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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hartford Public Library celebrated the accomplishments of hundreds of summer learners at the final game of the Hartford Yard Goats' season. Thanks to an outstanding team effort, the Summer Learning Program was a great success with 1,140 registrations, 590 completions, 6,795 logged books, 706 events attended, and 477 activities completed. One great team deserves another, so it was fitting that we chose Dunkin Donuts Park as the venue for our season-ending community event.

Our talented and experienced library team works on the front lines and behind the scenes every day to make sure people using the library have a great experience and find the help they need. Our staff field a myriad of questions and requests every day—including helping people achieve their dreams of learning a new language or navigating the pathway to citizenship, finding the right audiobook for that long car trip, and being inspired by—and an inspiration to—our children and teens with creative maker experiences and homework help.

Have you heard of these great programs and initiatives? If not, stop in any branch or check out our website, www.hplct.org, for more information and to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.

- » American Job Center
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the year in review

JULY 2016—JUNE 2017



JULY 20
 LIFELONG
 LEARNERS
 COMPLETE
 CRAZY
 QUILTS

Teaching artist Irma Nelson brought her popular *Simply Crazy Quilting* class to the Ropkins branch. The students' quilts were displayed in an art exhibition at the Downtown Library.



JULY 20 
 TARISHI MIDNIGHT-
 SHULER WINS IRON
 POETS OPEN MIC
 CHALLENGE

EXERCISE
your mind.
READ!

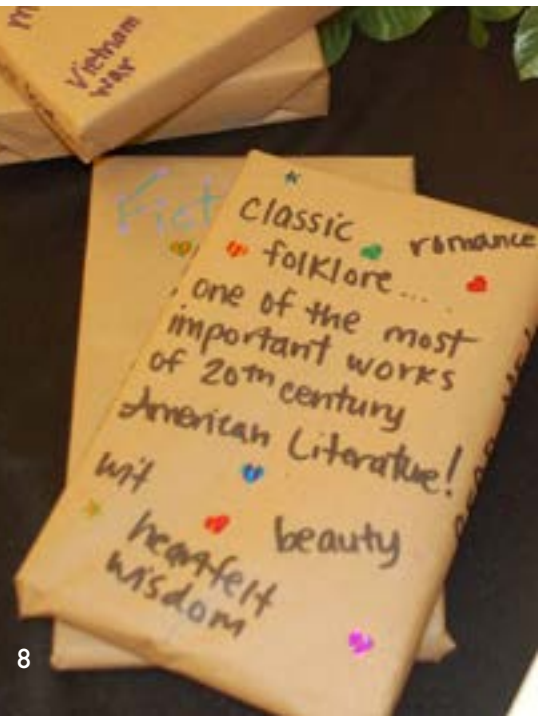


JULY 15
 MARC YVES
 REGIS EXHIBITS
 "HEADSTRONG"

The photo series offered a window into the lives of the street vendors who carry Haiti's economic burden on their heads.

AUGUST 9
 NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY

Library visitors earned raffle tickets by participating in *Blind Date with a Book*, checking out wrapped and decorated books and audiobooks. Outside, the People of Goodwill band performed on the Terrace, paying homage to Afrika with drum-based music and the power of rhythm.



SEP 25- OCT 1 BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Amid the Love Notes to Banned Books exhibit, volunteers read aloud from Allen Ginsberg's *Howl* in celebration of the freedom to read.

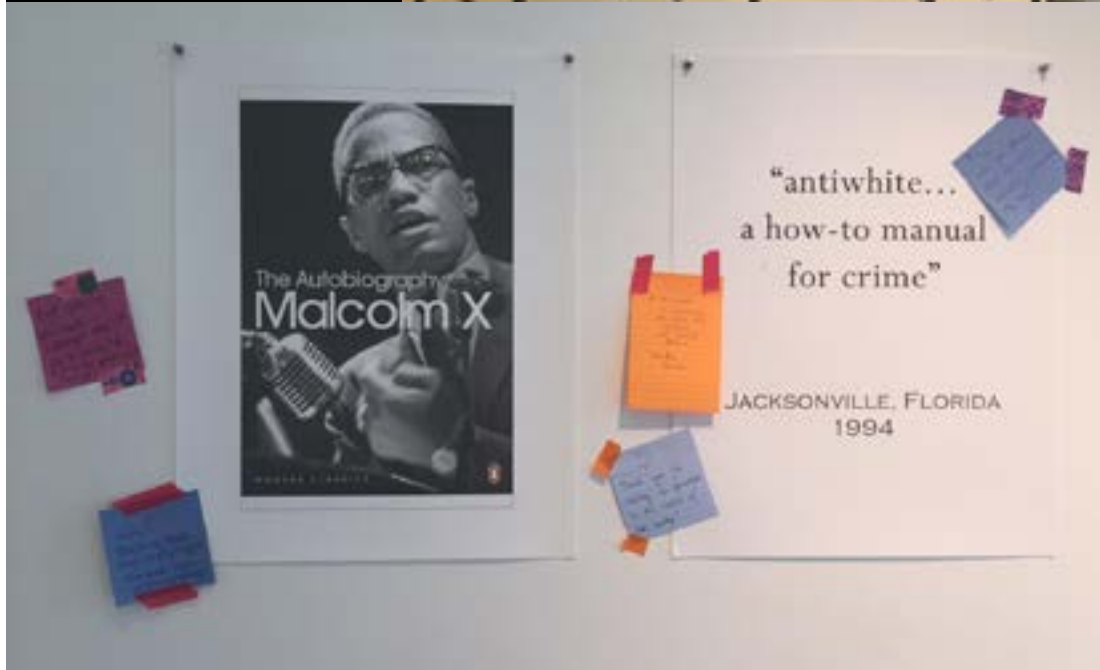


OCTOBER 11 SENATOR BLUMENTHAL HOLDS CYBERSECURITY PRESS CONFERENCE



OCTOBER 21 PUERTO RICAN PARADE EXHIBIT CLOSES

Archival images and video of the parades and the Miss Puerto Rico Connecticut pageant celebrated Hartford's Puerto Rican community.



OCTOBER 24 CHIEF TEALE TEACHES THE TOOLS OF LEARNING

Charles S. Teale, former Chief of the Hartford Fire Department, started offering one-on-one tutorials on strategies for academic and professional success.



SEPTEMBER 17 HIP HOP NATION OPENS AT ENVISIONFEST

A series of workshops, events, and an exhibition celebrated the five elements of Hip Hop culture, including its artistic forms and the history and knowledge that has developed over the past 40+ years of its existence.

Hip Hop Nation 2016 also brought author, filmmaker, rapper, and professor MK Asante to Hartford to give a talk on his book *Buck: A Memoir*.





NOVEMBER 2

ARTIST SANDY FROMSON TEACHES WEAVING

NOVEMBER 3 HISTORICAL HIP HOP EXHIBIT OPENS

The archival exhibition *Hip Hop in Hartford: RAW exhibitions '81 & '91* served as the backdrop to a conversation with Hartford emcee Empress Nijuabi about the evolving culture of Hip Hop.



NOVEMBER 16-18



MEXICAN CONSULATE ON
WHEELS VISITS

NOVEMBER 29 CULTURAL BOMBAZO



DEC 6 HOLIDAY CARDS FOR VETERANS

Children ages 6 to 12 created handmade cards at the Albany Branch. Library staff shared the cards with veterans at the Veterans Healthcare campus in Newington.



DEC 1 FORMER CHIEF LIBRARIAN RECEIVES HEWINS MEDAL

At the inaugural *Beyond Words* gala, Louise Blalock was awarded the first Caroline M. Hewins medal.



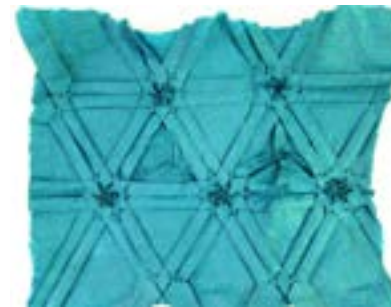
DECEMBER 5 WOKE TEENS FORUM GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO TALK ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE



JANUARY 17

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN LAUNCHES

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten launched as part of our Leap into Learning program, which works to ensure that all children in Hartford are prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.



« **JANUARY 13**
DALENTA & PARKER EXHIBIT
PHOTOGRAMS ON THE ARTWALK



FEBRUARY 1-28

CELEBRATING HARTFORD HISTORY MAKERS

We asked for area artists, of all ages and working in all media, to create portraits of historical black visionaries and changemakers in our city. The resulting prints were exhibited in the Hartford History Center throughout Black History Month.



JAN 1
THE BENCH ARRIVES

A bench made from the largest elm tree in Connecticut provides a new gathering place.



JAN 9
CUTTING THE RIBBON

The family of Paul and Christine Peters rededicated The Peters Reading Room, now on the main floor.

FEBRUARY 4
ENCOUNTERS DISCUSSION SERIES EXAMINES OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENTS



FEBRUARY 17
LOCAL ARTIST CHRIS PORTER TEACHES BASIC ART PRINCIPLES AT LUNCHTIME DRAWING CLASS





MARCH 12

AMANDA MONACO PLAYS JAZZ

The 2017 season of Baby Grand Jazz, on Sundays from January to April, was streamlined, fine-tuned, and better attended than ever. Our performances were viewed by a series-record 5,900 audience members over the course of sixteen performances.

MARCH 1

MAPS FOR ALL LAUNCH PROMOTES GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY



MARCH 9

CARLA TEN EYCK EXHIBIT OPENS

Originally commissioned in 2008, Carla Ten Eyck's exhibition *see real women: really see women* is part of the Hartford History Center's permanent collection.



<< APRIL 17

LEAP INTO LEARNING

Weekly programs provide opportunities for interactive play time and hands-on learning.



During National Library Week, we:

- Held a group poetry reading on the ArtWalk
- Partnered with the CT Ballet to present *Backstage at the Ballet*
- Introduced Biblioboard, our online, mobile-friendly, crowd-sourced digital library

APRIL 10-16

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



MAY 5 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

HPL Board President Gregory C. Davis was honored by the Connecticut Library Association at their annual meeting.



JUNE 20 WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Mayor Luke Bronin led attendees in a rendition of *This Land Is Your Land* at a Naturalization Ceremony for new citizens.



MAY 19 PABLO DELANO'S "HARTFORD VIEWS" OPENS



MAY 22 INTRODUCING HARTFORD CITY ID

Kids and families at the Barbour Branch read gardening books and learned about the Earth through word games, recycling activities, and writing exercises. Throughout the growing season, they continued to tend the garden and read more about plants and nutrition.



MAY 9 << ROBERT CHARLES HUDSON TEACHES PRINTMAKING

Our nationally recognized programming series for older adults, *Lifelong Learning: Classes in the Arts*, offered instruction in printmaking and collage during the spring.



JUN 28 CIGNA FOUNDATION OFFERS FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

JUNE 30 MUSIC ON THE TERRACE

Trumpet player Haneef Nelson leads his Hartford-based jazz ensemble, featuring original music and arrangements of Latin jazz and jazz standards, as part of our annual World of Sounds concert series.



BY THE NUMBERS

JULY 1, 2016–JUNE 30, 2017

860,561

total visits

353,087

annual circulation

145,665

total PC use

11,993

adult program attendees

4,566

adult learners

26,500

visits to the digital repository

14,411

homework help recipients

6,367

Boundless participants

financials

ANNUAL REPORT FINANCIALS

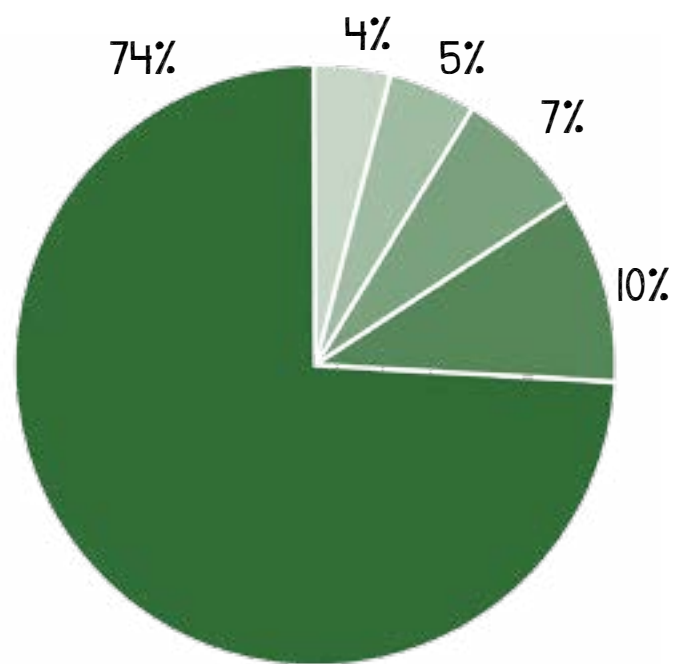
FY17 BUDGET

REVENUE

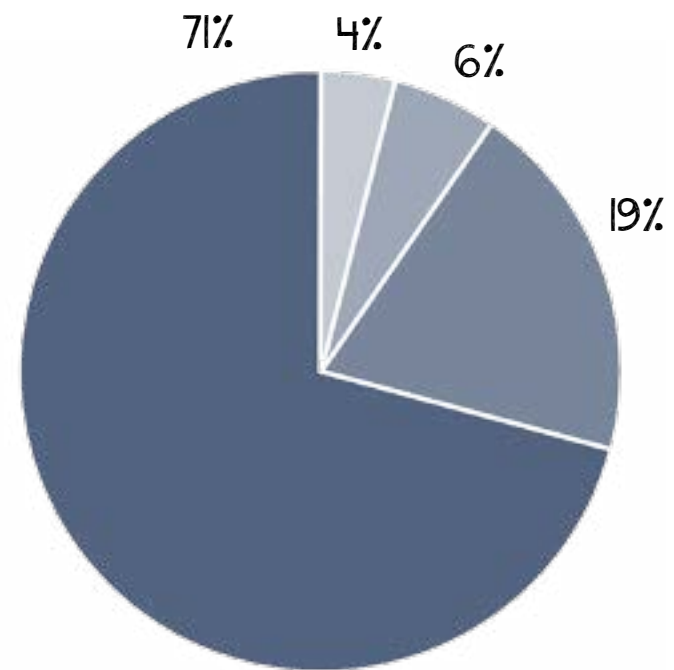
City Contribution	\$7,860,851
Grants	\$1,074,498
Endowment Income	\$740,037
Gifts	\$500,000
Fees Income	\$428,570

EXPENSE

Personnel Costs	\$7,511,780
Other Operating Expenditures	\$2,067,480
Library Materials	\$597,807
Plant Operations & Maintenance	\$426,889



TOTAL REVENUE:
\$10,603,956



TOTAL EXPENSE:
\$10,603,956

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS

	2017*	2016
Cash	\$599,343	\$428,110
Investments	\$15,856,837	\$14,768,283
Accounts Receivable	\$217,102	\$60,392
Prepaid Expenses	\$227,327	\$102,111
Property and Equipment	\$11,419,833	\$7,610,363
TOTAL ASSETS	\$28,320,442	\$22,969,259

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$46,969	\$53,247
Deferred Revenue	\$19,168	\$14,635
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$66,137	\$67,882

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$23,573,036	\$18,507,506
Temporarily Restricted	\$604,997	\$317,599
Permanently Restricted	\$4,076,272	\$4,076,272
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$28,254,305	\$22,901,377
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$28,320,442	\$22,969,259



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