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Construction Begins on Worcester Public Library Renovation

Worcester, MA – The construction phase of the $12.7 million renovation of the Worcester Public Library began on November 11, 2019. Construction fencing has been placed outside along portions of the building. Temporary walls have also been built on the first floor of the library, so the buildout of the covered walkway and the renovation of adjacent interior spaces can commence immediately.

D.A. Sullivan & Sons, Inc. (DAS) is managing the construction project, which is planned to take place over the next twelve months.

The library’s staff is working to update the public on the many changes taking place at the library. Due to the construction, portions of the collection have shifted, programming has been moved to make use of available spaces, and the Salem Street entrance has been permanently closed. Signage has been placed around the building, and the website is updated weekly with upcoming changes: mywpl.org/article/renovation.

The Worcester Public Library Foundation has embarked on a multi-year $4.1 million capital campaign to help fund the renovation and endowment. Currently, the Foundation has secured $3.49 million toward this goal. These funds will be used to support the current renovation project and create an endowment to support future needs.

The design of the Main Library renovation was prepared by LLB Architects, a New England architecture and design firm established in 1936. The firm recently opened a branch location in Worcester.
Each year the Worcester Public Library welcomes over a half million visitors. The new improvements to the Main Library will help meet the needs of Worcester’s residents. When completed, this project will better contribute to and capitalize on the redevelopment taking place in the downtown area, and better support the evolving needs of an urban public library.

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