

*A library can be a truly magical place...especially for a child.*

Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund, grew up in Bennettsville, South Carolina. Even as a little girl Marian loved to read, but during the difficult days of segregation, she was not welcome in her local library. Now, Marlboro County has built a state-of-the-art library as part of downtown development in this rural community. They have named it

## THE MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MARLBORO COUNTY

as an enduring tribute to her and a symbol of community progress.

And the sign at the entrance reads:

# WELCOME TO EVERYONE

THE MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL  
AND THE MARLBORO COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AN EVENT  
TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW  
**MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

**DATE:**

Sunday, March 21, 2010

**TIME:**

1:30 pm Pre-event music  
2:00 - 5:00 pm Ceremony, library tours and reception

**PLACE:**

Marian Wright Edelman Public Library  
203 Fayetteville Avenue  
Bennettsville, South Carolina

Convenient street parking available in downtown Bennettsville.  
Overflow parking with shuttles to the Library: Marlboro County High School, 951 Fayetteville Avenue Extension