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**New York City Department of Design and Construction, Councilmember Laurie Cumbo and Brooklyn Public Library Celebrate Reopening of Eastern Parkway Branch**

*Renovations to Carnegie Library Continue Century-Long Legacy as Hub for Learning*

**Brooklyn, NY** – The New York City Department of Design and Construction announced the completion of a roof restoration at the Brooklyn Public Library’s Eastern Parkway Branch on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, effectively re-opening the 102-year-old Carnegie Library to the public. City Council Member Laurie Cumbo joined the ceremony along with Brooklyn Public Library officials and students from Brooklyn’s Public School 532.

The work included re-fitting and restoring the historical limestone roof in addition to installation of a new roof drainage system. These improvements aim to make the building resilient against storms and overall deterioration due to aging.



**Left: The Eastern Parkway Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library re-opened to the public on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 after a seven-month closure due to repairs**

**Right: CM Laurie Cumbo read to students from P.S. 532 at the Eastern Parkway branch of the Brooklyn Public library**

“DDC is proud to help facilitate the reopening of Eastern Parkway Library” **said DDC Commissioner Feniosky Peña-Mora**. “This Carnegie Library has been a space to foster intellectual curiosity since the 20<sup>th</sup> century and we’re happy to preserve the historical features of the library while ensuring that the building is resilient in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

Students from P.S. 532 - New Bridges presented Councilmember Cumbo with thank you cards for her part in getting City Hall to support the restorations. The Eastern Parkway Branch opened in 1914 and was last renovated in 1975.

“Eastern Parkway Library has served patrons for more than 100 years and is a neighborhood gem, one of the most elegant and stately of Brooklyn’s libraries,” said **Brooklyn Public Library and CEO Linda Johnson**. “We appreciate our patrons’ support as we renovated this beautiful, historic building, and we look forward to working with city leaders to address the considerable capital changes we face throughout our sixty branches.”

“Public libraries are creative spaces where patrons of all ages can explore their imagination or expand their horizons. The new and improved Eastern Parkway branch will provide an enhanced learning experience to the youth and adults who rely on their neighborhood library for free access to a wealth of resources,” said **Council Member Laurie Cumbo**.

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