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Detroit Public Library Unveils the Newly Renovated Wilder Branch

The free grand re-opening & ribbon-cutting celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th @ 2:00 p.m.

Detroit – The Detroit Public Library (DPL) is launching a grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting celebration event for the newly renovated Wilder Branch Library located at 7140 E. Seven Mile Rd. near Van Dyke. The free and open to the public grand re-opening & ribbon-cutting event kicks off on **Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

Invited guests include: civic leaders, neighborhood groups and local residents.

"The Wilder Branch Library stands as a beacon in the community and improves the quality of life for residents in the community," said Jo Anne Mondowney, Executive Director of the Detroit Public Library. "The renovations to the Wilder Branch demonstrate the Detroit Public Library's ongoing commitment to providing important library services in the city's neighborhoods."

Renovations to the 11,000+ square foot facility include: new flooring and furniture; updated lighting; and new computers for public use.

The Wilder Branch Library is a popular community meeting center and will be open for public service on Wednesdays, Noon – 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays & Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The branch offers a wide range of services and programs to help improve the quality of life for the neighborhood, including free computer classes, job readiness services, access to the Library's online resources, enrichment programs for children and much more.

The Wilder Branch, which opened its current location on February 6, 1967, is named after Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of many children's stories of pioneer life. An interior court displays a metal wall sculpture by Narendra Patel, which was inspired by the book, "The Little House in the Big Woods." Mrs. Wilder donated manuscripts of "The Long Winter" and "These Happy Golden Years" along with photographs and other documents to the Library. These items are currently housed in the Burton Historical Collection at the Main Library.

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