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"Planting Party" at the Worcester Public Library- Tatnuck Magnet Branch - Sponsored by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
"Planting Party" will take place at the Community Garden at the Tatnuck Magnet School Branch for students and members of the community

Worcester, MA – A garden planting party will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 4 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library's Tatnuck Magnet Branch at 1083 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA. The Tatnuck Magnet Branch was the second school branch library opened as part of the *One City, One Library* initiative.

Thanks to support from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, a community garden was created on the property to encourage and promote healthy eating. Students, patrons and the community can help tend to the garden, which will include tomatoes, cucumbers, basil, and lettuce. Library programming will be created around the garden and healthy eating to encourage patrons to enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

"The Community Garden gives the children a chance to see where their food comes from," said Greg Byrne, Marketing Specialist at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. "They can track its progress from planting to harvest, and they learn how delicious vegetables are when you grow them yourself."

The Tatnuck Magnet Branch was opened in November 2013, through the generosity of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and other community partners, as part of the *One City, One Library* project, which aims to expand library services into Worcester's elementary schools with the purpose of improving literacy among school-aged children.

For more information on the Worcester Public Library and a complete list of events and programs visit mywpl.org. For more information on the community garden at Tatnuck Magnet Elementary School, 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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