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PRESS RELEASE

HOOPER-RENWICK THEMED LIBRARY WINS REDEVELOPMENT AWARD

November 6, 2025 - Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) is proud to announce it has won a Metro Atlanta Redevelopment Summit (MARS) award. The new Hooper-Renwick themed library in Lawrenceville has been honored as the Medium Redevelopment Project of the Year.

As the award states, the project “preserved the legacy of the former Hooper-Renwick School while creating a modern community learning hub” and “Its approach to redevelopment shows a positive impact on the economic, social, design, and cultural assets of the community”.

“We are honored that the Hooper-Renwick Library has received this award. This project reflects our commitment to celebrating history and building a state-of-the-art library that recognizes African-American contributions to Gwinnett County’s economy, culture, and history,” said Charles Pace, Executive Director of Gwinnett County Public Library.

The project revived and expanded the 11,475-square-foot Hooper-Renwick School, once the only public high school for Black students in Gwinnett County. The resulting 27,327-square-foot facility now houses modern library amenities, versatile community meeting rooms, and dedicated spaces for exhibitions. These exhibitions feature stories, achievements, and memorabilia closely connected to the history and experiences of Hooper-Renwick School's students and faculty. Original features in the final design include exposed rafters, the restored façade, and the original gym floor now used for upper-level exhibits.

The MARS award was accepted by GCPL's Executive Director Charles Pace, Gwinnett County Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson, and Lawrenceville Mayor David Still.

Through an intergovernmental agreement approved in December 2020, the City and County committed to restoring the school's historic structure with close collaboration with the Hooper-Renwick Legacy Preservation Committee.

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