

Six Mile community

Independent facility hopes to be part of county system in the future

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A vision to create a library in Six Mile is coming to fruition thanks to countless hours from volunteers and donations from the public.

A year and a half in the making, the Community

Library of Six Mile is set to have its grand opening April 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2536 Walhalla Highway, said Brenda Rippy, chairwoman and founder of the library.

A library card will cost \$5 for an individual for two years and \$10 for a family for two years, Rippy said.

The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, she said.

If more people volunteer to work in the library, hours could expand, she said. Rippy said they must also continue to raise money to pay for costs like monthly rent, utilities and Internet access.

Rippy said the library isn't a part of the county li-

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brary system but said they hope it will be in the future. She said right now they will depend on funding from residents and community grants.

Rippy said the library will have thousands of books and much more.

"We have all genres that

embraces library

you're looking for — non-fiction, fiction, children's books, arts and crafts, leisure, travel," she said. "We hope to have some local magazines and local newspapers there as well."

Rippy said volunteers have helped with cataloguing books, painting, cleaning and more.

Contributions have come in steadily. She said they have received about 8,000 books as well as

desks and computers.

"There have been so many local businesses who came forward to help us get the building ready, to help us with our startup," Rippy said. "I continue to take phone calls from residents in the area who want to give us books and help us supply the library."

Refreshments will be served, Rippy said, and people will be able to sign up for library cards.