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### Design of library expansion will start soon

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The expansion of the **Hurst Public Library** is getting under way.

The City Council approved a \$276,000 contract Tuesday with **Hidell and Associates Architects** of Carrollton for the design. The library, on Precinct Line Road, will grow to 46,090 square feet from 37,000 square feet.

The design is expected to begin this month, with construction starting in August or September and wrapping up in September 2009.

In a presentation, Hidell said plans may include:

- More programming space.
- An expanded garden area near the gazebo for special events.
- A new entry from Pipeline Road.
- A walkway that will connect the library to Heritage Village, under construction on Pipeline. Heritage Village will include a new fire station, senior center, homes and stores.
- Remodeled bathrooms.
- A teen area.
- A cafe.
- A revamped bookdrop.
- More parking.

The money comes from \$1.5 million in voter-approved bonds and \$2 million from the Special Projects and Expansion Fund, which comes from reserves set aside for city improvements.

Hidell also designed the library's 1997 expansion.

#### New school

**Dallas Baptist University's** Tarrant County branch is moving to Hurst from Colleyville.

The council approved a site plan for the school, which would build a colonial-style, two-story building in the 420 0 block of Grapevine Highway.

The campus is expected to open by the spring semester of next year.

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