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Dallas Public Library to open 25th branch April 14

Grauwyler Park Branch Library is fulfillment of neighborhood advocate's dream

DALLAS, TX – Grauwyler Park Branch Library will open to the community on April 14, thanks in large part to the efforts of long-time community activist Jeanette Lee. The new branch, the city's 25th, officially opens its doors at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14 at 2146 Gilford St.

“Jeanette Lee passed away in 2005, months before ground was broken for this facility, but this library was her dream,” said Laurie Evans, director of libraries. “She saw the need for this community to have a library, and she worked tirelessly to make it happen.”

The 12,500 square-foot library, located next to Grauwyler Park and the Grauwyler Park Recreation Center, will have 40,000 items, 15 public computers, plus an additional 10 wireless laptops, and 62 parking spaces. Other features include:

- A large meeting room with a kitchen and state-of-the-art sound system
- A Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS) Silver Certified building, which includes energy efficient lighting, air conditioning and heating, organic landscape materials, excellent in-door air quality (by use of environmentally friendly materials) and use of local building materials.
- Security cameras and monitors
- A drive-up book and video return
- A self-service check-out station
- An outdoor reading/gathering area that serves as a gateway between the park, library and neighborhood, and a jogging trail

Tours of the library, refreshments and entertainment will be provided throughout the day, following the ceremony. Dallas City Councilwoman Pauline Medrano, former City Councilman John Loza, City Manager Mary K. Suhm and Director of Libraries Laurie Evans will be featured speakers at the opening.

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