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RICHLAND LIBRARY EDGEWOOD OFFICIALLY OPENS

Community Invited to Check out New Library Location

Columbia, SC- After nearly one year of construction, Richland Library has added a new location to the Edgewood community. On Saturday, December 15, staff held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and invited the community to take a look at the state-of-the-art facility, which **transformed from an Old Dollar General into a new library.**

The nearly **7,500 square-foot structure, located at 2101 Oak Street,** offers customers the following, enhanced spaces:

- **ORAL HISTORY RECORDING ROOM:** Use your voice to help capture the history of our community. Ask a staff member to get started.
- **MAKERSPACE:** Tinker, experiment and create with tools in both guided and open-lab sessions.
- **MEETING SPACES:** Learn, create and share in flexible spaces that support community collaboration, small group discussions and more.
- **CHILDREN'S AREA:** Inspire lifelong learning, get your kids ready for kindergarten or build reading muscles in our new Children's Area. Explore our cozy story room and tinkering space.
- **COURTYARD:** Step outside and enjoy the fresh air without leaving the library.



In addition, one percent of the construction budget went toward a one-of-a-kind, community-driven **public art piece by Ayako Abe-Miller. Titled *Treasure*, it includes seven panels, depicting members of the community as silhouettes.**

When Abe-Miller spoke with local residents, they continued to reply, "Edgewood's greatest treasure is its people."

The upgrades are part of the more than \$2 million project that was planned for the Edgewood location. It was made possible, thanks to funding from Richland County Council, the sale of the former Richland Library Sandhills building and a fundraising campaign by the Richland Library Friends and Foundation.

To check out the latest building updates and project renderings at any of our library locations, visit buildingyourlibrary.com.

For additional pictures, [click here](#), and for questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email estoll@richlandlibrary.com.

About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 12 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.

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