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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

# Azusa celebrates start of library upgrade

Former Slauson Middle School will serve as interim site during \$9.7 million renovation

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The city of Azusa celebrated the first step in the next chapter in its library's history with a groundbreaking Wednesday of a \$9.7 million renovation.

Work includes a seismic retrofit, safety upgrades, study rooms, energy-efficient features, new

restrooms, expanded digital access and an updated layout. Demolition has begun at the Dalton Avenue site, where the library moved in 1959. The original Azusa City Library was in a City Hall complex built in 1897 before moving to a classic Carnegie Library in what is now Azusa City Hall.

City clerk and historian Jeffrey

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Catalina Valera, Dina Simpson, Kim Antoo, Sabrina Bow, Blanca Rubio, Susan Rubio, Robert Gonzales, Leila Hassen, Andrew Mendez and Jeffrey Lawrence Jr. wield shovels during the Azusa City Library groundbreaking ceremony in Azusa on Wednesday. **PHOTO BY CONNOR TERRY**

## JANUARY WILDFIRES

# LAFD gets Hollywood 'star' treatment



Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Jaime Moore, center, and the agency's firefighters are recognized with an Award of Excellence star near the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Friday. **PHOTOS BY JACOB LEWIS**

At girl's suggestion, Walk of Fame organizers honor agency after blazes

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**HOLLYWOOD** — Following through on a suggestion by a 14-year-old girl, the Los Angeles Fire Department was honored with an Award of Excellence star adjacent to the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Friday, recognizing the agency's bravery and public service battling the Palisades and Sunset fires in January.

The star, located outside the Ovation Entertainment Complex on Hollywood Boulevard, was recommended by a Connecticut eighth grade student, Eniola Taiwo, who wrote a letter as part of a class assignment about personal heroes. Her letter was addressed to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that firefighters who battled the deadly January fires were worthy of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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Hollywood Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve Nissen, left, Connecticut student Eniola Taiwo, center, and Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Jaime Moore celebrate the unveiling of the LAFD star Friday. Taiwo proposed the star in a letter to the chamber.

## PASADENA

# Library project breaks ground

City officials, staff celebrate 97-year-old civic landmark's seismic retrofit and renovation

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In a city that loves its historical landmarks, one of those hubs got a sort of christening on a major project in Pasadena on Friday.

Local leaders celebrated a ceremonial groundbreaking for the project to retrofit the historic Central Library.

The groundbreaking for the Central Library Seismic Retrofit and Renovation project, which featured remarks from Mayor Victor M. Gordo, District 3 Councilmember Justin Jones, Public Works Director Greg De Vinck and Library Director Tim McDonald, represented what city officials

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## WASHINGTON

# Epstein estate photos include Trump, Clinton

By Stephen Groves  
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**WASHINGTON** — House Democrats released a selection of photos from the estate of Jeffrey Epstein on Friday, including some of Donald Trump, Bill Clinton and the former Prince Andrew.

The 19 photos initially released by Democratic lawmakers on the House Oversight Committee were a small part of more than 95,000 they received from the estate of Epstein, who died in a New York jail cell in 2019 while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges. They released roughly 70 more photos later Friday, including images of his home, Epstein taking

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