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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTS AS A COOLING CENTER DURING EXPECTED EXTREME HEAT

[Hartford, CT]—As temperatures rise, Hartford Public Library (HPL) will serve as a cooling center for the community during the high heat and humidity expected over the next few days.

With the safety and well-being of our community members in mind, HPL provides a cool and safe environment for those seeking relief from the heat. HPL's air-conditioned facilities will offer a respite from the high temperatures and provide a place for individuals and families to cool down.

We encourage those needing relief from the heat to visit HPL and take advantage of all the Library offers. The following Library Locations are open as cooling centers during their regular operating schedule.

Downtown Library

500 Main Street
860-695-6300
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Albany Library

1250 Albany Avenue
860-695-7380
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Barbour Library

261 Barbour Street
860-695-7400
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, the Library will only be open from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. to accommodate our Connecticut Foodshare distribution)

Camp Field Library

30 Campfield Avenue
860-695-7440
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dwight Library

7 New Park Avenue
860-695-7460
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Park Street Library @ the Lyric

603 Park Street
860-695-7500
Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ropkins Library

1750 Main Street
860-695-7520
Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

About Hartford Public Library: Founded as the Library Company in 1774, and over its 250 years, Hartford Public Library has remained 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. For more information, visit hplct.org