

# Computer Operation Expanding At Library

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A \$10,000 grant to the Huntington Beach Library Patrons Foundation has helped with the purchase of high-tech computer hardware and software equipment to be housed in the Central Library Children's Resource Center.

Made possible through the McDonnell Douglas Corporation and by Rick Riddell, 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 videodisc software.

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 Children's Resource Center wants to expand its computer center to accommodate the growing demands of the children within the community," says Librarian Nanci Williams.

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, according to Williams. The proposed children's wing will accommodate 70,000 titles, a state-of-the-art computer center, children's theater, homework center, museum and gallery, educational media language and learning labs.

"For many children, the library is the only place to receive assistance and to access computers and laser technology," Williams said.

Open to children ages 2 years and up, the computer room is supplied with educational software stressing math and science. Use of the computer center is 50 cents per hour.

For more information on the Central Library's computer room for children, call the Children's Resource Center at (714) 848-7813.

