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Linebaugh Library Technology Engagement Center (TEC) Groundbreaking Ceremony

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Summary:

One of only two public library technology centers in the United States, the Linebaugh Library System will break ground on its new community-oriented technology facility, the Technology Engagement Center (TEC). Community leaders, dignitaries and library staff and supporters will be on-hand for the ceremony.

The TEC, expected to open in 2018, is a technology-focused community center managed by the Rutherford County's Linebaugh Library system. The Center will serve as both a technology training center and idea incubation hub. The community will have free access to MAC and PC computers and the internet at 36 workstations, as well as an advanced laboratory of technology equipment, such as 3D printers, local WiFi, and WiFi hubs that can be checked out like a book. Many computers will be equipped with CAD software, which is the foundation of 3D printing development.

The Center will also boast meeting rooms, classrooms and multi-purpose rooms, hosting classes for children and adults in the areas of technology, soft skill improvement, and arts and crafts.

"We strongly believe that this public Community Technology Center will enhance workforce development for our citizens through training opportunities and will become a primary avenue to on-line job research and applications," says Rita Shacklett, Linebaugh Public Library Director.

Gary Green, TEC Committee Chairman, explains that the TEC, one of only two of its kind in the country, is a "'shelfless' electronic library that will provide something for almost every citizen in our community, and we believe it will become a model for other public libraries across our state and nation."