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Public Invited to Meet Library CEO Candidates

(Hartford, CT) – The Hartford Public Library has chosen three finalists for its next CEO.

They are: Luren E. Dickinson, director of the Shaker Heights Public Library in Ohio; Molly Fogarty, director of the Springfield City Library in Massachusetts; and Bridget Quinn-Carey, Interim President and CEO of the Queens Library in New York City.

The Library's Board of Directors will introduce the three finalists at a public forum on **Monday, February 22, from 5:30-7 pm**. The event will take place in the Center for Contemporary Culture, on the main floor of the Hartford Public Library's Downtown Branch, 500 Main St., Hartford.

Each finalist will make a 12-minute presentation, addressing the question: "Given what you know about the City of Hartford and the Hartford Public Library, describe the Hartford Public Library of tomorrow." Following that, they will sit in a panel and answer questions selected from the audience.

The Library has retained national search firm Bradbury Associates/Gossage Sager Associates which specializes in executive searches for libraries. The firm has been engaged to find a successor to CEO Matthew K. Poland, who left the job at the end of 2015.

According to Greg Davis, Library Board President, 29 candidates applied for the

position. “Our [the board’s] goal from the start of the search was to have an open and informative process that would include the community, the Library staff, and the Board,” Davis says. “Following the public forum, staff meetings with the finalists, and interviews by the transition committee, the board expects to announce the next CEO by March 1.”

The Library’s Chief Administrative Officer, Mary Tzambazakis, has been serving as interim CEO.

The Library has created a web page with information on the search:
<http://newceo.hplct.org/> .