

Press Release

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El Mirage Cuts Ribbon on New Library Dedicates Computer Room to Longstanding Library Supporter Roy Delgado

EL MIRAGE, Ariz. –The City of El Mirage, in partnership with the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD), today officially cut the ribbon on a new library located at 13513 N. El Mirage Road, El Mirage, AZ 85335. The highly anticipated event was attended by City and County officials, construction partners, honored guests and members of the media.

The new facility is a transformed fire station located on El Mirage Road, just south of Thunderbird Road. At 7,435 square feet, the new library will almost triple the size of the previous library to serve El Mirage’s growing population of approximately 35,000 and subscribers to the Maricopa County Library District.

“This library will build a strong foundation for our future by providing a place where our community can gather and learn,” said El Mirage Mayor Alexis Hermosillo. “I am proud of our partnership with Maricopa County because it allows us to maximize services for our residents. The endless learning opportunities that will happen here will only further enhance our quality of life in El Mirage.”

The library is managed through an intergovernmental agreement with MCLD to provide staffing, equipment and programming services.

“This project is a prime example of a partnership built in response to the needs of its community members,” said Maricopa County District 4 Supervisor Clint Hickman. “Not only have we increased access to technology and materials, but also the new Community Room will provide a space for

learning, professional development and fun events all year long. We are proud that, together, we have been able to grow the library along with this great city.”

The El Mirage Library features dedicated computer space, study rooms, a children's area, a multi-purpose Community Room, expanded staff office space, an automated sorting machine and increased parking totaling 32 spaces. The parking lot also offers electric vehicle charging stations as part of a cooperative pilot project with APS.

The project cost for the new El Mirage Library totaled \$3.6 million.

The City owns the facility and contributed \$2,189,551 through City-budgeted Capital Improvement Project funds. Maricopa County contributed \$380,610 for the programing room addition and \$551,555 in capital outlay and furniture, fixtures and equipment. These items included shelving, blinds, projector screen and projector, furniture, IT equipment, hardware, fiber and the opening day collection. In addition, \$440,326 was contributed through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The library was designed by boARCH and built by CORE Construction.

Often referred to as the 'third place,' modernized libraries have become a space where the community can gather, bring a digital device or access one at the library, participate in a program, pick up books and movies, listen to music or use a study room.

DEDICATION OF DELGADO COMPUTER ROOM

Also at today's event, the Library Computer Room was dedicated to El Mirage City Councilmember Roy Delgado. A longtime advocate of library expansion in the County and in El Mirage, Delgado served on the former Maricopa County Library District's Citizen Advisory Committee for 14 years. The committee provided citizen input and identified community needs regarding County library services. Delgado has served as a Councilmember in El Mirage for 21 years, also serving in an appointed role as Vice Mayor and Mayor for a time.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION PLANNED

The public is invited to a Community Celebration event for the El Mirage Library on Sat. July 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special activities are planned throughout the day.

The library also provides extensive online resources and services. To attain library cards and learn about upcoming programming and special events, the public is encouraged to visit the library's website at: www.MCLDAZ.org/ElMirage.

The El Mirage Library reopened to the public July 15, and the ongoing operating hours are as follows:

Mon – Wed 9 am – 5 pm
Thu 9 am – 7 pm
Fri & Sat 9 am – 5 pm
Sun Closed

For ongoing services, events and programming at the library: visit the MCLD website at www.MCLDAZ.org/ElMirage and follow the El Mirage Library on Facebook @mcldem

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