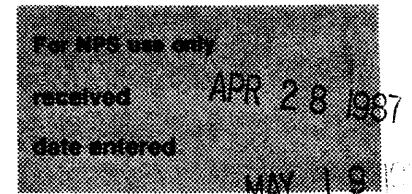


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24. North Hollywood
5211 N. Tujunga Avenue

Significance:

The Amelia Earhart Branch Library performs a significant cultural and historical function in the San Fernando Valley. Its architecture stands out in an area which has few buildings of noteworthy design. The library was designed as the next to last of the 1920s branch libraries and demonstrates the high quality of public architecture for which the City of Los Angeles had been striving.

Prior to its annexation to the City of Los Angeles in 1924, the town of North Hollywood (then known as Lankershim) was served by a small county library. After annexation, the library became a branch of the Los Angeles system and its name was changed to Sidney Lanier in honor of the notable Southern Civil War poet.

As the San Fernando Valley grew, so did the need for expanded library services. In 1929, plans were made for the new branch building to be located in North Hollywood Park. The building was designed by local architects Eugene and Rex Weston who were known for their Spanish designs and use of elaborate, colored tiles. Other significant buildings designed by this firm included the Hollywood American Legion Headquarters and the Ramona Gardens Public Housing Project which they designed with architects Lloyd Wright, Walter S. Davis, Ralph Flewelling and George Davis. Mrs. Zahn of the Library Board presided over the dedication ceremonies on July 29, 1930.

The library has continued to be an important center of cultural activity in the San Fernando Valley. Continued growth and designation as the regional branch for the San Fernando Valley necessitated the need for an addition in the 1950s. Architect John Landon so carefully integrated the addition that one can distinguish the two only by looking at "before and after" photos.

In 1981, the North Hollywood community petitioned the Library Board to change the name from Sidney Lanier to Amelia Earhart after the famous aviatrix who had been a resident of North Hollywood and frequently used the library. A statue of Amelia Earhart stands in the park adjacent to the library. The library is part of a thematic nomination of branch libraries in Los Angeles which have been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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1 inch=60 feet

