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**New University Library to Open Friday**

Stillwater, Okla., April 9, 2012—Oklahoma State University will mark the grand opening of its new library on Friday.

Construction on the $100 million, eight story building began in May 2010. When completed, the glass and steel structure will offer over 125 commissioned works of art, 2,500 Internet plug-ins and several computer labs for students and meeting rooms that can be used by the university and community organizations.

“There was not only a need for an updated library facility for the students,” Samantha Thomas, director of public relations for the university says. “But there was also a huge need for the community. We are excited to open this library to the community—this will allow a state-of-the-art facility to provide an environment that will support students’ educational needs to the best of our abilities.”

Grand opening festivities for the new library will take place Saturday and involve hourly tours, Burns Hargis, local civic leaders, the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce and a special guest of honor, J.K. Rowling, author of the *Harry Potter* series. For a complete schedule of grand opening events, please visit [www.library.okstate.edu](http://www.library.okstate.edu).

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