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City celebrated Winter Park Library & Events Center official Topping Out Ceremony



WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (October 30, 2020) The City of Winter Park and partners celebrated an important milestone in the construction of its state-of-the-art, 21st century [Winter Park Library & Events Center](#), led by [Adjaye Associates](#) as design architect with [HuntonBrady](#) as executive architect. The official Topping Out Ceremony was held **October 30, at 10:30 a.m.**, at the construction site located at 1052 W. Morse Blvd.

Sir David Adjaye OBE – founder of [Adjaye Associates](#), lead designer of the [Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture](#), and recent recipient of the [2021 Royal Institute of British Arts \(RIBA\) Gold Medal](#), shared, “Today’s topping out ceremony represents a huge milestone in the completion of the Winter Park Library & Events Center. The power of this project is that it represents another prototype, another version of what the library has evolved into—the library as a campus of knowledge. Once completed, the new complex will bring together knowledge and community facilities to make a village, a hamlet of knowledge.”

City officials were joined by representatives from:

- [Winter Park Public Library](#)
- [Pizzuti Solutions](#), Owner’s Representative, Project Manager
- [Adjaye Associates](#), Design Architect
- [HuntonBrady](#), Executive Architect
- [Brasfield & Gorrie](#), General Contractor
- [Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation](#), Donor
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“Not only will this project be a tremendous asset for the City of Winter Park, but during a worldwide pandemic and economic crisis, we’ve created hundreds of safe jobs. The design of this project has raised the bar for similar endeavors worldwide and as delivered, the Library & Events Center, both independently and symbiotically, will provide a functional and unique venue for generations of children and families to enjoy,” said Mayor Steve Leary.

“The new Library & Events Center in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park will not only activate reading, imagination, and creativity – it will be transformative for our community. The library will finally be a modern, high-tech platform for education, learning and community engagement where people from all walks of life can gather to share ideas and knowledge. I couldn’t be more thrilled that the library’s vision has been brought to stunning life by such a masterful architect. It’s more than we ever dreamed, and I can't wait to share it with our community,” expressed Winter Park Public Library Board of Trustees President Lawrence Lyman.

Construction began in March 2020 and has remained on schedule for the expected grand opening in fall 2021. #LiveLearnWP

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