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Library board says effort moves ahead

The effort to establish a library for the Gerald area is moving forward, says the Gerald Area Library Association.

The group has found a home for the time being, the Alexander building on South Main Street.

A grand opening is being planned, but the board says a date has not been selected.

Library supporters have been busy in recent weeks cleaning books, gathering donated items and raising funds to operate the community venture.

A fishing derby has been scheduled for Aug. 17 at Lake Charles, located in the Gerald City Park on Bittersweet Drive. The event will run from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. There is no charge to participate, but donations to the

library are encouraged.

The association expressed its appreciation to Mildred Bingaaman of Gerald and Dorothy Ehlert of Rosebud for their donations of large book collections.

Several other Gerald-area residents and merchants have donated their time, services or products to the project.

The effort to establish a community library was began after civic leaders asked officials of Scenic Regional Library, which serves Franklin County, if they would consider putting a library in Gerald. Scenic officials declined, citing a lack of funding, but they did agree to help supply a locally operated library with materials.