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**Library Creates Building Fund**

**WHAT: Building Fund created**

**WHO: in memory of Iris Rose Duncan**

**WHEN: November 20, 2008**

**WHERE: Wicomico Public Library, Main Library**

**SALISBURY, MD – November 20, 2008** – Wicomico Public Library announces the creation of the Iris Rose Duncan Memorial Building Fund, which will be used along with other donations to help create a new Main Library. Mrs. Duncan was a long time user of the Library, and her generous bequest totaled near \$25,000.

“The citizens of Wicomico County need a 21<sup>st</sup> Century library, in order to benefit from the unique combination of support for lifelong learning, community development and enrichment that a modern public library provides,” says Tom Hehman, Director of Wicomico Public Library. “With a great emphasis on cost benefit analysis, we’ll have the best Library possible, based on functionality. Given the modest projected growth of the Library’s branch system, this will be the Library’s primary facility for the foreseeable future.”

The next step in the process is site selection, to follow up on the recommendations of the feasibility study. Grimm + Parker architects will continue working with the Library and will begin work on site selection in the New Year.

Wicomico Public Library has its main facility in downtown Salisbury and two small branches in the Centre at Salisbury and Pittsville, a computer access station in Bivalve, and a bookmobile. In fiscal year 2008, patrons visited the Main Library over 370,000 times, up from 340,000 the previous year. The library offers free Internet access, a variety of classes and events, as well as materials for loan including popular music CDs and popular DVD titles. Computer use, classes and events are free and open to the public.

Wicomico Public Library: Supporting Learning, Building Community, Enriching Lives!

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