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RICHLAND LIBRARY SOUTHEAST REOPENS WITH NEW LOOK

Completion Marks Final Project under \$59 Million Bond Referendum

Columbia, SC- After nearly 18 months of construction, **Richland Library is reopening the doors to its Southeast location on Friday, April 12** and inviting the community to take a look at the newly-designed facility.

The roughly **19,000 square-foot structure**, located at 7421 Garners Ferry Road, offers customers enhanced spaces, such as:

- **CHILDREN'S AREA:** Inspire lifelong learning, get your kids ready for kindergarten or build reading muscles in our new Children's Area.
- **TEEN GAMING LAB:** Test out the latest consoles, join a gaming tournament or challenge your friends to a tabletop game. It's perfect for beginners and seasoned pros.
- **MAKERSPACE:** Tinker, experiment and create with tools in both guided and open lab sessions. We can't wait to show you our new high-resolution photo scanning station, sewing machines, DIYSTEAM projects and more.
- **MEETING SPACES:** Learn, create and share in flexible spaces that support community collaboration, group discussions and more.



access freely.

- **MULTISENSORY ROOM:** Reserve this space to calm your mind and body. Let the adjustable lighting, bubble tubes, weighted blankets, manipulatives and more create a soothing, sensory experience.

Customers can also enjoy a more than 7,000 square-foot Courtyard. The outdoor space is the perfect spot to sit and read a book, access WiFi or enjoy a program.

In addition, one percent of the construction budget went toward a one-of-a-kind, community-driven **public art piece by Jerome Meadows**. He **created three figures - two adults and one child - who are faceless, representing diversity in the community**, and Meadows worked with local residents to incorporate meaningful text, including the Sweet Potato Festival, Congaree National Park and the Harriett Barber House.

The upgrades are part of the **more than \$5 million project** that was planned for the Southeast location. **It marks the final project**, made possible by Richland County residents with the passage **of a \$59 million bond referendum** back in 2013.

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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