Meijer Library – Walker Branch Opens a New Chapter for the Community

After more than a decade of planning, the Meijer Library – Walker Branch opened in Oct. 2026, creating a new place for Walker, Mich. residents to learn, discover and connect. The opening brought together city and Kent District Library leadership, design and construction partners, and Meijer to celebrate this new investment in the community's future.

The 24,000-square-foot library brings spaces for reading, studying, creativity and gathering together under one roof. Meijer supported the new branch with a $1 million gift, continuing its longstanding relationship with its hometown community.

For Meijer, the connection is close to home: Walker has long been home to the company's headquarters at Walker and Three Mile. Supporting the library carries forward Fred Meijer's belief in being a good neighbor and in investing in places where families can gather, learn and grow together.

Space to Learn, Create and Connect

The new branch includes a children's space, study rooms, a gaming room and a podcast studio, along with an outdoor plaza and second-floor deck. Together, these amenities offer different ways to make the library visit part of everyday life, whether the goal is to explore a story, focus on a project or try a creative interest.

Imagine a family discovering a new favorite book, a student studying, a group of friend e-gaming or a neighbor exploring the possibilities of podcasting. These are the kinds of experiences the new spaces can support—and the everyday moments that can turn a building into a community destination.

A Lasting Legacy

Melissa Conway, Meijer's Director of Community Partnerships & Giving, represented the company at the opening celebration alongside Walker Mayor Gary Carey and Kent District Library Executive Director Lance Werner.

"This beautiful new library is the result of a community dreaming big, working together and investing in a place where everyone can learn, connect and feel welcome," Melissa shared.

An Invitation to Be Part of the Story

The doors are open, and the next chapter belongs to the community. For Walker residents, the new branch is an invitation to find a favorite corner, pursue a new interest and make room for discovery in their routines.

Whether you come for your next read, a place to study or a chance to explore something different, the Meijer Library – Walker Branch offers a new starting point—right here in the community Meijer is proud to call home.

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