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County Announces New Branch Library Planned for Westlake Area

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The Franklin County Board of Supervisors along with the Franklin County Library Board jointly announced Tuesday night that a new Branch Library, the County's first, will soon be located in the Westlake Towne Center, adjacent to the new Kroger and Westlake Cinemas. The 6716 sq. ft. facility will serve the Library needs of the residents who frequent this shopping and commercial area and is expected to offer a full range of Library services.

"We are excited to be able to expand our services to this busy area of the County that frequently uses Bedford County's Library system today," said Library Board Chair, Bill Mitchell. "The Board of Supervisors is pleased to be able to see this library become a reality at a place that already attracts many of our County's residents," added Board Chairman, Wayne Angell.

The new Branch Library will supplement the services of the new Central Library opened in downtown Rocky Mount in 2004 and will offer transfer of materials between the two facilities. It is expected to open by early January, 2008 after some minor renovation to the current commercial space.