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If You Love Your Library, Be A Part of Snapshot Day 2010!

Hartford, CT (February 11, 2010) - On Thursday, February 18, 2010, Hartford Public Library, along with libraries all over Connecticut, will be taking a 'snapshot' – collecting information to capture the impact that Connecticut libraries have on their communities on a typical day. We're calling it 'Snapshot Day.'

Snapshot Day is a joint project of the Connecticut Library Association, the Connecticut State Library and the Connecticut Library Consortium. It is based on a project of the same name created by the New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Library Association. The aim is to encourage libraries all over Connecticut to collect basic data – how many people use the library on a given day, how many people use computers, attend programs, etc. Connecticut's libraries are busier than ever these days, with people coming not only to check out books, but use computers, look for a job or attend the many programs our libraries offer. All across the state, libraries are the cornerstones of their communities, places where people come together to visit, learn and share ideas.

On February 18, we hope to capture a slice of life of Connecticut's libraries. There will be a chance for patrons to comment on what their library means to them, and pictures from libraries all over the state will be available on the Snapshot Flickr page. Please visit the Snapshot website, <http://snapshotctlib.wordpress.com/> to find out more about this exciting project.

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It currently operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford, plus a Library on Wheels that provides mobile access to Library services on a rotating schedule in neighborhoods across the City. The Library receives more than 800,000 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 the Hartford Public Library is to promote and support literacy and learning; to provide free and open access to information and ideas and to help people participate in our democratic society.