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**SALEM-PANOLA LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR
MAJOR EXPANSION**

DECATUR - The Salem-Panola branch of the DeKalb County Public Library will be closing its doors at 5 p.m. on **Saturday, April 18, 2009** for a major expansion project. When completed, the 18,000 square foot library will have 38 public access computers - including a computer lab, 53,000 books and other materials, designated areas for children and teens, a 100 seat meeting room, self checkout machines, and additional parking spots. The architectural firm of R.L. Brown and Associates, Inc. is designing the building, and C.D. Moody Construction will build the expansion project. The library is projected to reopen for service in mid-2010.

While this branch of the library is closed, customers are encouraged to visit these nearby libraries:

Lithonia-Davidson Library, 6821 Church Street; Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library, 2861 Wesley Chapel Road; Flat Shoals Library, 4022 Flat Shoals Parkway.

This expansion is one of twelve library construction projects that make up the DeKalb County 2006 Bond Program. For up-to-date information on this and other library construction projects, visit the library's website: <http://www.dekalblibrary.org/branches/new-libraries/>

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