

**Celebrate National Library Week at Hartford Public Library
and Get Ready for Your Close-up on Snapshot Day**

HARTFORD CT (August 8, 2011) — Hartford Public Library announced today that the Library will celebrate **National Library Week** (April 10-16) with an event called **Library Snapshot Day** on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Downtown Library and at all branches in the city. **Library Snapshot Day** provides a way for the library to show what happens in a single day. How many books are checked out? How many people receive help finding a job? Doing their taxes? Doing their homework? This initiative will provide an easy means to collect statistics, photos and stories that will enable the library to increase public awareness.

Matt Poland, the Library's chief executive officer, said: "Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new computer skills or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins."

"Every day, our libraries across the city are helping people create their own unique stories," says Marian Amodeo, chief public services officer. "Whether it is by opening a book and exploring distant lands, or by learning how to use new technologies to find a job, people at our library are creating new stories for themselves."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

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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.