



# CITY OF PASADENA



ADOPTED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2015



FIRST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

THEY PLANNED OF PASADENA ARCHITECTURE EDITED  
AND BY THE SAN FRANCISCO LIBRARY BY PUBLIC  
PROVISIONS AS PASADENA'S FIRST PUBLIC  
LIBRARY FROM 1884 TO 1914. CONSIDERED AS SUCH  
IN 1914. JUNE 1884.

THE LIBRARY WAS ANNOUNCED IN 1884 BY THE CITY  
OF PASADENA, BY REQUEST OF PASADENA HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY, DONATED TO THE HISTORY OF  
PASADENA. FOUNDED 1884. IN EARLY AND DIFFICULT  
DAYS DEVELOPED AS A PUBLIC LIBRARY AT  
THE DISCRETION OF PASADENA FOR LITERATURE  
AND ART. THESE SPIRIT, EMBODIED IN THIS  
LIBRARY, ENDURED UPON.

DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1914



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PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY 1884 – 2014  
CELEBRATING 130 YEARS  
OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

*The Pasadena Free Public Library and Village Improvement Society was founded in the early 1880s by a group of progressive citizens, who wanted “to unite the whole community in all general efforts for the public good and be an educator of the people, next in value to the common school.” The first Pasadena library opened its doors in 1884. Since then the library has expanded to ten sites throughout our community providing free access to programs, services, and materials for all ages.*