

## Library Opens

Huntington Beach's \$35 million civic improvement plan will be complete on April 5 with the dedication of the \$5 million library at Golden West Street and Talbert Avenue.

The 75,400 square foot glass steel and concrete building atop the hill overlooking Central Park and Talbert Lake will open for public use on Monday, April 7.

Other projects in the ambitious plan ordered by the City Council six years ago include a new civic center, the 250-acre Central Park, a corporation yard and four fire stations as well as smaller parks and two community centers.

Designed by Dion Neutra of the architectural firm Richard and Dion Neutra, the Huntington Beach Library, Information and Cultural Resource Center was built by Swinerton and Walberg Co. at a construction cost of \$2.9 million. Furnishings have added another \$300,000 to the cost.

The rest of the \$5 million was for buying the site, preparing it and for costs in financing by the Public Facilities Corporation which will lease the library to the city, according to librarian Walter W. Johnson.

Construction began October, 1972 at the 18.6-acre site and was officially completed Feb. 14 this year. The library features a four-tier stack area capable of holding 350,000 books, magazines, cassettes and other materials.

More than 100,000 books will be in place by opening day. The library subscribed to 750 periodicals and has some 450 16mm films with another 1,500 available through the Huntington Beach Information Network Cooperative.

Also available are 250 8mm sound films, 25 talking books for the blind, 400 cassettes and 3,000 records.

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