patrons Foundation will be used toward the purchase of high-tech computer hardware and software to be housed in the Central Library Children's Resource Center.

Made possible through the McDonnell Douglas Corp. and Rick Riddell of Interactive Video Design Consultation Services, the grant subsidized the purchase of a new Apple IIe Plus personal computer, two Pioneer Laser video players, 37 computer-software discs and 18 video-disc software accessories.

Prior to the new purchases, library records showed that as many as 4,800 children were annually using the computer center's two older model Apple IIe and Apple-compatible computers.

The library's new equipment purchases are just part of an overall plan to expand the children's center from 2,806 to 18,000 square feet. The proposed children's wing will accommodate 70,000 titles, a state-of-the-art computer center, a children's theater, homework center, museum and gallery, and an educational media,

language and learning labs.

Open to children age 2 and older, the computer room is supplied with education software stressing math and science. There is a 50 cent per hour charge for use of the computer center.

For more information on the library's computer room for children, please contact the Children's Resource Center at 848-7813.

