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Lancaster-Kiest Branch to present Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program;
The Branch Resource Center includes books, materials and programs to help grandparents

Dallas, TX – The Dallas Public Library’s newest Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Center will be announced at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 11, at the Lancaster-Kiest Branch, 2008 East Kiest Blvd.

The first Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Center opened at the Audelia Road Branch in March 2006. Since then, the Library has opened collections at the Hampton-Illinois, Grauwylar Park and Timberglen Branches. Each center includes a collection of books on parenting, computer resources, grandparent rights, kinship care issues and picture books on topics that relate to grandparents as caregivers, and host support group meetings. For more information on these centers call (214) 671-8060.

“The need in Texas is great; some 450,000 children under the age of 18 are being raised by their grandparents, ranking Texas second behind California in the number of grandparent-headed households,” said the Dallas Public Library’s Communication Coordinator Denise Lyons.

The first Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. April 25. Future support group meetings will be held at 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of each month, and will follow a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren curriculum.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., and 25 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, visit: www.dallaslibrary.org.

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