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Free CT Science Center Passes Available at Hartford Public Library

Hartford, CT, July 27, 2016 — The Connecticut Science Center is once again partnering with the Hartford Public Library to make science learning and summer fun opportunities available to all Hartford residents this summer. Funding provided by the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will grant all city of Hartford residents access to free General Admission to the Science Center in downtown Hartford during the month of August. Residents can pick up their free Science Center passes at any Hartford Public Library branch.

“The Library is very happy to partner once again with the Connecticut Science Center in this exciting opportunity for Hartford families,” says Bridget Quinn-Carey, CEO of Hartford Public Library. “Learning and fun go hand in hand at the Science Center and at the Library.”

This will be the fifth year that the Connecticut Science Center is bringing back the popular program. The program’s aim is to connect all of Hartford’s residents, especially youth, with the best assets and opportunities that our community has to offer. Over the last five years, more than 20,000 Hartford residents have taken advantage of the program by visiting the Science Center.

Free Connecticut Science Center admission for Hartford residents is available only through passes received at Hartford Public Library branches. Passes will be awarded to residents providing library staff with proof of residency, which may include a current driver’s license, library card, or recently received U.S. mail showing current name and address. Residents will need to show proof of current Hartford residency at the library location and at the Connecticut Science Center. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Movie tickets are not included in the coupon. Certain restrictions apply.

General Admission includes all day access to all of the Science Center’s 165+ hands-on exhibits including the blockbuster traveling exhibit, *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion*, presented by Connecticut Business Systems and Comcast. The internationally touring hands-on exhibit is on display through the end of the year in the Saint Francis *Care* Traveling Exhibit Gallery on Level 4 of the Science Center. For more information about the Connecticut Science Center, including exhibits, visit CTScienceCenter.org.

ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hartford Public Library is a national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century. The Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. It also provides access to computers, job counseling and assists in exploring pathways to citizenship. It has free art events, music concerts and classes for all ages and interests. In 2015 the 10 locations of the Hartford Public Library counted 722,047 visits from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Please visit www.hplct.org.

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