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## **Mayor Holds Dedication Ceremony for Pablo Creek Regional Branch Library**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Oct. 27, 2004**—Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton dedicated the new Pablo Creek Regional Branch Library today with a ceremony during which he awarded "keys to the library" to students from Chets Creek Elementary School.

"This is thriving community has experienced tremendous growth over the last few years and will only continue to do so for some time," said Peyton. "The new facility will provide all of our citizens with the keys to reading, learning and literacy."

The 40,000-square-foot library will feature almost 62,000 books and other library materials, and will have a teen area and children's puppet theatre. The public will have access to 72 computers, a 14-person conference room, and private group study and tutoring rooms.

"Our community has looked forward to this day for some time," said City Council Member Jerry Holland. "This library will reach the lives of so many people, from helping in early literacy to a place where our seniors can meet with other seniors. It will truly be our 'Town Center.'"

Located on Beach Boulevard North between Kernan Boulevard and Hodges Boulevard, the \$10 million project opened to the public on October 23. The Pablo Creek Regional Branch Library is one of the six new branch libraries funded by the voter-approved Better Jacksonville Plan. The Better Jacksonville Plan also includes 12 renovations of existing library branches and a new 300,000-square-foot Main Library.

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