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### MAYOR HOLDS DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Sept. 21, 2005**— Mayor John Peyton was joined by Councilman Daniel Davis today to dedicate the new West Regional Branch Library. During the ceremony, the mayor awarded library ambassador library cards to students from Whitehouse and Crystal Springs Elementary Schools.

"In the short time since opening on Aug. 27, this library has already served nearly 19,500 people," said Mayor Peyton. "This area of our community has grown tremendously in recent years and as responsible stewards, we have to ensure that city services, like libraries, keep up with that development. "

The 50,000-square-foot library features a popular library, adult section, teen section, children's area, a multi-purpose meeting room for 200 people, and an electronic classroom. The public will have access to 72 computers with Internet and e-mail access, as well as group study rooms.

In addition, the branch features a new work of art commissioned through the Cultural Council for *Art in Public Places*. Created by local artist Dana Chapman, "Pathway to Consciousness," is a ceramic wall relief of realistic, three-dimensional renderings of natural objects including "larger-than-life" pine cones, acorns, stones and seedlings.

"This is a wonderful facility," said Davis. "As my children learn to read, I'm sure I'll spend many Saturday mornings here on the porch in one of these rocking chairs reading to my kids."

Located on Chaffee Road between I-10 and Normandy Boulevard, the West Regional Branch Library is one of six new branch libraries built under the voter-approved Better Jacksonville Plan. The Better Jacksonville Plan also includes 12 branch library renovations and a new 300,000-square-foot Main Library.

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