

Collins Garden Library

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Hours	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Monday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Manager	Pamela Longoria
Bus Route	54

The Collection

Collection varies between 44,000 to 45,000 volumes including videos, DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks.

The History

The Library was built on land donated in 1917 to the City by F. F. Collins. Grandson Finis F. Collins and other family members reversed reversionary clause of the deed to permit the building of the library in response to COPS (Communities Organized for Public Service) request for more neighborhood libraries. In appreciation, the Library Board voted in October 1983 to name the branch Collins Garden Branch Library. The groundbreaking for the 15th branch was held on December 4, 1983. It was officially dedicated on December 2, 1984 and opened to the public on December 17, 1984. Architects for the \$1.4 million project were Alex Caragonne and Lee Reyna of Reyna/Caragonne Architects. A renovation began in 1995 and the building was rededicated on July 20, 1996. De Lara Architects, Inc. were responsible for the \$320,750 renovation made possible by a 1989 bond election.

Captain Finis Foster Collins was a pioneer and one of the first traveling salesmen of Texas, selling and being in charge of the manufacturing of windmills and pumps. He was born and raised in Mount Enterprise, in Rusk County, Texas. Collins was a member of the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He settled in San Antonio, bought the land where the library is now located and turned it into truck farms watered by an artesian well located on the land, reserving one for his own use.

\$50,000 for initial book stock in December 1984 by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich

Original Architects: Lee Reyna and Alex Caragonne, San Antonio, TX

Renovation Architects: De Lara Architects, Inc., San Antonio, TX

Square footage of the building: 9,000 square feet

The Community

South San Antonio and Bexar County, located in City Council District 5. Serves schools in the San Antonio Independent School District, Alamo Community College District 5, and School Board of Education 3.

Located in U.S. Congressional District 20, State Senate District 26, State House District 119, Commissioners Court Precinct 2, Justice of the Peace 1, and Constable 1.

Directions

Via IH 35 N: Exit Nogalitos. Turn right on Powell, then right on Nogalitos to Park Blvd.

Via IH 35 S: Exit Nogalitos. Proceed south .1 mile to Park Blvd. East on Prk for 1.5 blocks.

Via Hwy 90 E: Take the Nogalitos exit and turn left (Northeast) on Nogalitos, turning left (East) on N. Park Blvd.

Via Hwy 90 W: Exit on 35N and follow the directions above.