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## City to break ground Saturday for Prairie Creek Branch Library

*The City hopes to achieve a Platinum Level LEED designation for the new facility*

**DALLAS, TX** – Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 for the new Prairie Creek Branch Library at 9609 Lake June Road. The 18,000 square-foot library will be built to house a 75,000-volume collection of books and media.

Prairie Creek will be constructed with the goal of achieving a Platinum level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, the highest rating given by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Hampton-Illinois and Timberglen Branch Libraries have achieved Gold LEED status, and the Lochwood and Bachman Lake branches are working towards Gold status. The Grauwylers Branch Library is Silver LEED rated.

“Over the next 12 months, architecture, design and construction teams will be incorporating sustainable systems we are hopeful will help us achieve a Platinum Level LEED rating,” said Director of Libraries Laurie Evans. “At the present time, there are no Platinum Level City of Dallas buildings, and we would love for Prairie Creek to be the first.” Architecture and design of the new branch library was done by dsgn associates; the general contractor is Turner Construction, both located in Dallas.

The new library will have 100 parking spaces; a public meeting space; a Teen Center and Children’s Center; 25 computers and 15 laptops; wireless internet access, two self-checkout stations; drive up access for book and media returns; and an outdoor learning area for children’s nature study.

Dallas City Council Member Vonciel Jones-Hill, Assistant City Manager Forest Turner, Director of Libraries Laurie Evans and Municipal Library Board Chair Suzanne Charriere will speak at the groundbreaking ceremony.

For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, visit: [www.dallaslibrary.org](http://www.dallaslibrary.org). The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., 25 branch locations, Bookmarks in NorthPark Center and two Bookmobiles. A library card is free for any Dallas resident.

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