

Wall of Wonder and Blossom Hill Vine

Artist: Deborah Mersky

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Vineland Branch Library / 1450 Blossom Hill Rd San Jose, CA 95118 / Council District 10

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Blossom Hill Vine is two large glass double-paned window systems at each end of the library's Marketplace. The glass is decorated with a series of images of local plants and historic artifacts painted in silver-leaf. The grapevine is a reminder of an earlier use of the neighboring land and the specific flowers were chosen on the basis of their geographic origin, a reference to the international nature of San José.



Right: View of glass treatment on the window wall of the Internet Café



Left: Detail of the *Blossom Hill Vine* glass treatment

The *Wall of Wonder* is are wall-mounted steel panels in the Children's Area. The collection of building and entranceway images suggest the limitless potential of a child's imagination and the role the library can play in encouraging exploration.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Deborah Mersky is a painter and printmaker with numerous public art projects in Washington, California, and Oregon. Her prints are included in the collections of Microsoft, Safeco Insurance Company, University of Washington Medical Center and Washington State Arts Commission. She has worked as an artist-in-residence with groups from the Broadview Women's Shelter, Rainier Vista Public Housing and University Hospital. More of her work may be seen at <http://www.deborahmersky.com>.



Above: View of *Wall of Wonder* panels in the Children's Area.

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