

For Planning Purposes Contact: Russell Blair (860) 559-4873 June 13, 2022

SATURDAY: HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAUNCH 'HARTFORD SUMMER SPACE MISSION' WITH PARTY AT DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Kickoff to Summer Learning will feature book giveaways, musical performances as well as Pride and Juneteenth-themed events

(Hartford, CT) – At 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 at the Downtown Library in Hartford, Hartford Public Library, Hartford Public Schools and other community partners will hold an open party to formally kickoff the Hartford Summer Space Mission, a citywide summer learning adventure that includes reading challenges, weekly prizes, hands-on STEM activities and space-themed crafting projects.

The party will include performances by **Studio 860**, **Hartford's Proud Drill Team**, and a drag queen storytime, as well as a Juneteenth read aloud organized in partnership with the Greater Hartford NAACP.

Hartford families are encouraged to visit the Downtown Library Saturday afternoon for activities including face painting, henna, a balloon show, ice cream and more. Students can register for the **Hartford Summer Space Mission** by visiting bit.ly/SummerSpaceMission.

WHO

Hartford Public Library Director of Public Services Marie Jarry Hartford Public Schools Superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez Community partners

WHERE

Hartford Public Library Downtown 500 Main Street Hartford, CT

WHEN

1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18