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Many "Firsts" Associated with the Project

Grand Opening, Grand Turnout! Hundreds Attend Opening of New Bond Hill Branch Library



Photo caption: Cutting the ribbon for the new Bond Hill Branch were, from left to right: Library Board members President Charles Lindberg, Board Vice President Deliaan Gettler, Tara Khoury and William Moran, CAA Board Chairman Mark Lawson, CAA President/CEO Gwen Robinson, Library Executive Director Kim Fender, Library Board member Robert Hendon, Ohio Senator Eric Kearney, State Representative Steve Driehaus, Congressman Steve Chabot, Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory, Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper, and Cincinnati City Councilman Chris Bortz. Children from the Head Start program and the Bond Hill/Roselawn neighborhood accompanied them.

After years of planning and struggling for funding to merge the Roselawn and Bond Hill branches into one expanded facility in a central location, the new Bond Hill Branch Library opened to the public on August 9. Hundreds attended the ribbon cutting emceed by Public Library Board President Charles Lindberg. Distinguished guests included Congressman Steve Chabot, State Senator Eric Kearney, State Representative Steve Driehaus, Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper, and Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory. In his remarks, Mr. Lindberg commented on the many "firsts" associated with this project.

- Most notable among these "firsts" is that the new Bond Hill Branch Library is the result of a unique partnership of a public library and a community action agency. In fact, it is the first collaboration of its kind-in the county, in the state, and in the entire nation. This innovative arrangement between the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County and the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency promises to bring a whole new level of service to the urban community.
- It was the ribbon cutting of the Public Library's first new branch to open in nearly 6 years.
- It is the first library facility paid for completely with donated funds.
- It is the most technologically advanced facility—not only of all 40 of our branch libraries, but also of the Main Library.
- At 12,000 square feet it is the largest branch within the City of Cincinnati and also offers the largest number of computers, 27, of any branch within the City of Cincinnati. It also offers word processing and self -service check out, two more "firsts" for the Library's system.

On the corner of Reading and Langdon Farm roads, the branch is conveniently located in the same building as the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (at 1740 Langdon Farm Road in Jordan Crossing, which borders Roselawn and Bond Hill). The branch is open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is closed on Sundays. The branch phone number is (513) 369-4445.