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Part of the West Georgia Regional Library System, the new 2,800-square-foot Whitesburg Public Library was constructed for less than $75 per square foot. The passive-solar-heated facility has had a tremendous impact on its community, enrolling more than 170 children in its summer reading program this year.

The University of Georgia’s Griffin Campus, located 40 miles south of Atlanta, was established as the Georgia Experiment Station in 1888. The new student learning center was funded in large part through a $10 million special purpose local option sales tax approved by Spalding County voters in November 2005. A dedication ceremony took place Aug. 26, 2009, and classes are now being held in the building.

Construction of the Hamilton Mill branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library System is on schedule. The new branch will be Gwinnett County’s first “green” library. Precision Planning Inc. of Lawrenceville designed the 20,000-square-foot building to meet Silver LEED energy efficiency and sustainability standards, making it the first green library in the county and third in the state. When complete, the library will offer up to 75,000 books and other items for checkout, including adult, teen and children’s print and online collections. (Photo: Michael Casey)