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Community celebrates reopening of historic Gill Memorial Library

By Katherine L. Shawaryn

PAULSBORO — Rain failed to dampen the spirits of the more than 50 people who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand reopening of the Gill Memorial Library on Oct. 28.

Instead, a light drizzle followed by a heavy down pour helped wash away memories of the obstacles and challenges encountered over the last nine years to modernize and expand the more than 200-year-old historic building. Now open to the public, the renovated facility boasts a new addition that houses a state-of-the-art media center.

“Today was a long awaited event for all of us,” said

Rita Kelly, president of the Gill Memorial Library Board of Trustees, who welcomed all who gathered under a large white tent at the foot of the library’s new entrance in the back of the building. “It was truly a vision of cooperation.”

Acknowledging the determined efforts of the library’s past and present members of the board of trustees for setting the wheels in motion to reduce overcrowding and replace out-dated technology at the site, Kelly also thanked a list of key individuals for their support to keep the project moving forward.

These supporters included elected officials, borough council

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Happy Holidays

Paulsboro residents and friends celebrated 100 years of PHS pride at the annual tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 5. The celebration started with a parade at the Paulsboro Firehouse and ended at the borough’s administration building on Delaware Street. Festivities included singing, face painting, refreshments and pictures with Santa.



Above, Anely Richards views the lights from under the tree, while Soule Stokes visits with Santa below.



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