

City Manager Michael O'Brien held a press conference at the Library on May 12 to announce a voluntary Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) agreement that Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has made with the City. For the first year of the Agreement, WPI has committed \$270,000 as compensation for municipal services, with \$200,000 specifically earmarked for the Library. Over the 25-year life of the Agreement, our Library stands to benefit by \$9 million. The funds for FY10 will enable us to restore some positions to re-open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., effective July 8th. The PILOT payment also allows us to open on Sundays in FY10, with seventeen (17) Sundays funded by the WPI payments and the remaining thirteen (13) made possible with funds from the Alden Trust through the WPL Foundation. The Sunday schedule is planned for October 4, 2009 – May 2, 2010. Effective July 8, the Main Library hours will be:

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| Monday                     | Closed         |
| Tuesday, Wednesday         | 9 am – 9 pm    |
| Thursday, Friday, Saturday | 9 am – 5:30 pm |