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**HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY CEO ELECTED TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**Hartford, Connecticut (June 26, 2015)** — Hartford Public Library CEO Matthew K. Poland was elected chairman of the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) at its annual forum in San Jose, California. ULC, founded in 1971, is a membership association of leading public library systems in the U.S. and Canada. Poland has been on the board of ULC since 2011 and has served on its executive committee for two years. “I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as chair of the Urban Libraries Council,” said Poland. “Our member libraries are among the best in the world. Together we are making a real difference in the lives of millions every day.”

**ABOUT [HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)**

As a finalist for the 2013 and 2014 National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Hartford Public Library has been recognized as a national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century as an innovative and stimulating place where people can learn and discover, explore their passions, and find a rich array of resources that contribute to a full life. Hartford Public Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Serving the residents of Hartford and beyond at its nine branches and Downtown location, Hartford Public Library receives more than 833,000 visits per year from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

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