

Gwinnett County Government NEWS RELEASE

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GWINNETT COUNTY OPENS FIRST “GREEN” LIBRARY

(Lawrenceville, Ga., May 7, 2010) – Gwinnett officials will celebrate the opening of the County's 15th library branch and first green library on Saturday, May 8 at 1p.m. The new Hamilton Mill Branch Library is located at 3690 Braselton Highway, adjacent to the new Duncan Creek Park in Dacula. The grand opening celebration is free and open to the public. Speakers include Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charles Bannister, District 3 Commissioner Mike Beaudreau and State Librarian Dr. Lamar Veatch from the Georgia Public Library Service.

Located on a five-acre site, the library was built to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification standards to achieve better energy efficiency and lifecycle costing. Chairman Bannister said, “This library represents Gwinnett’s commitment to education and our desire to reduce our carbon footprint on the environment, as many other feet of all sizes will visit the library for decades to come.”

Precision Planning, Inc., the architects for this project, designed the 20,000-square-foot building with an "Art in Architecture" component that consists of specially-designed window glass depicting themes of water, earth, sun and the use of language designed by Atlanta artist and sculptor Maria Artemis. Project contractor Garrard Construction completed the library's construction last winter. Commissioner Beaudreau said, “This great new library is a welcome addition to the growing Hamilton Mill area. As always, we are grateful to the Gwinnett residents for supporting the SPLOST program that makes projects like this library possible.”

The \$7.4-million project was funded by the 2005 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and a \$2-million capital outlay grant from the State of Georgia.

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