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**Pittsville Branch is on the Move**

**WHAT: new Portable Modular Unit arriving**

**WHO: everyone**

**WHEN: Saturday, November 22, 2008**

**WHERE: Pittsville Branch of the Wicomico Public Library**

**SALISBURY, MD – November 19, 2008** – Weather permitting, the new and future home of the Pittsville Branch will be installed over the weekend of November 22 and 23 in the form of a modular housing unit in front of the Pittsville Elementary and Middle School on Old Ocean City Road in Pittsville. The current facility will remain open through late November.

The current branch, located in a construction trailer at the rear of the school, has clearly demonstrated that the community and the school value the library service. Since the branch opened in January 2006, nearly 10,000 books have been checked out, 1,879 people have participated in various events, 118 adults have taken free computer classes, and the computers have been used 13,000 times. Based on the number of people using the branch and the needs of the school, the branch is being relocated to a larger portable unit to be placed in front of the school (near the tennis courts). This will provide nearly twice as much space, be far more visible to the public, and will be a more functional and attractive building.

The new branch will provide needed space for materials, a reading area, display space for children's books and a separate meeting area for events and programs

This move represents the growth of a valuable partnership among the library, the Board of Education, the Town of Pittsville, and Wicomico County to find a way to bring library service to the Pittsville area.

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. 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.

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