



Project of the Month: Gallina Development Corporation completes construction on 24,384 s/f Gates Public Library at 902 Elmgrove Road

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Until recently, the Gates Public Library was tucked into the corner of the Town Hall and had little visibility, timeworn technology, minimal shelf space and no sitting area. In June, 2011, the Library completed its relocation to its new home, a two-story facility constructed and owned by Gallina Development Corporation and located in Gallina Development's Elmgrove Crossings Retail Centre. With the addition of the Library at 902 Elmgrove Rd., and neighbors such as Unity Health Systems Total Sports Experience and the YMCA, this portion of Elmgrove Road is fast becoming known as the Town of Gates family-oriented corridor.

The Library's facility comprises a total of 24,384 s/f, or 12,192 s/f on each of the first and second floors. Features include increased collection space, private study rooms, vast amounts of seating space, drive-up book return, and improved electrical and data systems. In addition, rooms such as private offices, study rooms, bathrooms, conference room, kitchenette and the children's activity room all have sound deadening insulation in walls. Aesthetics such as a decorative maple feature wall in the main lobby and atrium, ceramic tile, and glass panels both in the atrium and up the decorative stairway allow for a seamless and panoramic flow of vision. A shared courtyard was also constructed for both library and nearby retail patrons to enjoy.

Building specifications include northeast and south exterior walls constructed with 12" masonry units, stained and sealed in a manner consistent with the retail buildings in the development, and a west elevation of a structural steel frame, steel stud walls, exterior gypsum sheeting and a brick veneer.

Decorative concrete sidewalks at the main entrance and rear entrance of the building were provided, along with concrete curbing to the front, side and rear. Interior specifications included the installation of a hydraulic passenger elevator with 2,500 lb. capacity with single door and stainless steel trim with interior finish panels matching millwork and ceramic tile floor matching building selections.

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