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SATURDAY: HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAUNCH '3-2-1 HARTFORD BLAST OFF... SUMMER LEARNING TO THE STARS, MARS, AND BEYOND!' WITH JUNE 10 KICKOFF EVENT AT ROPKINS BRANCH LIBRARY

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

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Library invites the press to come out, cover and support our Kickoff to Summer Learning.

At 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 10 at the Ropkins Branch, 1750 Main St., Hartford Public Library, Hartford Public Schools and a multitude of community partners will hold an open celebration to formally kickoff Hartford Summer Learning, a citywide summer learning adventure that includes reading challenges, weekly prizes, hands-on STEM activities and space-themed crafting projects.

Funding comes in part from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, who graciously awarded HPL with a \$25k grant for Summer Learning. An additional \$5k comes from the Fisher Foundation a Donor Advised Fund at the HFPG.

The party will include a welcome address from HPL President and CEO, Bridget E. Quinn, performances by Studio 860 and Mariachi Los Laureles del Monte, and a drag queen storytime. Hartford residents and families are encouraged to visit HPL's Ropkins Branch Saturday afternoon for activities including face painting, henna, balloon twisting, yoga, Hartford Yard Goats mascot and more. Students can register for the Hartford Summer Space Mission by visiting hplct.libguides.com/HartfordSummer23

WHO

Hartford Public Library President and CEO – Bridget Quinn
Hartford Public Schools Superintendent - Leslie Torres-Rodriguez
Community Partners

WHERE

Hartford Public Library - Ropkins Branch
1750 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120

WHEN

12-3 p.m.
Saturday, June 10

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