Community Library of Six Mile opens doors

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SIX MILE — An idea born 18 months ago finally became reality Monday when the Community Library of Six Mile officially opened its doors with more than 7,000 books of various types on the shelves.

Brenda Rippy, chairwoman of the library, said it truly took a community effort to bring the special day to fruition.

"Everything you see in here has been donated — books, computers and shelves," Rippy said.

Located at 2536 Walhalla Highway, below the Six Mile Café, a ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the formal kickoff for the new library. Inside, cake and soft drinks were served.

Books with multiple copies are also for sale and proceeds will go to the library to assist with utilities, rent and a security system for the Internet.

Connie Crane, a Six Mile parent who homeschools her daughter and whose son attends Six Mile Elementary School, said she is happy to see the library in operation.

"This is going to be great, especially considering there is nothing up here for the kids and especially during the summer," Crane said.

Hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.

Beverly Wessinger and Alice Skaar are among the eight individuals who have agreed to volunteer.

"Eventually, we hope the library will be opened on Saturdays," Wessinger said. "We just need more volunteers in order to do that."

"Six Mile has a lot of positive potential and this is going to keep people in town," Skaar said.

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Volunteer Alice Skaar arranges books Monday for the opening of the Community Library of Six Mile.