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HOGAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP HOLDS A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

New Newton County LEED Library Highlights Sustainable Features

NORCROSS, GA — After a “soft opening” on January 11, 2011, Porter Memorial Library was ready to get started providing services and resources to the Newton County community. With over 350 in attendance, the library’s open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on January 23, 2011, and the community met the new facility with tremendous support and excitement.

Located on Highway 212 in Covington, the new 19,200 SF Porter Memorial Library features an abundance of natural light, an open layout, separate children, teen, and adult reading and computer areas, a 60-seat meeting room, 6 private study rooms, a quiet room, and a public service desk with self-checkout. Behind the scenes is a large open general work room to promote collaboration. For the operations of the library, Hogan also built storage rooms, a conference room, offices, and a breakroom.

Library Branch Manager, Brenda Poku, was excited to see and share the finished branch with the community. “Everything has been building toward this moment for so many people. It was a beautiful day for our community – everyone seemed overwhelmed with the aesthetics. Now it’s time to be a positive resource in our community. We are excited to get started and will begin our custom adult, teen, and children programs March 1. It was such a treat to invite the community to a behind-the-scenes tour of the library; the community appreciated seeing the process of what we do.”

The opening was attended by supporters of the effort to bring the first LEED certified facility to Covington including the county’s Board of Commissioners, the Library Board of Trustees, State Librarian of Georgia Dr. Lamar Veatch, Craig Gaulden Davis Architects, and Hogan Construction Group. Ever mindful of sustainability, even the scissors purchased for the ribbon cutting ceremony will be a permanent resource for the children’s department.

Hogan’s Project Manager, Lisa Tatum said, “Hogan is delighted to see this new library met with such excitement and warmth. We are proud to have been a part of creating this beautiful, energy efficient facility and appreciate the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Newton County. A library can have a powerfully positive influence in its area and Hogan is always excited to be a part of enriching our community.”

Working with Craig, Gaulden Davis Architects, Hogan Construction Group provided construction management services for the library. Sustainable features to achieve a LEED Gold certification include a 20,000 gallon tank and rainwater collection system for irrigation and non-potable water in library restrooms. The design also features expansive windows for abundant natural lighting, automatic light sensors and timers, sun shades, light shelves and locally-manufactured materials.

About Hogan Construction Group, LLC — Hogan Construction Group, LLC was founded in 1998 to provide general contracting, construction management, and design-build services for a wide variety of clients throughout the Southeast. Headquartered in Norcross, Georgia, Hogan Construction Group maintains full-service offices in Greenville, South Carolina and Crestview, Florida. Major market segments include: library, municipal, K-12, higher-education, institutional, corporate, and healthcare.

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