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Hartford Public Library, UConn, City Hartford, Sign Space Sharing Agreements

April 21, 2016 – Representatives of the Hartford Public Library, City of Hartford and University of Connecticut will gather Thursday, 3 pm, to sign the legal agreements for an innovative space-sharing plan in which UConn will use part of the HPL building once the new downtown Hartford campus opens in fall 2017.

UConn, the HPL and the city have agreed to an arrangement in which the University will renovate and occupy about 12,000 square feet of exclusive space in the library, along with about 4,350 square feet of shared space. UConn will use it to house its downtown campus library, teaching and tutoring programs, and other activities.

The University is creating the downtown UConn Hartford location in a “neighborhood campus” concept, dispersing portions of its academic program in nearby buildings such as the HPL as a way to partner with city entities and encourage a dynamic urban learning environment with steady foot traffic and activity.

The signing ceremony begins at 3 pm in the Center for Contemporary Culture at the Downtown Library, 500 Main. St., Hartford. Speakers include HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, UConn President Susan Herbst, UConn Board of Trustees member Tom Ritter, and HPL Board President Greg Davis.

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