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COUNTY APPROVES CONTRACT FOR DULUTH BRANCH LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Dec. 27, 2019) – Construction will begin soon on a new facility for the Gwinnett County Public Library branch in downtown Duluth.

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners awarded the \$5 million construction project to Cooper & Company General Contractors, Inc., on Nov. 19. Construction is estimated to take about 12 months.

“We are grateful to voters for approving the County’s SPLOST programs, which make it possible for us to replace this older library and make it part of the city’s ongoing downtown redevelopment,” said District 1 Commissioner Jace Brooks. “I also appreciate our partnership with the city of Duluth in making this project a reality. This is another example of what can be achieved when the County and the cities collaborate to benefit our residents.”

The library branch is moving from 3480 Duluth Park Lane to 3215 Main Street, Duluth. The new location allows convenient access to Buford Highway. The County is funding the design and construction with revenue from the 2014 and 2016 SPLOST programs.

The city of Duluth provided 1.9 acres of land for the site while the County added about a half-acre. The County is building and furnishing the structure while Duluth is providing offsite stormwater detention and streetscape improvements. Lord Aeck Sargent, a Katerra Company, designed the library branch to meet LEED certification through the U.S. Green Building Council.

The single-story, 22,000-square-foot space will be twice the size of the existing branch, with areas for children, teens and adults, a multi-purpose meeting room, maker spaces and study rooms.

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