

**READING PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEDIA ALERT**

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**READING PUBLIC LIBRARY
HOLDS VIEWING PARTIES
FOR IMLS MEDAL AWARD CELEBRATION**

READING, PA May 25, 2018 – On Thursday, May 24, Reading Public Library was awarded the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service at a ceremony at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. Representing the library were Executive Director, Bronwen Gamble, President of the Board of Trustees, Nancy Campbell, and community member, Luis Rodriguez. The library was one of 10 recipients of the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities.

The ceremony was live streamed at the four library branches and a viewing party was held at Reading Public Library’s Foundation Building, 113 S. 4th St. from 1:45 to 3 pm. Following the live streamed celebration at the Foundation offices, guests were invited to tour the award winning library.

A community party thanking patrons for their support of RPL will be held in front of the main library, 100 S. 5th St. from 12 to 2 pm on Saturday, June 2. It will kick off the “First Saturdays on the Steps@Main,” public activities scheduled for June, July and August. The June event will begin with an hour “open mic” and be followed by live music, a street level dance floor, and refreshments.

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