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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S DOWNTOWN LIBRARY TO REOPEN ON NOVEMBER 20

Ribbon cutting and press event at 11:00 a.m.

(Hartford, CT) – Hartford Public Library (HPL) will reopen the Downtown Library for public service on November 20, 2024. A brief ceremony and ribbon cutting are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at 500 Main Street, with doors opening to the public immediately following the speaking program.

“We are thrilled to be able to open our Main Street doors and welcome our community back,” said Bridget E. Quinn, HPL President & CEO. “We know Hartford has missed the Downtown Library, and while it’s been a long wait, we think you will be excited to see the changes we’ve made – with even more to come.”

Starting November 20, customers will have access to a large section of the first floor, including collections, computers, passports, and offerings from The American Place. The first-floor classrooms and Center for Contemporary Culture (CCC) have been in use since 2023 and will continue to be accessible. Additional work will be ongoing to complete the entire renovation project.

“For 250 years, the Hartford Public Library has been a pillar of our community, meeting the changing needs of our City,” said Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam. “Today’s announcement is a major milestone, and we’re counting down the days until the Downtown Library is back open for residents. The Library will continue to stand as a vital center for learning, innovation, and community services for residents in every corner of Hartford.”

Please join Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives Matt Ritter, Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam, and HPL President & CEO Bridget E. Quinn as we cut the ribbon at our Main Street doors, 500 Main Street, on November 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Starting November 20, you can visit the Downtown Library Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We can’t wait to see you!

About Hartford Public Library

Founded as the Library Company in 1774, and over its 250 years, Hartford Public Library (HPL) has remained at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. The Library has seven full-service locations, two Boundless Library locations, and multiple outreach services, including the Library on Wheels and Story Stash, a 24-7 pickup locker. HPL provides education, intellectual enrichment, and cultural development for thousands of children, youth, and adults. HPL has gained local



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