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### **Sneak Peak at Renovated Whiteford Branch**

Donors to the Whiteford Branch Campaign attended a special reception on Monday, January 4 at the newly renovated Whiteford Branch giving them an opportunity to celebrate their success with Library staff and members of the Board of Trustees.

"I would have never dreamed we would have something like this in North Harford," exclaimed North Harford Friends President, Sara Robinson. "This library adds to the quality of life for the residents of North Harford, and the Friends group is very proud of its accomplishments in helping to make this expanded branch a reality," further stated Mrs. Robinson. The North Harford Friends donated \$25,000 to the Whiteford Branch campaign.

The Whiteford Branch Campaign, a collaboration between the North Harford Friends and the HCPL Foundation, had a goal to raise \$50,000. Funds were raised from local businesses, philanthropic leaders and area families. The campaign ran from April 2008 through December 2009 and with the community's support raised \$69,000. Major donors of the campaign included the North Harford Friends, Exelon Corporation, Klein's Family Foundation and the HCPL Foundation Board of Directors. The funds were donated to the Library to purchase materials, enhance the teen room and build an interactive play space for children.

Richard Kinard, HCPL Foundation Board and Library Board of Trustees member commented on the success of the campaign. "This is a perfect example of what the community, Library system and government can do working together with a common goal. This is a perfect result."

Sentiments of the success of the Whiteford Branch campaign were equally shared by Audra Caplan, Library Director. "We are so grateful for the many contributors to the Whiteford campaign. This branch is truly a community center for the area and thank you to all that made this possible."

The new building has increased in size to 13,278 sq. ft; a capacity to hold 70,000 items in the collection; 24 public access computers; meeting room with a 120 person capacity; teen room including a flat screen television with gaming system; children's area with an interactive play space; and local history room.

In response to being asked how she felt about the campaign and the support of the many donors throughout the community Terry Troy, Vice President, HCPL Foundation Board stated, "We are all very excited to be here today, to share in the wonderful success of the campaign and expansion of this branch. It is a new decade and a new beginning for North Harford!"

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 200,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of almost 5,000,000. Harford County Public Library is committed to providing access, service and information to the citizens of Harford County anytime, anywhere and creating an environment that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading.

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501© 3 charitable organization established to raise funds to augment the financial resources of the Library and to promote awareness of library services. For more information call 410 273 5601 x 2283.

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*Photo caption #1: Harford County Public Library Foundation presents check to the Library in the amount of \$69,000 for the Whiteford Branch Expansion during a special donor reception on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Pictured from left to right: Audra Caplan, Library Director; Vanessa Milio, HCPL Foundation Director; Sara Robinson, North Harford Friends President; Bill Nicodemus, Library Board of Trustees; Kathy Wajer, HCPL Foundation Board Secretary; Chad Shrodes, County Council and new born daughter, Madelyn Grace; Richard Kinard, HCPL Foundation Board & Library Board of Trustees; Heidi Richardson, Branch Manager; Terry Troy, HCPL Foundation Board Vice President.*