

Aisin, Toyota join to expand new Laurel County Library project

\$20,000 grant provided to build outdoor 'reading garden'



In Aisin's plant (from left to right) are Jim Wiseman, Toyota Vice President; R. W. Dyché III, Board of Directors President, Laurel County Public Library; Kenji Tsujimura, President of Aisin Automotive Casting; and Lori Acton, District Director, Laurel County Public Library. Behind them is an architect's rendering of the reading garden.

Aisin Automotive Casting and Toyota teamed up on November 22, 2002 to provide a \$20,000 "Community Connection" grant to the Laurel County Public Library of London, Kentucky.

The grant will be used to build an outdoor 3,400 square-foot "reading garden" as part of the new library which will open in spring 2003. The reading garden will be built on the east side of the building, adjacent to the children's storytelling area. It will include Japanese maple and flowering cherry trees, holly, lilac and an assortment of perennials. A teahouse will be centered in the garden for reading and reflection.

"We are honored to have been selected by Aisin and Toyota for this project," Lori Acton said. "The reading garden will greatly enhance our new facility and offer library users a chance to enjoy a unique and beautiful setting."

"We appreciate the opportunity to join with Toyota to create the reading garden at the library," said Bruce Daeger, Aisin's Senior Manager of Human Resources and General Affairs. "Aisin has always tried to contribute, as a good corporate citizen, to our community. This demonstration by Toyota of its commitment to communities beyond the boundaries of its own plants is evidence that it views suppliers as true partners in its success."

Aisin's London plant employs close to 500 team members. It supplies aluminum castings, water pumps, oil pumps and other parts for the Toyota Camry, Corolla, Solara and Avalon cars, as well as the Sienna van.