



# Gwinnett County Government Communications Division NEWS RELEASE

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## **GWINNETT'S NEW DULUTH BRANCH LIBRARY MOVES FORWARD**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Jan. 5, 2016) – Gwinnett County commissioners approved an agreement with the city of Duluth to locate a planned replacement branch library within the downtown area of Duluth.

At 22,000 square feet, the new facility will be twice the size of the existing Gwinnett County Public Library System branch at 3480 Duluth Park Lane. District 1 Commissioner Jace Brooks said, "This agreement spells out the responsibilities of both parties as we begin the planning process. It's a great example of local governments working together effectively, and I would especially like to thank the city and County staff members who were involved in developing the agreement."

The city of Duluth will provide 1.851 acres of land and vehicular access from Buford Highway and the County agreed to acquire a little less than half an acre for the project as well as design and construct the replacement facility. The city will also be responsible for offsite stormwater detention plus building and maintaining streetscape improvements.

Duluth Mayor Nancy Harris said, "Having a library is exactly the type of amenity we want to add to downtown Duluth. With the addition of residential housing, having a library makes historic downtown Duluth even more desirable for all ages."

Gwinnett Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash said, "Once again, SPLOST dollars designated for libraries are improving our community and our quality of life for everyone who lives in Gwinnett County. I am grateful to voters for approving the sales tax program."

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