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**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*

Worcester, MA – City, public library and school officials will join with students to mark the opening of the Worcester Public Library’s Burncoat Branch. A ceremony and ribbon-cutting to celebrate the opening will take place on Friday, April 1 at 9 a.m. The branch, located at the Burncoat Street Preparatory School at 526 Burncoat Street, will add to a growing list of accomplishments for the innovative *One City, One Library* initiative.

The Worcester Public Library Burncoat Branch was made possible due 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. The space hosts more than 9,000 books and materials, 25 iPads, five computers, two electronic literacy stations and a SmartBoard, a pre-school section, new integrated online catalog system and new furnishings.

One City, One Library is a dynamic private-public partnership focused on improving literacy skills citywide. This collaboration between the City of Worcester, the Worcester Public Library, the Worcester Public Schools and organizations dedicated to education is focused on opening neighborhood public library branches in 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. They are accessible to students and teachers during the school day, and open to the public when school is not in session.

[Background on OCOL \(history, how the other branches are doing\)](#)

Background on Burncoat Branch (how many children served, how long it has been since they've had a library, etc.) The Burncoat Street Preparatory School

Funding information

For more information on the Worcester Public Library and a complete list of events and programs visit mywpl.org. For more information on the Worcester Public Library Burncoat Branch opening contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654 or lsheldon@mywpl.org or Christine Murray, Executive Director of the Worcester Public Library Foundation at 508-799-1656 or execdir@wplfoundation.org.

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