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Newly renovated history room honors beloved Pulaski County Library patron and philanthropist, Dee Galbreath

Pulaski County, Indiana (June 28, 2021) – On the second anniversary of the death of beloved patron and philanthropist Delores “Dee” (Brown) Galbreath, Pulaski County Public Library announces the opening of a newly renovated local history room in her honor. Dee was a co-founder of Galbreath, Inc. and Galfab, Inc.

Made possible by a financial gift from Steve and Debbie Galbreath to the library, the new local history room pays homage to his mother in both design and meaning.

“The generous donation from the Galbreath family honors Steve’s late mother by incorporating many themes from Dee’s loving home,” stated MacKenzie Ledley, Executive Director of Pulaski County Public Library. “Working with an architect, we sought to recreate the comforting feeling of Dee’s home---especially those found in her living room and kitchen.”

Visitors to the local history room will first pass through a paned glass door that is a near replica of one of the home’s dining room doors. The room’s baseboard, ceiling, and trim are exact replicas of the home’s woodwork, and the study tables have been crafted based on the inlay pattern of the home’s doors.

A large colonial map and wallpaper from Colonial Williamsburg are prominently featured in Dee’s home and similarly introduced into the library after working with a cartographer at the Library of Congress to procure a map of the same era.

The wall covering in the local history room follows the same design idea but features reproductions from the Galbreath Family art collection of historic Winamac locations. These images represent the family’s deep affinity for their community and respect for its history.

Additional design elements include an engraved “G” in the fireplace. This is a symbolic nod to the Galbreath family’s contributions to the community over their lifetime.

“The Galbreath and Brown families were early settlers in Pulaski County and have been an integral part of its history and success,” added Ledley. “This makes the history room a perfect

place to house the library's extensive collection of genealogical holdings, including the Galbreath and Brown genealogies, along with over 4,500 items available to interested researchers."

In addition to the library's digital resources, the renovated space will also feature an updated microfilm reader and include genealogical items from the library's physical collection.

"We have genealogical items from different states, nearly every county in Indiana, and many local family histories. The library's collection is a multi-generational project and interests many genealogical researchers."

"Dee was an avid reader and a regular patron of the Pulaski County Public Library. She also had an extensive home library of her own," added Ledley. "Her nostalgic and generous spirit, not to mention her love for books, live on in this room, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to share this dedicated space with our community and library patrons."

Forthcoming additions to the room include window treatments and a built-in bookcase. "We are also working with the Galbreath Family Foundation to develop a space in the room to provide a rotating display of Dee's antique collection."

About Pulaski County Public Library

Pulaski County Public Library serves nine townships in Pulaski County, Indiana: Cass, Franklin, Harrison, Indian Creek, Jefferson, Monroe, Rich Grove, Van Buren, and White Post. The mission of the Pulaski County Public Library is to continually improve our service to the patrons of our library district. The Library seeks to enrich our patrons' lives educationally and recreationally by providing a collection of materials in a wide variety of formats. For more information visit our website at www.pulaskicounty.lib.in.us ###

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