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Worcester Public Library Partners with Bottom Line to Host College Readiness Program for Low-Income Students

Worcester, MA – The Worcester Public Library is partnering with Bottom Line to provide college readiness support to low-income students in the Worcester area. The programs are designed to help students navigate the admissions and financial aid process.

Tyrone Brown of Bottom Line will offer *College Admissions and Essays with Bottom Line* on Friday, October 9 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Library's Banx Room. During this program, he will explain how to navigate the college admissions and essay writing process. Brown will also offer *College Financial Aid with Bottom Line* on Monday, November 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Saxe Room at the Library. This program helps students learn to receive and make best use of financial aid for college. Both programs are free, and no registration is required.

"Providing free college readiness programming is something the library has done successfully in the past, and meshes perfectly with the library mission of democratized access," said Rachel Moir, Teen Services Librarian of the Worcester Public Library. "We hope that by providing this programming, we will help local teens learn more about the college application and readiness resources available to them in their own community."

Bottom Line has addressed the low college graduation rates of at-risk urban youth since 1997. Their mission is to help low income, first generation students get into college, graduate from college and go far in life. Their vision is to dramatically transform urban communities by producing thousands of career-ready college graduates.

The Worcester Public Library serves as a gathering place that actively promotes the free exchange of ideas in our democratic society. The Library makes information and services available to all people while fostering intellectual freedom, protecting privacy, encouraging personal growth and enrichment and celebrating our diverse community heritage. The Library strives to be a welcoming destination and the leading provider of resources to inform, enlighten and enrich our diverse community.

For more information on College Admissions and Essays with Bottom Line and College Financial Aid with Bottom Line please contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager of the Worcester Public Library, at lsheldon@worcpublib.org or 508-799-1654. Students with questions regarding these programs may contact Rachel Moir, Teen Services Librarian of the Worcester Public Library at rmoir@worcpublib.org of 508-799-1667.

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