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## Board OKs plaques to note Talent Library benefactors

The new Talent Library will have four plaques commemorating families that have donated \$218,150 toward the building that will be opened Feb. 26 and closed April 6.

Commissioners approved the plaques at their meeting Wednesday.

Following are the names that will be commemorated and how much was donated:

- The Lisa Laursen Thirkill Community Room. Lisa Laursen and her husband, developer Michael Thirkill, had two children before Laursen-Thirkill died of brain cancer in 2003. The family has contributed \$20,750 in her memory.
- The Rosemary Wiley Bradley Children's Area. Jim and Patricia Bradley raised a total of \$175,000 through grants and fund-raising to enlarge the Talent Library. The Bradleys wanted to honor the memory of Jim Bradley's mother, Dr. Rosemary Bradley, a Harvard University economics professor.
- The Carpenter Foundation Teen Room. The foundation is a Jackson County philanthropic agency that contributed \$14,400 to enlarge the young adult section.
- **The Gordon Elwood Foundation Study Room. The foundation also is a philanthropic group in Jackson County and has contributed \$8,000 to increase the study room capacity from two persons to eight persons.**