

**EGV Public Library To Rename Conference Room For - Elk Grove Journal (IL) - March 30, 2022**

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**Elk Grove Village Public Library** officials will name their conference room for Darlene Greaves, a founding member of the **library** who later served as a **library** trustee and is a founder of the Artists Association of **Elk Grove**.

**Library** officials scheduled a 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 reception dedicating the new Darlene Greaves Conference Room, and a plaque unveiling recognizing all who served on the **library** board of trustees.

Before the regular **library** board meeting that night, **Elk Grove Village** Mayor Craig Johnson will administer the oath of office to the newest **library** trustee, Mary Vitale, who will fill the seat recently vacated by Gil Schumm.

Greaves, who is now in her 90s, moved to **Elk Grove Village** in 1957 shortly after the village was founded. A member of the Junior Women's Club in the village, Greaves and others were part of the 1959 Book and a Buck campaign in which Greaves and others went door-to-door with a wagon, asking residents to contribute \$1 and a book to help establish an **Elk Grove Village Public Library**. On July 18, 1959, the **Elk Grove Village Public Library** opened its doors in a model Centex home.

A few years later, when the **Elk Grove Park District** was established, they hired Greaves to be the park district's art coordinator.

Greaves collaborated with the **library's** art coordinator which eventually led to her joining the **library** board of trustees in 1969. She would go on to serve on the **library** board until 1981.

The art collaboration between the **library** and park district allowed art to be hung on the walls of the **library** and led to Greaves helping to found the Artists Association of **Elk Grove** in 1972, she said in a **library** interview.

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