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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Bonding for HPL Park Branch Project Moves Forward**

**Nov. 17, 2016** —Plans for a new Park Street location for Hartford Public Library took a big step forward this week when the State Bond Commission approved \$5 million bond.

Funding for the project stands at \$10.7 million. In December, 2015, the Connecticut State Library Board approved Hartford Public Library's construction grant of \$1 million. On May 27, 2016, another \$4.7 million bond, to be administered by the State Library, was approved.

"We are thrilled to see that the new Park Branch is becoming a reality, says Bridget Quinn-Carey, CEO of Hartford Public Library. "The community will soon have a tremendous resource for culture, literature, and civic engagement."

The new branch will be on the site of the old Lyric Theatre at 585 Park St. This move will allow the library to expand high demand services in Frog Hollow by providing equitable access to technology, learning and civic development. The new branch will also contribute to the revitalization and economic development of the neighborhood.

The library and the community have been advocating for more space for 20 years. The current Park location is in a rented space at 744 Park St. It carries a collection of Spanish language materials and presents Spanish language programming.