



WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BURNCOAT BRANCH BUILDS A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

*Newest Elementary School-Based Library to Serve the City of Worcester
as Part of the "One City, One Library" Initiative*

WHAT: The opening of the Worcester Public Library Burncoat Branch at the Burncoat Street Preparatory School will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting and ceremony. *One City, One Library* is a private-public partnership focused on improving literacy skills citywide.

The Burncoat Branch was made possible due in part to the generosity of the City of Worcester, the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation, the George I. Alden Trust, and UMass Medical School. Additional support was provided by the Stoddard Charitable Trust, the Hermann Foundation, and the Ruth H. and Warren A. Ellsworth Foundation. The branch includes all new books, iPads, computers, electronic literacy stations, a SmartBoard, and comfortable seating. Public hours will begin April 1, 2016 at 4 p.m. During the school year the branch will be open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Additional hours will be added during the summer months.

The *One City, One Library* collaboration between the City of Worcester, the Worcester Public Library, the Worcester Public Schools, and other organizations dedicated to education, has opened public library branches in four of the city's elementary schools. These branches offer the wealth of resources found at the public library, including technology, new materials, and professional librarians, and bring them into our schools. These resources are accessible to students and teachers during the school day. The library is open to the public when school is not in session.

WHERE: Burncoat Street Preparatory School, 526 Burncoat Street, Worcester

WHEN: Friday, April 1, 2016
9 a.m. Library Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting with Mayor Joseph M. Petty, City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr., and representatives from the Worcester Public Library, Worcester Public Schools, and community partners.

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