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DACULA RESIDENTS, COUNTY OFFICIALS CELEBRATE NEW LIBRARY

(Lawrenceville, Ga., April 15, 2006) – Officials gathered today for the grand opening of the new Dacula Branch Library. The new library is located at 265 Dacula Road, adjacent to Dacula Park.

The Dacula Branch is the Gwinnett County Public Library's 13th branch. The 19,992-square-foot facility will include children, teen, and adult sections and more than 65,000 books and magazines, along with other library resources.

The library's collection includes more than 200 downloadable music titles; adult, teen and children's read-a-long book/CD combinations of the classic and popular titles for each age group/reading level; and a parenting resource collection with a special needs focus, including titles on parenting children with autism.

"In Gwinnett, we have a proactive, fiscally-conservative government that is continuing to provide well-planned facilities and services," said Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charles Bannister. "This wonderful new library is a shining example. I know that it will become part of the fabric of this Dacula community."

"The residents of this community advocated strongly for a library to call their own, and it's no wonder. Libraries provide public access to information – and that's important to a free society," said District 3 Commissioner Mike Beaudreau. "The Internet is a great tool, but it has not replaced the need for libraries. More than four million people visited Gwinnett libraries last year, and we are proud to be able to provide the convenience of a local library to the citizens of Dacula."

"The Dacula community has waited a long time for this day and it is exciting that the day is finally here," said Dan English, Chairman of the Gwinnett County Public Library Board of Trustees. "Each library branch that Gwinnett County opens is a model of perfection with every new building exceeding everyone's expectations. The Dacula facility is no exception."

The Dacula Branch Library will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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