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## ***Councilman Gentile Announces 7-Day Service at McKinley Park Library***

**BAY RIDGE**—Councilman Vincent Gentile visited McKinley Park Library last week to let patrons know that the library would have extended days of service beginning September 13, 2009.

September 13 will be the first Sunday that the McKinley Park Library, located at 6802 Fort Hamilton Parkway, will be open. Its hours of operations on that day will be from 1 PM to 5 PM. The branch's days of operation were extended in response to the library's relatively high circulation and demand for services from patrons.

"I'm proud to announce that the McKinley Park Library will begin to provide services to this neighborhood seven days a week," Councilman Gentile said. "Access to technology, reading material and public space are all priorities of this neighborhood, and the Brooklyn Public Library should be thanked for its commitment to expanding services at a time when residents need and want them more than ever."

"Councilmember Gentile has been instrumental in helping BPL provide increased library access and learning opportunities for the people of Brooklyn, especially the borough's youth," said Dionne Mack-Harvin, Executive Director of Brooklyn Public Library. "Extended service hours at McKinley Park are a result of his staunch support, and we are truly thankful to the councilman, and the generosity of the Mayor and the entire City Council, for making this huge win for the community possible."

Local branches will also see an increase in late-night hours, starting September 13. McKinley Park Library, Dyker Library and Bay Ridge Library and the New Utrecht Library will be open until 8 PM on Thursdays.

Councilman Gentile serves as the Chair of the New York City Council's Select Committee on Libraries. In that role he pushed for the funding of six-day library service throughout the city; in the end of FY2009, he led the fight against cutting of funding to libraries in all five boroughs, successfully restoring \$46.5 million to their budgets.