

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Grand Proportions for Great Books



The Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Library, near the Los Angeles International Airport, is one of 32 new Los Angeles libraries. Its architect is Aleks Istanbulu of

Santa Monica, Calif. The library, above, has a painted stucco exterior and is set in a newly created park. Inside, Mr. Istanbulu designed a 120-foot-long by 24-foot-high wood-paneled public area inspired, he said, by the Ste.-Geneviève library in Paris. There are silk-screened images of local people by Jill D'Angenica on the walls and ceiling.

The checkout desk, right, has a stainless steel counter and canopy. Reading areas are in adjacent, more intimate spaces; 7114 West Manchester Avenue; (310) 348-1083.



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