



BRAND LIBRARY & ART CENTER



*The Art and Music Section of
the Glendale Public Library*

The Library is housed in a mansion built in 1904. A large gallery and music complex was added in 1969. Located in Brand Park, high in the foothills overlooking Glendale and the San Fernando Valley, the Library serves an ever-widening public interested in the arts.

The original mansion was built by Leslie C. Brand and named El Miradero ("Grandview"). The design is similar to the East Indian Pavilion built for the 1893 Columbian World Exposition held in Chicago and visited by Mr. Brand. The architecture is considered Saracenic, with crenelated arches, bulbous domes and minars combining characteristics of Spanish, Moorish and Indian styles. In contrast to the elegant, cool white exterior, a Victorian decor was followed inside. In addition to bedrooms, there was a parlor, drawing room, dining room, solarium and music salon-cum-library. Many fine woods were used and the windows contained Tiffany zinced glass. The wall coverings were silk damask.

Mr. Brand died in the house in 1925. He bequeathed El Miradero to the City, although Mrs. Brand retained rights of residence. The will provided that the property should be used exclusively for a public park and library. Mrs. Brand died in 1945, and by 1956 the mansion had been converted into Brand Library. Ten years later, in response to the need for larger quarters to serve the growing interest of the community, the City Council allocated funds to construct an addition to Brand Library that would include facilities for art exhibitions, lectures and concerts, as well as art and craft studios. The new addition was dedicated in October 1969.

Entrance to all Library service is through the original front doors of the Brand residence. The gallery, concert hall and other public

areas are reached through a center court and lobby, with outside access doors opened only for special activities. A separate entry at street level leads to the studios, operated under the direction of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

THE LIBRARY COLLECTION includes works on history, theory, criticism and techniques, specialized encyclopedias, dictionaries, indexes and other guides to art and music literature—a total of more than one hundred thousand volumes. A collection of print reproductions is available to provide study aids as well as home decoration. Art and music journals and specialized reference materials are available for use in the Library. Items available for loan include books, exhibition catalogs, phonograph records, compact discs, librettos, sheet music, scores, 35 mm colored slides, art and music videos and art prints. A photocopy machine is available for copying of materials not restricted by copyright.

AN ART GALLERY features changing exhibits of the works of contemporary Southern California artists.

A RECITAL HALL is available for art and music events only. The hall seats 150 people. The stage is 9 feet deep by 28 feet across the front and 23 feet across the back. The two pianos available are a 6'10" 1956 Steinway B and a 6'10" 1973 Feurich Grand. A projection screen is available for art and music film and slide programs. Information regarding use of the room may be obtained by calling the Library during business hours.

THE ASSOCIATES OF BRAND LIBRARY & ART CENTER is an organization whose purpose is to aid and promote the Library through sponsorship of programs and donations, and to foster art and music education in the community. This support group welcomes new members, and application forms are available at the Library.

THE DOCENTS, a subsidiary organization of the Associates, volunteer their time and knowledge to guide groups through the Library and its galleries and to provide other volunteer services. Information is available from the Library staff. Groups desiring Docent tours may call the Library during business hours.

HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 12 PM – 8 PM

Wednesday 12 PM – 6 PM

Friday & Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

Closed Sundays and Mondays

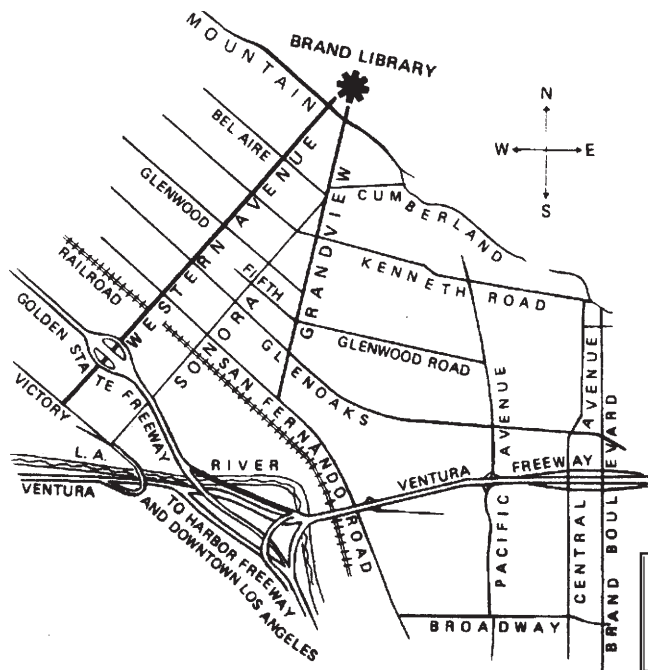
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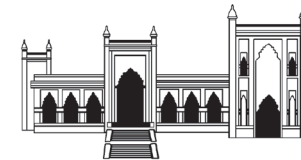
The Art Center studios may be contacted at
(818) 548-3782

Information about the Japanese Teahouse and
Doctor's House may be obtained by calling
(818) 548-2147

Information about Film Permits
may be obtained through the City Clerks Office at
(818) 548-2090



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