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### **RESIDENTS CELEBRATE NEW LIBRARY IN GRAYSON**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Oct. 28, 2006) – Officials gathered today for the grand opening of the new Grayson Branch Library. The new library is located near downtown Grayson at 700 Grayson Parkway.

The Grayson branch brings the county's total to 14 branch libraries. "Expansion of the library system is a focus of two voter-approved SPLOST programs," said Commission Chairman Charles Bannister. Construction of the Grayson branch, built by Ricks Construction Inc., was funded by the 2005 SPLOST. A new branch in Dacula opened last April.

"I am pleased that I have the opportunity to make sure that Grayson has their long awaited library. The growth in the Grayson area continues and the need is there," said Bannister.

Library Manager Kerry Montz said, "The 20,000 square-foot library is stocked with approximately 65,000 new books, read-along children's books on CD and other items." Patrons also have access to the entire library system via courier. The Grayson library features 23 public computers with Internet access. Story time for children will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. More information on upcoming programs at all library branches is available online at [www.gwinnettpl.org](http://www.gwinnettpl.org).

"Residents in the growing City of Grayson have wanted and worked for a library for many years," said District 3 Commissioner Mike Beaudreau. "Countless citizens and hundreds of school children wrote letters of support to library board members and commission members to build a library in Grayson."

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“The Grayson community has been watching for several months how the building has come to life from the outside. Now they are finally be able to see what we have to offer on the inside,” said Nancy Stanbery-Kellam, Interim Executive Director of the Gwinnett County Public Library.

Patrons of the Gwinnett County Public Library check out more than six million items a year, which is about one book every two seconds or 29.3 books per minute. All branches are open Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Friday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. Virtualville, the online branch, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The library sees about four million visitors each year at local branches and about two million online.

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