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***Worcester Public Library Recognizes Volunteers
at Annual Volunteer Recognition Event***

*City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr. and Head Librarian Geoffrey M. Dickinson
Honor Volunteers Along Worcester Public Library Staff*

Worcester, MA – More than 40 volunteers attended the 2016 Volunteer Recognition Day luncheon today at the Worcester Public Library. The event is held every year in order to honor the volunteers of the Worcester Public Library, and thank them for all they do for our community. City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr. and Deborah Packard, President of the Worcester Public Library Board of Directors joined Head Librarian Geoffrey M. Dickinson to express their gratitude.

Dickinson expressed his thanks to the volunteers, and the importance of all they do, during a brief speech at the start of the event. "The Library isn't alive until there are people in it," he said. "It's possible because of people like you, helping others use all these resources."

City Manager Augustus praised the volunteers for helping the Library bring access to people who may not otherwise have the ability to use its services. "I want you to know that we appreciate your volunteerism," Augustus said. "We appreciate that you share your time, your skills, and your love of the library with us. You make our city a better place, you make WPL a better place."

Longtime volunteer, and current Mobile Services Librarian Betty Jenewin was also on hand to share her experience as part of the Worcester Public Library family. After describing her lifetime love of libraries, thanks in large part to her father, she said this was the place she came after a layoff left her searching for a purpose. After volunteering with the Friends of the Worcester Public Library, Betty decided to apply for

a position with the Mobile Services. "I was very fortunate to be hired," she said. "I pinch myself many a day that I've been able to take my love of the library, and turn a setback into an opportunity."

Worcester Public Library volunteers who were able to attend the event: Irene Adamatis, Diana Allen, Katherine Bagdis, Love Bethel, Pam Bobay, Patricia Bukoski, Peggy Buxton, Alan Catalano, Susan Dion, Terry Dorsey-Potts, Maureen Dunn, Marion Dyson, Anthony Ellis, Bryan Escobar, Alyssa Flynn, Jeanne Gallagher, Nona Haroyan, Sheila Herbst, Rebecca Levine, Nana Akya Mensah, John Peters, CJ Posk, Anne Queenan, Sofia Silva-Rosa, Rebecca St. Hillaire, Ruth Temsky, Veronica Toun, Delia Trainor. The Worcester Public Library would also like to thank and acknowledge the many volunteers who were unable to attend.

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