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LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$250K MATCHING GRANT

Foundation to Match Fundraising Donations for New East Forest Park Library

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.- October 23, 2017 – The Springfield Library Foundation has announced that it will match up to \$250,000 of donations from families and community members towards the recently announced Promise Realized Capital Campaign. The Campaign, announced in September, supports building a much-needed new branch library in East Forest Park.

“The Springfield Library Foundation is pleased to offer this challenge grant as we work together to create a permanent library branch in East Forest Park,” said Library Foundation President Patrick Markey. “Springfield is fortunate to have a strong branch system and we hope the public will take this opportunity to join together to help enrich the lives of children and families for decades to come”

The matching grant will be officially announced on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the East Forest Park Civic Association meeting in the St. Michael’s Academy

cafeteria at Holy Cross Church, 221 Plumtree Road in Springfield. Springfield Library Foundation president Patrick Markey is expected to speak about the matching grant; Campaign Director Matthew Blumenfeld will provide updates on the Capital Campaign, and architect Stew Roberts will share new design schematics for the proposed East Forest Park Branch Library.

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