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MAYOR EMANUEL DEDICATES CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S RICHARD M. DALEY BRANCH

Today, Mayor Rahm Emanuel joined former Mayor Richard M. Daley, Chicago Public Library Commissioner Mary A. Dempsey, PBC Executive Director Erin Lavin Cabonargi, guests, community leaders and local residents to dedicate the Chicago Public Library's newest library location, the Richard M. Daley Branch in West Humboldt Park.

"Richard M. Daley's legacy and service to our city is exemplified by his commitment to helping Chicagoans learn and read, which was a cornerstone of his work as Mayor," said Mayor Emanuel. "Thanks to his unprecedented support for Chicago Public Libraries, minds have been opened, imaginations have been sparked and lives have been changed across the city."

The new 16,300 square foot, environmentally friendly branch is named for Richard M. Daley who, during his 22 years as mayor, provided unprecedented support to the growth of libraries in the City of Chicago. During his 22 years in office, the City built or renovated 59 new libraries throughout Chicago.

This branch is one of three new locations to offer YOUmedia, which connects youth with digital media, books and skilled mentors. Offering both a physical and online space, YOUmedia allows young people from across the city to explore their interests, learn new skills and have a safe environment in which to do homework and socialize with friends.

The branch will offer the services of a Teacher in the Library, a certified teacher on hand during after school hours to assist students with homework. The branch will also provide a CyberNavigator, who will provide one-on-one assistance to help patrons better understand technology. Both programs are generously sponsored by Wal-Mart through the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

The library branch offers collections in English and Spanish, including books, newspapers, magazines, educational and entertainment DVDs and databases for online research.

The branch was built by the Public Building Commission on behalf of the Chicago Public Library.

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