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## PRESS RELEASE

### City and library to celebrate grand opening of the new Library & Events Center with a ribbon cutting and open house

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (December 6, 2021)** On Saturday, December 11, the City of Winter Park and Winter Park Library invite the community to join them at the official Ribbon-cutting Ceremony, beginning at 9 a.m., and [Community Open House](#) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the new state-of-the-art, 21<sup>st</sup>-century Winter Park Library & Events Center. These celebratory events are free and open for all to enjoy at 1050 and 1052 W. Morse Blvd.

“After seven years of meticulous planning, budgeting, imagining, creating, designing and building, we are thrilled to celebrate the grand opening with our residents, partners and guests,” shared City Manager Randy Knight.

In June 2014, the Winter Park Library Board and director first presented the need for a new library to the City Commission. That discussion led to task forces being formed, space, cost and need studies commissioned, public meetings and forums held, formal solicitations advertised, and ultimately, the creation of a highly-qualified and visionary construction team.

“We are grateful to this team that included world-renowned architect [Sir David Adjaye, Adjaye Associates](#), and [HuntonBrady Architects](#); construction managers [Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors](#); all under the oversight of the city’s owner’s representative/project manager [Pizutti Companies](#). We have been honored to work alongside these professionals as we built this magnificent facility for the community to come together as they continue to learn, celebrate, gather and grow,” Knight explained.

Library Executive Director Sabrina Bernat shared, “A project like this comes along once in a generation, and we’re so grateful to the visionary library and city leadership that made this dream a reality. The doors have opened to a world of opportunity for our residents. The new library connects people to knowledge and resources in a way that wasn’t possible before.”

The official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony will include remarks from city dignitaries, library leadership, and partners, as well as special remarks from Sir David Adjaye. Participants in a ceremonial book transfer from the old library to the new library will lead the public into the buildings as the official first guests. Immediately following, the Community Open House will include live musical performances, outdoor games, character appearances, storytelling, and a scavenger hunt. The first day of regular library operations will resume Monday, December 13, at 9 a.m.

For more information or to make reservations at the Winter Park Events Center, please access [winterparkeventscenter.org](http://winterparkeventscenter.org) or call 407-599-3571. For more information about the Winter Park Library, please access [winterparklibrary.org](http://winterparklibrary.org) or call 407-623-3300. # # #

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