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## **Hartford Public Library Invites Community to Celebrate National Library Week, April 13 - 19!**



Hartford, Connecticut (April 2, 2014) – **Hartford Public Library (HPL) invites Greater Hartford residents to join a week-long celebration for National Library Week, April 13 – 19, 2014, in its nine branches, Downtown Library, and online.** The theme of this year's celebration is "Lives change @ your library."

Begun in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

In Hartford, the public will have multiple opportunities to celebrate in a variety of mediums:

- **HPL's new Library on Wheels will travel throughout city neighborhoods making stops outside each of the Library's nine branches.** Residents are invited to sign up for a library card and learn about the services Library on Wheels provides.
- **Kids of all ages are invited to participate in an art contest at their local branch by creating a poster illustrating the theme: "What the Library Means to Me!"** Winners will be chosen the following week, and one winner from each branch will receive a special prize.

- **This year, Library Week goes virtual, with a collaborative social media project called “#HPseLfies”.** Visitors are encouraged to take selfies while at the library and upload to Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with the hashtag “#HPseLfie.” Pics will be compiled into a photo-collage which will be reposted on the Library blog and throughout its social media channels.
- **Wednesday, April 16, join HPL Downtown for “More than Books: Libraries, Community & Historic Preservation,” a presentation and discussion with historian William Hosley.** The event will revisit 200 years of American libraries and the changes in mission and practice brought on by technology and new community needs. This program is presented in partnership with the Auerbach Art Library at The Wadsworth Atheneum.
- Kids visiting all Library Youth Departments will receive fun free giveaways all week long!

The Library on Wheels can be found in the community at the following days and times:

**Monday, April 14**

Blue Hills Branch: 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Albany Branch: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Mark Twain Branch: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 15**

Ropkins Branch: 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Barbour Branch: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 16**

Dwight Branch: 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Park Branch: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 17**

Goodwin Branch: 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Campfield Branch: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 19**

Downtown Library: 10 AM – 4 PM

For more information on Hartford Public Library’s National Library Week programs, please call 860-695-6352 or visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

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As a finalist for the 2014 National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Hartford Public Library has been recognized as national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century as an innovative and stimulating place where people can learn and discover, explore their passions, and find a rich array of resources that contribute to a full life. Hartford Public Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Serving the residents of Hartford and beyond at its nine branches and Downtown location, Hartford Public Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

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