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City to break ground Aug. 16 for Pleasant Grove replacement branch;

The new branch library will house a 75,000-volume collection of books and media.

Dallas, TX – Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 for the new Pleasant Grove Replacement Branch Library, at 7310 Lake June Road. The 19,500 square-foot library will replace the Pleasant Grove Branch at 1125 S. Buckner Blvd., which has been in operation since 1961.

The new branch library will be Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, with energy efficient lighting, air conditioning and heating and organic landscape materials. Other features will include a black box theater/public meeting space, classrooms, a 75,000 volume collection of books and media, 25 public computers, 10 laptops, wireless internet access and self-checkout stations.

Dallas City Councilmember Vonciel Hill, City Manager Mary K. Suhm, Director of Libraries Laurie Evans and Municipal Library Board Chair Suzanne Charriere will speak at the groundbreaking ceremony. The new library is expected to open in winter 2009.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., and 25 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, visit: www.dallaslibrary.org.

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