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## **Construction of Novi Public Library awarded to the Dailey Company**

*Community Ground Breaking Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, November 12 at 9 a.m.*

**NOVI, Mich.**, November 6, 2008 – Plans for a new Novi Public Library, approved by voters one year ago to the day, moved ahead with an award of a \$10.135 million construction contract to the Dailey Company (Lake Orion). A ground breaking ceremony is set for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> immediately west of the existing Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

“I am proud of the professionalism and dedication of everybody involved in bringing this work closer to reality” said Mayor David B. Landry. “A library is an important gathering place and resource for the community; ours will soon reflect Novi’s commitment to quality and vision for the future.”

The new Novi Public Library will be built on land already owned by the public. Once constructed; the existing building built in 1976 as a joint Library/City Hall will be torn down to make way for the new facility’s parking lot. The Library is part of a campus in the center of Novi which also hosts Novi High School, the Civic Center, Police Headquarters, Power Park, and the new Fuerst Park. Fuerst Park will be improved in 2009 by the City to enhance its usage and availability. Parking and other elements are being cooperatively managed by the Library, School, and City. The 55,000-square foot Novi Public Library will be open to the public by summer 2010.

The new library will double the collections space; add computer labs and study rooms, feature a café and meeting room for 200. Additionally, the new facility will boast teen reading and social space, youth reading and activity rooms, and an outdoor reading and programming patio. BEI Engineering from Detroit is the lead on designing the Library and teamed up with Diamond & Schmitt, Toronto for this project.

“The contract award today is a wonderful step to bring this important project to reality. The Novi community has been hugely supportive of the planning; usage of the library grows ever in our existing limited space. The new building will be flexible and reflective of Novi’s commitment to life-long learning” said Julie Farkas, Novi Public Library Director.

“The design effort and preparation for this improvement led to very competitive and favorable bids today” said Larry Czekaj, Chairman of the Novi Building Authority. Larry Czekaj also serves on the Novi Public Library Board.

For more information on the City of Novi and the Novi Public Library, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

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