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Pitney Bowes Foundation Awards Hartford Public Library Grant for Homework Clubs

Hartford, Connecticut (January 25, 2013) – Hartford Public Library announced today that the Pitney Bowes Foundation has awarded a \$3,750 grant to the library that will continue its funding for the Homework Clubs. The Clubs are presently staffed by Hartford teens hired for the Library’s positive youth development employment program, the Teen Leader Initiative.

“Through Homework Clubs, The Hartford Public Library provides needed resources and strong education services for area students. We are very pleased to support them in these important efforts and congratulate the Library on this creative and effective approach to education advancement,” said Kathleen Ryan Mufson, President of the Pitney Bowes Foundation.

One aspect of school success that can be particularly challenging for Hartford students is homework completion. Many families struggle with time, space and resources to support their student’s homework. This can often mean the lack of required-table space, a quiet atmosphere, print and electronic resources, and basic school supplies.

“The Library becomes the logical place for students to turn for this homework assistance. Homework Clubs offer an excellent opportunity for personal and academic achievement while meeting the goals of the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading. We are grateful for Pitney Bowes Foundation’s support of the Homework Clubs,” said Hartford Public Library’s chief executive officer Matthew K. Poland.

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 and the library’s new blog at blogs.hplct.org

About the Pitney Bowes Foundation:

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