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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 for business 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, but this library is her legacy,” 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 computers, plus an additional 10 wireless laptops, and 62 parking spaces. Other features include:

- Large meeting room with a 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
- Drive-up book return
- Self-service check-out station;
- Outdoor reading/gathering area that serves as a gateway between the park, library and neighborhood

Tours of the library, refreshments and entertainment will be provided after the ceremony. Dallas City Councilwoman Pauline Medrano, City Manager Mary K. Suhm and Director of Libraries Laurie Evans will be featured speakers at the opening.

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