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It puts out fires -- also fiction

# Library, fire station open

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If you live in Glendale's Chevy Chase canyon and you need a book for your nook or a douse for your house, you now don't have far to go — just to 3301 Chevy Chase Drive.

Wednesday night the new Chevy Chase Library and Fire Station No. 3 was officially opened for business.

The dual-purpose facility

will put out fires and fiction — some prose and some hose — it will aid and abet the canyon's sage man and the sagebrush.

It's a situation where a split personality is an advantage.

It has engines and epistles; magazines and motors; ladders and platters; newspapers and nozzles.

The 9,752-square-foot facility will house a 20,000-volume library and a full-service fire company.

The fire station, with Capt. Blain Childress, Ben Henry

and Robert Johnson in charge, will be open 24 hours a day.

The library, under the supervision of Librarian Janice Arcuria, will be open Mondays through Thursdays from noon to 9 p.m., Fridays from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The library and the fire station will offer all the services available at all other city fire and library facilities.

The architecture is country-modern which blends into the residential character of the area. The building overlooks the Chevy Chase Country Club and its attendant duffers.

Designed by Toward Van Heuklyn of Burke, Kober, Nicolas and Archuleta, the station-library was built by H. A. Kaufman Co.

Glendale Mayor Don McWilliam said the finances for the project came from sales tax revenues with no addition to property tax. He said it would be of great benefit to the citizens of Glendale.

Speaking to a dedication crowd of about 400, he said the drought experienced in Southern California this year emphasizes the need for increased fire protection in the mountain areas.

"Fire Station No. 3 will greatly reduce initial response time to fire in the upper portions of the canyon, providing greater sense of security for

all residents," said the Mayor.

Fire Chief Norm Stolley said the new fire station would reduce fire insurance cost dramatically. He said a drop in the rating from eight to three in the area was under consideration by fire insurance underwriters.

Chief Librarian Jack Ramsey introduced the three librarians who will work in the new library, and suggested that the interior scenery would be every bit as spectacular as the outdoor scenery.

City Manager C. E. Perkins gave a brief history of the new building and presented it to the citizens of the area.

Also in attendance were Councilmen Vern Allen and Warren Haverkamp.