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**Pictured:** The Grand Opening of SSC's New Reading Center was well attended by students, faculty and administrators.

## SSC OPENS NEW READING CENTER

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – South Suburban College was the proud host of the grand opening of their new Reading Center. The center, funded in part with federal grant funds, is the result of a collaborative initiative to increase student retention and strengthen academic progress.

Assistant Vice-President of Academic Services and Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Ron Kawanna, was very pleased with the staff and student turnout as the Reading Center was officially opened for business. College officials, including President Don Manning, Vice-President of Student Development Songie Adebiyi, Dean of Student Services Patrice Burton, Reading Department Chairperson Jennifer Kraft, as well as college faculty Rick Jones, English; Dr. Janaya Shaw, Reading; Linda Bathgate, Counseling; Alfred Brown, English; Diana Gutierrez, HSC for ESL; and Sue Cline, Reading turned out among the many who came to see what the Reading Center had to offer and the services it provides to our students. With posted days and times, the Reading Center offers a wide range of hours available to assist our students.

Located in Room 3228 of the Main Campus, the new Reading Center is equipped with computers and the latest software technology to assist those who might need help with a wide range of Reading concerns from basic comprehension to more advanced topics such as Speed Reading. Another goal of the center is to assist African American males with Reading skills that will help them matriculate through South Suburban College with a certificate or degree, in well over 100+

academic, career and training programs. More information about the Reading Center is available by calling 596-2000, ext. 2540.

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