

Resolution Number 189
Central Library of the St. Louis Public Library System

Whereas, Central Library of the St. Louis Public Library System was constructed as a result of a gift to the City from Andrew Carnegie in 1901; and

Whereas, the building was designed by Cass Gilbert, a world renowned architect, and the building has been recognized as on of the most beautiful libraries of the United States; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Library consistently ranks as one of the top systems in the country measured by the number of branches, volumes, circulation and staff per population; and

Whereas, Central Library functions as the nerve center for the entire St. Louis Public Library System, housing the majority of the collection, providing vital support and programming services for the branches; and

Whereas, the Central Library has undergone a \$70 million renovation which has increased the public space by 83% as well as restored the magnificent historic rooms to their original grandeur; and

Whereas, Central Library will reopen for business on Sunday, December 9, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize St. Louis Public Library Director Waller McGuire, his staff, the many political and civic leaders along with the multitude of library patrons who have contributed to the renovation of this grand structure and vibrant cultural center. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of December, 2012 by:

Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 6th day of December, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen