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### ***Westminster Branch Library Holds Ribbon Cutting***

*Westminster, MD*— Carroll County Public Library celebrates Westminster Branch Library's 30 years of service to the community with the unveiling of *Wild Imaginings* by Bart Walter on Friday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m. The event marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Westminster Branch and the completion of a 3-year renovation to the busy library branch. The Westminster Branch will also hold a full schedule of activities on Saturday, September 18, to celebrate *Wild Imaginings* and the new performance stage in the park.

The extensive renovation started with the installation of a new roof in 2008 and will end with the re-landscaping of the park and the unveiling of Bart Walter's *Wild Imaginings*, the first piece of sculpture by a local artist to be placed in the library's Mary Lou Dewey Park. The renovations to the library and park were funded by the State of Maryland Public Library Capital Grant Program with matching funds from the Carroll County Commissioners. The County also made this transformation possible through significant in-kind work by County Bureau of Construction staff.

The redesign of the park is based on ideas shared by a broad-based community task force that recommended more open space, new walkways for better access, and a performance stage area for library programs and community concerts. In recognition of the arts district initiative in downtown Westminster, and through private funding, the library will purchase four sculptures by local artists for the park, starting with *Wild Imaginings*, a library-inspired sculpture by world-renowned artist Bart Walter. The second piece will be created from limestone contributed by Lehigh Cement Company and carved onsite next summer.

The library is currently seeking contributions to help bring local art to this Main Street park. Donations can be made at the Westminster Branch or online at <https://library.carr.org/forms/donation.asp>. All those contributing \$25 or more will be invited to a donor reception from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 17.

The Westminster Branch Library is located at 50 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland. For more information contact Lisa Back at 410.386.4500, x3196 or [lback@carr.org](mailto:lback@carr.org).

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