

Carlsbad Library Services



In 1963, the Friends of the Library, a volunteer group of library supporters, promoted construction of a new library building and gathered support from Carlsbad residents to raise the necessary funds of \$275,000.



Ready for service by November of 1967 the new building, located on Elm Ave, housed 47,699 volumes and started with a annual circulation of 114,754.



As the city gradually grew and land was annexed along the southern border, library services needed expand. The library incorporated a Rambling Reader book mobile service in the 1970s, and later established a branch library in La Costa.



In 1999 two full service libraries, one Adult Literacy Learning Center and a Spanish language library existed in Carlsbad. The newest addition to the library system is a 64,000 square foot building located in the southern part of Carlsbad.