



Ground Broken (Twice) on Jefferson Library

The architect and most of the leadership donors for the new Jefferson Library manned shovels June 10 during a gathering of the Monticello Cabinet and broke ground for the first free-standing library in the nation to be built in honor of a Founding Father.

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On June 21, staff members, neighbors, friends in the community, contracted professionals, and local media representatives heard remarks from Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation President Daniel P. Jordan and other

Foundation personnel and witnessed the official, although second, Jefferson Library groundbreaking.

Concurrent with the second ceremony, Hartman-Cox Architects completed construction drawings for the Jefferson Library. The total cost is expected to be slightly more than \$5.5 million, and the library is scheduled to open in 2002.

In support of its worldwide scholarly efforts, the Foundation is building the 15,500-square-foot Jefferson Library on the grounds of Kenwood. The facility will contain stacks for more than 28,000 volumes; reading and study spaces; conference rooms; and offices for an expanded staff.

The Jefferson Library also will be the focal point of the Foundation's

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effort to establish and expand digital access to its growing body of electronic resources. Saunders Director of the International Center for Jefferson Studies James Horn heads a staff committee that is searching for the best computer hardware and software packages to use in the library.

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