

La Jolla's Library

1894



The La Jolla Reading Club is formed by a group of La Jolla women, and begins meeting at **The La Jolla Park Hotel**

1898



Florence Sawyer joins **The Reading Club**, then donates land and a small cottage at the corner of Wall St. and Girard Ave., which becomes known as **The Reading Room**, or **The La Jolla Library**

1899



The Library Association of La Jolla is formed at **The Reading Room**, with local philanthropist **Ellen Browning Scripps** serving as the first president of the association

1921

The Reading Room is replaced by a Spanish Colonial Revival Style building designed by noted architect **William Templeton Johnson**. Horticulturalist **Kate Sessions** plants a "reading court" garden



1955

The San Diego Public Library begins renting space from **The Library Association of La Jolla**. All materials are donated to SDPL, except for those relating to arts and music. **The Library Association** changes its name to **Athenaeum Music and Arts Library**

1988

2004



After closing for a year of new construction, the **La Jolla/Riford Library** reopens its doors. The new **Joan and Irwin Jacobs Annex** expands the library to 25,000 sq. ft. with new upper and underground levels, with the addition of the **La Jolla History Room**

The San Diego Public Library collection is moved and expanded to the current library location on Draper Ave., due to the generosity of a donation of land by **Ms. Florence Riford**



Visit the La Jolla History Room in the Library

Library Upper Level/Second Floor

*Learn more about the library and other local landmarks by visiting our **History Room** on the second floor, which contains a comprehensive collection of La Jolla histories and newspaper archives*