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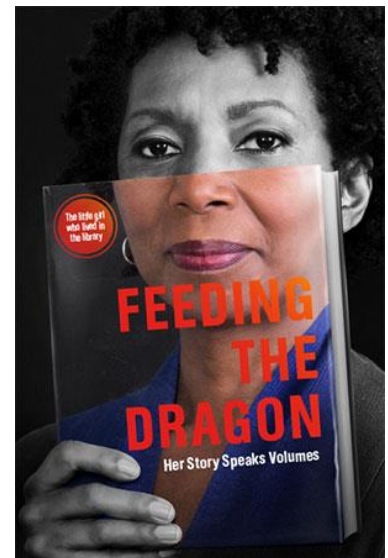
Hartford Public Library and Hartford Stage Partnership Offers Free Tickets for Library Cardholders, Ambassadors

January 5, 2018 — Hartford Public Library and Hartford Stage have a partnership that makes free theater tickets available to Library cardholders, allows Neighborhood Ambassadors from Hartford neighborhoods to see live theater and bring others with them to shows, and creates a mini-library at the theater of show-related books that can be checked out with an HPL library card. Theater tickets. Each of the seven branches of Hartford Public Library will have a two-ticket pass per eligible show. Patrons can check on line to see where passes are available, but they must ask for them in person at any of the seven HPL locations. Patrons must confirm the seats by calling Hartford Stage at 860-527-5151.

The ticket program begins Monday, January 8.
[See available passes here.](#)

[Watch a trailer](#) for "Feeding the Dragon."

Tickets are currently listed for "Feeding the Dragon," Sharon Washington's one-woman show about growing up in an apartment in a New York City Library branch. The show runs January 11 through February 4.



Tickets for the remaining Hartford Stage shows will become available during the run of the shows. They are:

Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, February 15-March 18

The Age of Innocence, April 5-May 6

Statements After an Arrest Under the Immorality Act, May 17-June 10

Neighborhood Ambassadors

The ambassadors will meet for a casual dinner and conversation at Hartford Stage prior to attending a complimentary preview of the upcoming four shows this season.

Meeting dates are:

“Feeding the Dragon” on January 16.

“Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express” on February 20.

“The Age of Innocence” on April 10.

“Statements After an Arrest Under the Immorality Ave” on May 22.

After seeing preview performances, Ambassadors can return with up to three other guests, Hartford residents ages 18 and older, and see the play again at no charge. The goal is to invite new people from the community to join the Ambassador Program throughout the season. (Hartford Stage will select the performances for the return visits.)

Ambassadors and their guests will complete post show surveys about their play-going experience and give feedback on how the program could be improved.

Special Events

Free Panel Discussion

Monday, January 22, 7:30 pm

Hartford Stage, 50 Church Street

[Reserve Your Seat](#)

Kendall Wiggin, Connecticut State Library, moderates “The Evolution of the Public Library: Growing and Thriving as Vital Community Hubs”

Panelists: Sharon Washington, playwright and performer, “Feeding the Dragon”; Bridget Quinn-Carey, CEO, Hartford Public Library; Gabrielle Barnes, Teen Services Library, Hartford Public Library

**Hartford Library Night@
Hartford Stage**



Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 pm

50 Church Street

Save 20 percent on tickets with the Hartford Public Library code: HPL20

[Buy on line](#) or call 860-527-5151.