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Lake-Sumter Community College To Dedicate South Lake Campus Library on September 25



LEESBURG (September 11, 2009) - Though it opened for business on August 17 to an enthusiastic steady stream of customers, the \$14.3 million, 50,000 square foot Cooper Memorial Library at the Lake-Sumter Community College South Lake Campus will hold its formal Dedication Ceremony on September 25 at 9 a.m. Instead of the traditional ribbon cutting, the event will begin with a brief reenactment of the library book brigade. This passing of inventory along a line of participants was the way staff and patrons of the original Cooper Memorial Library moved the books from its Desoto Street location to the more recent Montrose Street site in downtown Clermont. The public is cordially invited to attend the brief program, followed by light refreshments and self-guided tours of the new building. The library's staff will be accessible in each area to answer questions.

The Cooper Memorial Library is a rare three-way financial partnership between Lake-Sumter Community College, the University of Central Florida and the Lake County Board of County Commissioners. This symbiotic relationship provided the opportunity for the two schools and the county's library system to construct the much-needed facility, which is not only the busiest, but also the largest library in the county. Add to this investment formula, the access to state matching funds and the dedicated efforts of volunteer members of the Friends of the Cooper Memorial Library and the Cooper Memorial Library Association and the project became a win-win situation for the entire community.

The facility's unique architectural design is not the only contribution to the South Lake County region. With a collection of 75,000 books, magazines, newspapers and movies; 125 computers with wireless Internet access; technology lab, meeting room, bookstore, law library, children's section, teen area; and the Dupée Café, the Cooper Memorial Library will be a resource for students and residents alike for decades to come.

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