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## **HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES INSTALLATION OF SIGN AT PARK STREET LIBRARY @ THE LYRIC**

*New library nearing completion will be largest branch location*

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Library President and CEO Bridget E. Quinn and library leaders today celebrated the installation of a sign will hang on the Park Street side of the new Park Street Library @ The Lyric.

The \$12.5 million project, which broke ground in the summer of 2019, is nearly complete. The two-story, 13,000-square-foot location will be the largest of Hartford Public Library’s six community libraries, replacing a 2,000-square-foot storefront location just up the street. A ribbon-cutting will be held at the end of the month and the library will open its doors for a community celebration Oct. 2.

“This new library will set the stage for our branch libraries,” said Bridget E. Quinn, president and CEO of the Hartford Public Library. “This is going to be a wonderful model to demonstrate how great the branches can be. It’s a new beginning for the Hartford Public Library to be able to provide the level of service our community desires.”

“It is obviously in my opinion going to be a beacon in the community,” said Gregory Davis, chairman of the Hartford Public Library Board of Directors. “I think it will change the whole perspective and look of Park Street. I can’t wait to see that building bustling with young and old.”

Construction on the Park Street Library @ The Lyric began in the summer of 2019. The project, at the corner of Broad and Park streets in Hartford’s Frog Hollow neighborhood, received \$11.1 million in funding from the State Bond Commission and a \$1 million grant from the Connecticut State Library. Additional funding was provided by the City of Hartford.

Downes Construction Company led the construction of the new library and it was designed by the architectural firm TSKP Studio. Features of the building, including the

sign, which resembles a marquee, pay homage to the Lyric Theater that was located there before it was demolished after a fire and decades of neglect.

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### **About Hartford Public Library**

Now celebrating its 127th year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. With locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).



Hartford Public Library president and CEO Bridget E. Quinn, right, stands with Hartford Public Library Board of Directors Chairman Gregory Davis outside the new Park Street Library @ The Lyric on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, in Hartford. The new library, which is nearing completion and will be the Hartford Public Library's largest branch location, will open its doors to the public for a community celebration on Oct. 2. (Photo by Russell Blair / Hartford Public Library)



A sign is installed at the new Park Street Library @ The Lyric on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, in Hartford. The new library, which is nearing completion and will be the Hartford Public Library's largest branch location, will open its doors to the public for a community celebration on Oct. 2. (Photo by Russell Blair / Hartford Public Library)