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New Pittsville Branch Grand Opening

WHAT: Pittsville Branch – new location

WHO: everyone

WHEN: Tuesday, June 30th at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: In front of Pittsville Elementary/Middle School

SALISBURY, MD – June 15, 2009 – A grand opening and dedication will be held at the new Pittsville Branch of the Wicomico Public Library on Tuesday, June 30th at 10:30 a.m. The new branch is in front of Pittsville Elementary/Middle School on Old Ocean City Road in Pittsville.

The old branch, located in a construction trailer at the rear of the school, has been closed to move materials to the new location.

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 the new, larger portable unit 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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