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**Press Release**

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**Lease Signed and \$750,000 Fundraising Goal Reached for  
New, Expanded Bond Hill/Roselawn Branch Library**

Charles D. Lindberg, President of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, today announced that the two major contingencies holding up the planned new, expanded and combined Bond Hill/Roselawn Branch Library have been met. With the signing of a lease and successful completion of fundraising to cover the costs of finishing the new facility, the project will now proceed.

The Library has signed a ten-year lease with the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) for a 12,000 square-foot space in its building anchoring Jordan Crossing, formerly Swifton Commons. "As the CAA oversees programs for economic development and youth services, this is an ideal match for the library facility to reach CAA's participants as well as students from nearby schools," said CAA President/CEO Gwen L. Robinson.

"The Library is delighted to be working with the Community Action Agency on making this project a reality," said the Library's Executive Director Kimber L. Fender. "After years of serving the Bond Hill and Roselawn neighborhoods in two small, out-dated facilities, the merged branch will bring significantly improved library services to both communities."

Major funding to cover the \$750,000 cost to finish the space has been provided by a lead gift of \$100,000 from Carl H. Lindner, a \$100,000 Jacob Schmidlapp Trust challenge grant from Fifth Third Bank, and a \$150,000 allowance from the CAA for building out the space. Additional funding was provided by a bequest in excess of \$100,000 from Norma Holt, \$25,000 grants from both the Farmer Family Foundation and an anonymous foundation, and gifts received from the Library Foundation's Annual Fund.

K4 Architects have completed design work for the facility and bids are currently out for construction. The new Bond Hill Branch project is on schedule for completion in August 2007.

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Photo caption: The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has signed a ten-year lease with the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) for a 12,000 square-foot space in its building anchoring Jordan Crossing to house a new, expanded Bond Hill/Roselawn Branch Library. Pictured in the future branch library space are, from left to right, Library Board President Charles D. Lindberg, Library Executive Director Kimber L. Fender, CAA President/CEO Gwen L. Robinson, and CAA Board President Mark B. Lawson.