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Welcome to the Newburg Library

Grand Opening Celebration set for Saturday, August 15

Louisville, Ky. (July 23, 2009) -- The dream of a library in Newburg becomes a reality in August. On Saturday, August 15 the Library will celebrate the grand opening of the brand new, state-of-the-art Newburg Library at 4800 Exeter Avenue. "When I first came to Newburg in elementary school, my school teachers were telling us about a library we were going to have," says Gloria Allen, president of the Newburg Friends of the Library. "I'm an old lady now, but this day has finally come."

The Newburg Library is the first new public library to open in Louisville in 13 years. The new 8300 square foot library is education driven. With two middle schools and three elementary schools nearby, the focus is on study space, books and computers to help children and teens succeed in school. It is outfitted with the latest technology for computers, internet access and media production. The children's area will be large enough to accommodate plenty of books and kids - and grandparents reading to kids. A teen area, study tables, study room, and space for tutoring will ensure that young people are encouraged to do their homework. "My students can't wait to hang out there after school," says Shannon Wilson, librarian for Newburg Middle School. "The Newburg Library is going to be a great resource for the neighborhood and the school community. This is just another example of how libraries connect people!"

The Newburg Library is for everyone. With more than 30 touch screen computers available for adults, teens, and children, a comfortable corner to sit quietly and read, and a versatile multi-purpose room, the library is ready to serve individuals and groups alike. Newburg neighborhood organizations have already expressed interest in having their regular meetings in the space - truly making the library a community gathering place.

Building this library has also been a community effort. The Library Foundation has contributed a half-million dollars to Newburg, providing furniture, books and technology. In addition, Newburg residents and Friends groups from across Louisville have donated time, money, and books to making this branch a reality.

Come celebrate our Grand Opening with other members of the community on Saturday, August 15, at 11 a.m. There will be tours of the library and technology demonstrations hosted by area students, refreshments, and fun activities for the whole family. The first 250 people over 12 years old will receive USB thumbdrives complete with a downloaded history of Newburg, courtesy of the Library Foundation. The Grand Opening Celebration is free and open to the public. For more information please visit our website, www.lfpl.org.

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