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## Georgia Library Spotlight - Grantville Branch Library

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# GLA SPOTLIGHT

## Grantville Branch Library

The Grantville Branch Library is located in the heart of downtown Grantville, Georgia. It is a beautiful craftsman style building with a welcoming wraparound porch. Upon entering the building, you first notice the foyer which celebrates the history of the City of Grantville. Visitors are always taken with the wood cabin model home residing to the right of the front entrance. The cabin is a replica of the larger cabin located adjacent to the library on the left side of the property. Perched on a solid four-legged wooden base, the wood cabin's meticulous details bring the past to life. A nearby plaque lists the actual occupants of the small cabin in 1828. A few more steps inward, visitors find a display cabinet containing yearbooks, a bible, pictures, newspaper clippings, and books from yesteryear.

The Grantville Library is more than a place where you check out items, use the computer, or access Wi-Fi. It is a gathering place for friends from the community to catch up on old times, learn a new crafting technique, and compete with family members in Bingo for books or in a cooking competition. It is a safe place to talk to other tweens/teens about what is going on in your life or to get your groove back and your body in shape at Zumba Fitness Party. All generations of local citizens can find their place

at the library and they can do it as a family with the many program offerings that are available monthly. The library staff is always ready, willing, and smiling; they are here for you.

This past summer the library was very fortunate to participate in the Free Summer Meals program. The library's sponsor, Phoenix Rising Enrichment Program, provided hot and cold

meals, 100% fruit juice, fruit, and a healthy snack each day during the summer months. The library manager wanted each child to feel as though they were dining at a nice restaurant. She made sure that all tables were covered with tablecloths, each table had a centerpiece, and each child had a place setting. The table décor changed on a weekly

basis. To ensure an ambience of fine dining, the library also played classical music and soundtracks from popular children's movies during each lunch period. In the afternoons, children were invited to return and participate in a library program where a nutritional snack and juice were given to each attendee. Through its Dining with Books program, the Grantville Branch Library is proud to have fed more than 700 children during the summer of 2017.

The library employees look forward to seeing you at the Grantville Library, where there is really something always cooking!

