

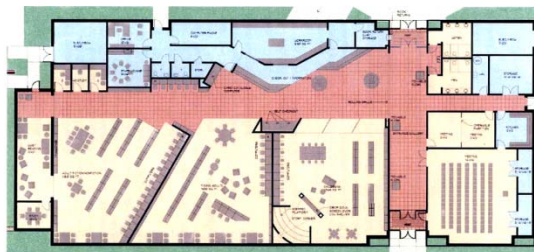
## Our Proud Past

First called the Fourth Avenue Library, the new “colored” library branch opened on January 5, 1953. After over 30 years of dedicated service and love, the branch was renamed to honor Mildred L. Terry, its first librarian. Upon its opening, Library Director John Banister reported to the Board that “the children were the first to arrive...Many returned with their parents.” In the first 26 days of opening, more than 1,000 African Americans applied for library cards and borrowed more than 3,500 books.

A notation in the South District minutes in 1953 reported: “The library for colored is now in complete operation with 15,000 books and many being added. The attendance has been excellent and has exceeded all expectations.”

The 2007 number of items borrowed from the Mildred L. Terry Public Library was over 73,000, and the total number of library cardholders as of October, 2008 is 9,415.

## Proposed Mildred L. Terry Branch Library



## Mildred L. Terry Public Library Capital Campaign

*“A person only had to stand and watch bright-eyed youngsters, high school students, and many adults thumbing through the various books on the shelves to realize how much the branch was needed.”*

*.....Mildred L. Terry*

*Groundbreaking today means that you have preserved and are now passing on the torch, lit by Mrs. Terry, and protected by all of you through the years, to a new generation. Groundbreaking today means that Mildred Terry Library WILL NOT BE A FOOTNOTE in local history, but will continue to be a vital part of Uptown Columbus and the Valley.”*

Silvia Bunn, Branch Manager  
Mildred L. Terry Public Library  
Groundbreaking Ceremony, June 12, 2008



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**Your contribution to the capital campaign will “help write the next chapter” for the Mildred L. Terry Public Library!**





## *Where will the Funding Come From?*

A total of \$4.7 million will be needed to replace the 56 year-old Mildred L. Terry Public Library. The Muscogee County School District's 2003 SPLOST provided for \$2.5 million towards the much needed new construction. The remaining \$2.2 million will be raised from private donations and grant opportunities.

As of September 1, 2008, an additional \$243,000 has already been raised thanks to the generosity of The Synovus Foundation (\$200,000), Friends of Muscogee County Libraries (\$25,000) and many, many smaller gifts.

Groundbreaking for the new Mildred L. Terry Public Library took place on June 12, 2008. It was evident by the number in attendance that this is not only a long overdue project, but one that is close to the hearts of the citizens of Columbus. The building is expected to be completed in May 2009.

The Capital Campaign is seeking funds from grants and pledges from private citizens, businesses/corporations and foundations.

## *Who's overseeing the campaign?*

The Muscogee County Library Foundation is a non-profit organization per 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which make all donations fully tax deductible.

### **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Muscogee County Library  
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## *Our Promising Future*

- ◆ A 16,000 square foot building fully, four times the size of the existing building.
- ◆ A children's library with dedicated and greatly expanded space for activities, crafts and story hours.
- ◆ Capacity for 50 computers (double the current capacity) and complete Wi-Fi capability.
- ◆ An area suited to young adults/teens where they can study, work on homework projects, read, or use the computers.
- ◆ Expanded parking for 80 cars (current parking for 12 cars).
- ◆ Multiple meeting rooms including one that seats up to 100 people.
- ◆ Quiet reading areas for patrons to conduct research and tutoring.

