

# Libraries



**As an avid reader and published author, I am a big fan of words, books, and libraries, although I do lament that I do not get to read for pleasure as much as I used to since taking office.**

Libraries serve a vital function in our communities as repositories of information and gathering places for our citizens. I was determined to preserve and improve these institutions.

Shortly after taking office, I discovered that \$4 million had been previously set aside in a Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) for the purpose of building one new library in District 4. But I surmised that there were two problems with this scenario.

- 1. \$4 million is not enough money to build a new library.**
- 2. We have existing libraries in need of repair.**

Therefore, I decided to pursue an alternative solution.

I am looking forward to seeing the results of that decision play out in the future as citizens enjoy multiple upgraded library spaces for many years to come.

Pictured: Stone Mountain Sue-Kellogg Library.

## The library improvements in Clarkston, Covington, and Stone Mountain will:

- **Better suit contemporary needs**
- **Include comfortable and accommodating meeting rooms**
- **Increase internet accessibility**
- **Receive system upgrades for better energy efficiency and brighter spaces**



# Improvements to existing libraries in District 4 will increase usage by 15-20%

– Alison Weissinger,  
Director, DeKalb County Public Library

DeKalb County Commissioner Steve Bradshaw kicking off renovations at Stone Mountain Sue-Kellogg Library.

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## Accomplishments

- Allocated \$1.5 million of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds for renovations at the Sue Kellogg Library in Stone Mountain
- Allocated \$2 million of CIP funds to the Covington Library
- Allocated \$500,000 of CIP funds to the Clarkston Library



Commissioner Steve Bradshaw visiting one of DeKalb County's award-winning libraries.