Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Breaks Ground on New Metropolitan Library

Atlanta – The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System will break ground on the new Metropolitan Library Wednesday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m.

The new 25,000-square-foot library is part of Phase I of the Library Building Program, currently underway. The library will be located at 1332 Metropolitan Parkway, Atlanta 30310.

Smith Dalia Architects in association with Craig Gaulden Davis and Ai3, is contracted with Fulton County to provide design and engineering services for the new library. Winter Johnson Group, a Joint Venture, is contracted with Fulton County to provide construction management, and Heery/Russell is the program management team.

The grand opening of the new Metropolitan Library is expected in the 3rd quarter of 2015. This library will replace service at the Stewart-Lakewood Branch.

In November 2008, Fulton County voters overwhelmingly passed the Library Bond Referendum. The plan will greatly enhance all of the county’s libraries, and includes:

8 New Branch Libraries: Alpharetta, East Roswell, Metropolitan, Milton, Northwest Atlanta, Palmetto, Southeast Atlanta and Wolf Creek.

Two expansion projects: Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History and the South Fulton Library.

Green building design and sustainability are priorities for these library building projects, and the Library System expects to achieve LEED Silver on all of the Phase I projects. Each library will reflect the culture and interests of its community.

For more information please call 404-730-1972 or email laura.wright@fultoncountyga.gov. You can also stay up-to-date on the Library Building Program by visiting www.afpls.org.

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