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## **Library Breaks Ground for New Branch in West Delray**

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Commissioner Burt Aaronson will officiate at groundbreaking ceremonies for the Palm Beach County Library System's new Hagen Ranch Road Branch Library on January 10 at 10:00 a.m. The new building will have more than double the space of the existing branch on West Atlantic Avenue, destined to become a Sheriff's substation. The groundbreaking will take place immediately behind Fire-Rescue Station #42, 14276 Hagen Ranch Road, in west Delray.

The new branch will feature the latest in technology including over 60 Internet and word processing computers, laptop computers for training and free wireless access throughout the building.

A meeting room seating up to 225 and two smaller rooms will be available for increased programming for adults and children, and for use by community organizations. Five new study rooms will add to the quiet space available for reading and research.

The abundance of natural lighting, scenic water views, lofty ceilings and spacious, comfortable seating areas throughout the building will be welcomed by patrons of the current branch which opened in 1982 in a renovated sales office for model homes.

Designed for accessibility, the Hagen Ranch Road Branch will feature a drive-up materials return, a covered walkway leading to the entrance and wider aisles with lower shelves for easier retrieval of items. Shelving has been planned to allow the collection of books, CDs, DVDs and other library materials to expand from 82,000 to 150,000 items.

The library was designed by PGAL, and will be built by The Weitz Company. It is expected to open in early 2008.

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