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### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON ANNOUNCE THE LOCATION OF NEW NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH**

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North Royalton, OH – January 21, 2011 – Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) and the City of North Royalton are moving forward with the construction of a new 30,000 square foot North Royalton Branch library. The estimated cost of the new branch is \$11.7 million. The city has entered into a purchase agreement, contingent upon North Royalton City Council approval for approximately 15 acres of vacant property on Wallings Road just east of State Road adjacent to the future home of the North Royalton Family YMCA. A portion of the acreage will be utilized by CCPL for the construction of the new branch. The city owns the existing North Royalton Branch.

The construction of the new North Royalton Branch is part of a Facilities Master Plan (the Plan) adopted by the CCPL Board of Trustees in June 2010. The Plan is comprised of thirteen priority building, renovation and relocation projects. It is part of a long-term financial plan that will reduce CCPL's operating costs and sustain its operations. The implementation of the Plan will not require CCPL to ask taxpayers for additional funds.

CCPL will continue to provide library service at the current North Royalton Branch location until construction of the new branch is complete. CCPL expects to break ground in 2011.

"My administration continues to seek cost effective new services and amenities to North Royalton residents through our collaboration with our regional partners," said North Royalton Mayor Robert Stefanik. "In this difficult economic climate we welcome CCPL's investment in North Royalton."

"The current branch is undersized to serve a community the size of North Royalton. The new branch will not only be larger, it will be more efficient to operate which means greater long-term value for taxpayers," said CCPL Executive Director Sari Feldman. "Its location also ties in with the city's development plans. As this process moves forward we will continue to engage the community to find out what features they would like to see in the new branch. As always, it is our goal to provide library service that meets our customers' needs and exceeds their expectations."

CCPL and the City of North Royalton will host a public meeting on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 13834 Ridge Road. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss possible features of the new North Royalton Branch. Additional focus group meetings will be scheduled as the design process moves forward.

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