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WWI Centennial Project Kicks off with Ribbon Cutting and Guided Tours

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The WWI Centennial: Strong Foundations, New Possibilities exhibit officially opened with much success despite the rainy weather. Jason Lindauer represented the City of Chelsea and welcomed locals and visitors to the day's events. A small choir, made up of local singers, was led on piano by Ron Andrews in a performance of "In Flanders Fields", a song based on the original poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. After a few brief words by Keegan Sulecki, Head of Adult Services and Deb Greer, co-director of the River Gallery, attendees were invited to take part in the days activities.

Representatives from the Chelsea VFW were on site taking donations for their Buddy Poppy programs, along with "Detroit's Own" Polar Bear Memorial Associations and the Grass Lake Heritage Museum with a variety of WWI era artifacts and stories. Additionally, artifacts on loan from local area residents are also on display on both the 1st and 2nd floor of the Chelsea District Library, and will remain available for viewing throughout the exhibit.

Despite the weather, there were walking tours of the banners around town and also cemetery tours led by the Chelsea Historical Society. If you missed the Ribbon Cutting, there will be another opportunity to join a guided walking tour of the banners on September 18th from 1-4pm. Visit ChelseaDistrictLibrary.org for more details about future World War I programming and tours available at the library this fall.

This project was funded in part by the Michigan Humanities Council and the Washtenaw Area Conventions and Visitors Bureau. The exhibit will be available until Veterans Day, November 11, 2016. Chelsea District Library is eager for feedback to share with their funding organizations. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWIFeedback to fill out their short survey.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 14,000 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

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