

The Hickory Flat Public Library Grand Opening



The Hickory Flat Public Library Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting will be held on July 25 at 3 PM. Sequoyah Regional Library System invites all members of the community to join them at 2740 East Cherokee Drive as they open their doors for the first time to celebrate the official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the renovated Hickory Flat Public Library on July 25.

Following the 3 PM ribbon cutting ceremony there will be tours, refreshments, and an opportunity to sign up for library cards. An additional Summer Discovery Finale will be held at 4:30 PM with a fun puppet show with That Puppet Guy.

"We are looking forward and ready for the ribbon cutting, not just as a celebration for the opening but an opportunity to say thank you," says Angela Cortellino, Executive Director of SRLS. "This renovation and expansion of our library was possible because of community support, and the support of our local and state leaders. The project was funded by SPLOST and a state grant. The ribbon cutting is a celebration of all the things that made the project possible."

The Hickory Flat Renovation and Expansion Project officially began on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 with a celebratory groundbreaking featuring Sequoyah Regional Library System staff and board members turning the soil with Cherokee County officials and the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce.

"This library is all about people," says Cortellino. "We have a variety of spaces for groups of all sizes to gather and connect. Places for children to play and adults to discover. Places to learn and places to reflect. I think everyone will find something in this space to connect with."

The finished renovation of the Hickory Flat Public Library building, originally built in 1993, includes an addition of 7,800 square feet to the building. The building was designed by CAS Architecture and built by Hollandsworth Construction. With an expanded and renovated library facility, the Sequoyah Regional Library

System community will have more space for books and technology; larger areas for programs, meetings, collaboration, and creation; and additional seating for study and quiet reading.

"We are incredibly excited to feature our Third Space, a place where anyone can come and get work done, relax, or have a quick meeting," says Cortellino. "This space is meant to reflect a variety of needs, for everyone."

Hickory Flat Public Library Full Service Hours:

Monday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

To view the library system's full programming schedule and register for events, visit <https://bit.ly/Calendar-SRLS>. Please continue to visit our website, SequoyahRegionalLibrary.org, for updates and announcements about the project, as well as up-to-date service hours for the Hickory Flat Public Library.