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## GLA Spotlight

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## Roddenberry Memorial Library

The Roddenberry Memorial Library is located in Cairo in southwest Georgia. Grady County citizens are extremely proud of their library for which the Roddenberry family provided funding in 1964. Prior to that time, the “library” consisted of one room located above City Hall on Broad Street in downtown Cairo. The library has grown over the years to approximately 19,000 square feet with a lovely interior garden featuring memorial statues, benches and gazing balls among a wide variety of shrubs, trees and ever-changing blooms.

In 2011, the Roddenberry Library suffered severe budget cuts, which inspired local citizen Lauralu Porter to create yard signs. Ms. Porter thought of the idea for her project from signs she noticed around town for the Family Worship Center. After raising nearly half of the money necessary for the project from local citizens and business owners, the Friends of the Roddenberry Memorial Library contributed the remaining funds to purchase 500 signs. Ms. Porter wanted the signs to be a fundraiser for the library and sold many signs by going door to door. Conceived by the former librarian and enthusiastic library advocate, Roddenberry Memorial Library’s “Love Your Library” signs continue to raise community awareness of the library throughout Grady County.



Lauralu Porter

To learn more about the Roddenberry Memorial Library, please visit <http://www.rmlibrary.org>.