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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES \$10K GRANT FOR STEM EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMING

Brown Rudnick gives 10K for Education Initiative focused on providing expanded STEM learning experiences to Hartford Public School students and access to STEM learning tools for in-school and at-home learning.

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Library (HPL) received \$10,000 for the 2023-2024 Relationship grant from The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation. Funding will expand the popular STEM program series, featuring live animals and hands-on activities with the Children’s Museum and 10 Hartford Public Schools in the 2023/24 school year. The funds will also be used to purchase additional HPL STEM Lab on the Go kits for use with school class rooms, community programs and library programs. They serve a dual purpose of promoting STEM resources to teachers, students and families as well as giving students a tangible learning experience

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation has a mission to bring energy and interest of Brown Rudnick volunteers together with opportunities and resources to create positive social change. To maximize its effect, the Foundation focuses to organizations focused on education in underserved communities in Boston, Hartford, New York, Washington, D.C., Orange County and London (UK).

HPL with the funding from The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, will expand our most requested kit type: robotics with Finch Robots, which is a robot designed to grow with students. From icon and block-based coding to advanced text-based programming, the Finch is a tool used in elementary schools. Class kits have been used during Tech Classes, Family Nights, STEM Nights, regularly scheduled school visits across the district and in-house at library branches across the system.

About Hartford Public Library

With roots dating to 1774, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. With seven 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.

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