

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Contact: Steve Scarpa Manager, Communications and Public Relations Cell: 860-559-4873

E-mail: <a href="mailto:sscarpa@hplct.org">sscarpa@hplct.org</a>

## Hartford Public Library Announces Service Changes Beginning January 1

HARTFORD, December 29, 2020 – Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases throughout Connecticut, Hartford Public Library is making several operational changes that will start in January.

Starting January 1, HPL will pause contact-free pick up of books and other materials at its branch libraries. The service will continue to be offered at the Downtown Library.

In addition, the library will no longer offer appointments for Notary services. Librarians will be able to direct people to other places around the city that offer Notary services.

The library will continue to offer appointments for Municipal ID and passport services. The number of appointments will be limited to two per day and can be made by calling 860-695-6300.

"We continue to be vigilant in our efforts to keep our customers and our staff safe and healthy," said Bridget Quinn-Carey, HPL's president and CEO.

The Downtown Library reopened December 28 after being closed for a week due to a possible coronavirus exposure.

To use HPL's virtual services, visit hplct.org. If you need assistance, please call 860-695-6300.

## **About Hartford Public Library**

Now celebrating its 126th year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st Century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. www.hplct.org.