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**WHAT:** Patterson International unveils new library

**WHEN:** **TODAY** ~ Friday, May 24 at 10:45 a.m.

**WHERE:** Patterson International School, 1263 S. Dudley St., Lakewood, 80232

## **Donations Fund School Library Makeover**

Two-thousand books, upgraded technology and a fully-stocked food pantry await students at Patterson International School.

*Target Corp., The Heart of America Foundation and Target Meals for Minds* lift the curtain on a newly renovated library ready to serve the 450 Patterson students and their families.

“We truly believe the library is the hub of a school,” said Patterson teacher librarian Ryan Livingston. “This library will become a hub in our neighborhood by bringing our community together and we are so excited for that.”

“Students and parents are so excited, you can feel it,” said Principal Beth Larson. “They are trying to get a peek through the covered up library windows, the anticipation is amazing to see.”

Included in the library makeover package — a stocked food pantry that will provide more than 22 pounds of fresh produce and staple foods to Patterson families.

Patterson is one of 25 elementary schools across the country to receive a library makeover as part of the [Target School Library Makeover](#) program. Through programs like this one, Target is on track to give \$1 billion for education by the end of 2015.

Interested media will see volunteers shelving books, arranging furniture and decorating the library before students arrive, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony with teachers and staff that will see the new and improved library for the first time.