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## **Hartford Public Library's New Albany Branch Opens**

**Hartford, Connecticut (October 13, 2011)** — Hartford Public Library announced today that the Albany Branch will celebrate the opening of its new building with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will include remarks by Matthew K. Poland, chief executive officer of Hartford Public Library, Pedro E. Segarra, Hartford Mayor, other local officials and community leaders.

The new branch will increase its capacity by 2,343 square feet, offer state-of-the-art facilities and will allow for increasing the scope of its programs and services.

“This is an investment in education; an investment in community; and an investment in our local economy. By building this 21<sup>st</sup>-century facility, we created jobs as well as created an inviting place for our families to learn and enjoy all the creative elements that libraries provide for us today,” said Mayor Segarra.

Additionally a family day celebration will be held on October 22, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The celebration will include local musicians, including Emory Austin Smith and the University at Hartford Ensemble. Arts and crafts activities, storytelling and will feature local authors such as Trinene Davis, author of *My Sunny Day*, E. Diann Cook, *The Andersuns: Jarrell's Sweet Tooth* and Margina Graham Parker, *I am Michelle Obama: The First Lady.*”

Marian Amodeo, chief public services officer said, “The neighborhood served by the Albany Branch of Hartford Public Library has been waiting for a very long time for this day to come. I think everyone will be thrilled with the new building. The staff stands ready to welcome and

assist all customers as they continue to provide customary as well as new services, materials, and programs for all ages.”

The branch will be opened Monday - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Thursday, 12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 12:30- 5:00 p.m.

### **About Hartford Public Library**

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) and the library’s new blog at [blogs.hplct.org](http://blogs.hplct.org)