

Hartford Public Library Supports National Disability Voter Week



Hartford, July 19 — Hartford Public Library and Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota Coalition, as part of National Disability Voter Registration Week In Libraries, will demonstrate the state’s Ballot Marking System, designed to improve the voting experience for people with disabilities. On Wednesday, July 19, at 11:30 am, Hartford Public Library CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey , Deputy Secretary of State Scott Bates, and HARC COO Gregory Grant,

will talk about the importance of access to polling places.

Hartford Public Library offers voter registration forms and provides information about polling places, absentee ballots, and Voter Bill of Rights, described on its [website](#). The Downtown Library serves as a polling location on election days. All branches have voter registration forms. The Downtown Library also offers meeting space to Hartford Votes, and hosts candidate forums. It is also a location to register for a Municipal ID,

Hartford Public Library is a member of the Hartford Votes coalition, a non-partisan group of organizations that have come together with the common goal of increasing voter engagement in the City of Hartford.

In the November, 2016 elections, the State of Connecticut used the IVS Inspire Ballot Marking System at all polling places. The Ballot Marking System uses software and assistive features that interfaces directly with a Brother printer to print a marked ballot, which is scanned along with other ballots in the polling place.

The Ballot Marking System includes a tablet and a keypad with headphones and voters may use the touch screen on the tablet, or by using the connected audio

system on the keypad. The audio system, which includes headphones, works by a series of cues requiring voters to push different buttons on the telephone-style keypad to make choices for each office. Both the touchscreen and the audio provide voters with the opportunity to review and revise their choices.