

Weho Library Parking Garage Shrouded in Street Art

MOCA-selected artists Shepard Fairey, Kenny Scharf, and RETNA are just about finished installing murals on the sides of the city's new library.

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Shepard Fairey Poses in Front of His Mural. Fairey is one of three artists selected by MOCA to install murals on the sides of the city's new library. Credit Joshua Barash/City of West Hollywood Flickr

If you have driven down San Vicente Boulevard lately, the colorful explosion invading the [new West Hollywood Library](#) parking structure at Melrose Avenue has likely caught your eye. It is all part of a joint project by the City of West Hollywood, the Museum of Contemporary Art and three rather famous street artists.

Shepard Fairey of the Obama "Hope" poster brings his signature style to a 70-by-106-foot portion of the library's parking lot facade. A different side is decorated by popular LA street artist RETNA in

obscure blue script, with yet another wall filled with a fusion of cartoon characters designed by Brooklyn-based painter Kenny Scharf.

Anti-UV and anti-graffiti coating for the project will be funded by the city, with MOCA and the artists paying for the rest of the expenses, reports the [Huffington Post](#). "Calm down taxpayers . . . I was not paid to do the mural and paid for my own supplies and labor," Fairey assured fans on his [website](#).

While the parking lot is currently open to the public, the new library is not expected to officially open until October, but in the meantime, enjoy the outdoor murals.