

# Alamitos Neighborhood Library

1836 E. 3rd St. in Long Beach (562) 570-1037

The Alamitos library is an historic library just outside Bluff Heights. It offers computers with Internet access, the library catalog, a community resource file, and various on-line reference resources. Some of the programs they offer are:

- Pre-school storytime for children ages 3 - 5 and their parents/caregivers is held on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
- A Bookworm Buddies volunteer reads to children of all ages first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
- Every summer Alamitos offers a Summer Reading Program for pre-school children to teens. The Summer

Reading Program includes library visits, reading incentives, shows, and reading games.

- Teachers are welcomed to call and schedule an appointment with the children's librarian to bring their class to the library. A literacy program will be provided.
- The Family Learning Center provides homework assistance to students in grades K - 8. Parents are encouraged to use the library with their children.



The center is staffed with homework helpers to provide help with homework assignments and computer instruction. Six computers are available in the Library's Family Learning Center. Schedule: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3 to 5:50 p.m.; Thursday, 3 to 6:50 p.m.; & Fridays, 2-4:50 p.m.

- Internet instruction is offered to adults on Friday afternoons by appointment
- Alamitos has the longest continuing senior citizen book discussion group in the country dating back to 1954. This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.
- Check the Children and Teen program sections for programs available at other

neighborhood libraries.

The history of the library began in 1895 when a group of women formed the Alamitos Library Association. Jotham Bixby, Sr. donated this land in 1897 and funds were raised to construct the first library building. In 1909 the City of Long Beach annexed this area. In 1920 the Alamitos Library Association deeded this property to the City with the understanding that the City would maintain the library. By 1928 the building had become inadequate and the collection was moved to a rented building while the current library was constructed. This building, a replica of a castle in Spain, with beautiful wrought iron railings, decorated beams, and a patio with an art tile fountain, opened in January 1929.

On March 10, 1933, a major earthquake damaged the building. At first



service was resumed in the yard. In 1936 the building was closed for major repairs. The library reopened again in 1938. In 1997, the Alamitos Branch Library celebrated 100 years of service to the community. ♦

