



**MAHOGANY RUN GOLF COURSE CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY,
DONATES BOOKS TO YOUNG ADULT COLLECTION AT ST. THOMAS
PUBLIC LIBRARY AS PART OF RESORT TO READING PROGRAM**

***Book donation part of \$25,000 commitment to the
St. Thomas Public Library System***

ST. THOMAS, U. S. Virgin Islands (September 12, 2005) – In support of the *At Your Library* program, and to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Mahogany Run Golf Course, Ginn Clubs & Resorts will present a large collection of books to the “Young Adult Collection” at the Enid M. Baa Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.

The gift is part of a \$25,000 donation made earlier this year to the St. Thomas Public Library System to kick off Ginn’s new *Resort to Reading* program.

“*Resort to Reading* further underscores Ginn Clubs & Resorts’ commitment to literacy and our ongoing support of programs on the island that have a high impact on our youth,” said Rich Hohman, vice president of asset development at Ginn Clubs & Resorts.

Scholastic Books helped support the program through their Scholastic Literacy Partners program, which provides discounts on a wide range of quality children’s books.

“With the support of community partners like Ginn Clubs & Resorts and Scholastic, our capability to encourage reading has been greatly enhanced,” said Wallace D. Williams, territorial librarian with the Division of Libraries.

Williams will accept the donation on behalf of the St. Thomas Public Library during an event at the library. Local schoolchildren will be special guests for the event.

The *Resort to Reading* program includes ongoing activities sponsored by Ginn Clubs & Resorts and Mahogany Run Golf Course to encourage reading and reinforce the importance of literacy to children and their parents. Future programs planned include celebrity readings at the St. Thomas Public Library. Children with library cards will be given access to the readings and meet and greet opportunities with the celebrities.

“We commend our new community partner for making a commitment to this important cause,” Williams continued. “Mahogany Run Golf Course plays an important role in our local community and we’re especially delighted to see that role increase under the new ownership by Ginn Clubs & Resorts.”

Mahogany Run Golf Course, a George and Tom Fazio design, was opened in 1980. *Golf Digest* proclaimed it more of an engineering marvel than an architectural one as the course had to be carved and blasted into an area of land just less than 110 acres. With only 77,000 square feet of greens and tight winding fairways, Mahogany Run offers target golf with beautiful views culminating in the course’s Signature trio of holes overlooking the Atlantic Ocean known as the Devil’s Triangle.

Ginn Clubs & Resorts purchased Mahogany Run Golf Course in June, 2004 and has since undertaken a \$1.5 million renovation project to improve the clubhouse and golf course. Further planning is underway at Ginn Clubs & Resorts to position Mahogany Run and St. Thomas as a more exclusive golf and vacation destination.

About Ginn Clubs & Resorts

Ginn Clubs & Resorts is a privately-held resort development and management firm which specializes in exclusive leisure lifestyle and vacation destination communities across the United States. From private residential communities to resort destinations offering unparalleled ownership and vacation opportunities, the common denominator throughout every Ginn Club & Resort is exceptional service.

The company’s principals have more than three decades of experience in creating extraordinary large-scale, recreation-oriented communities. Current Ginn Clubs & Resorts projects include Cobblestone Park in Columbia, S.C. and Belvidere Club & Resort, which encompasses RiverTowne Country Club, The Cottages on Charleston Harbor and Patriots Point Links Golf Course in the Charleston area. The company also owns and operates Hammock Beach & Yacht Harbor Village near St. Augustine, Fla., Reunion Resort & Club of Orlando, Bella Collina north of Orlando, Tesoro in Port St. Lucie on Florida’s historic “Treasure Coast” and Mahogany Run Golf Course in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. In addition, the company has several other projects under development in North Carolina, Vermont, Colorado and the Caribbean.

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