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HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH VISION TO LEARN ONCE AGAIN THIS SUMMER

Giving free eye exams to children ages 5-18

(Hartford, CT)— Hartford Public Library (HPL) has partnered with Vision To Learn again this summer to provide free eye exams for children ages 5 to 18. This initiative, which has the potential to transform the lives of our youngest community members, aims to ensure that all children have access to the eye care they need to succeed.

“We are thrilled to welcome Vision To Learn back this summer. The timing couldn’t be more perfect with our multi-collaborative Summer Reading Challenge. Summer reading and free eye exams are not just about providing resources but empowering our children to succeed,” said HPL President and CEO Bridget E. Quinn. “We are grateful for Vision To Learn’s free services so students receiving eye exams and eyeglasses will be better equipped to learn when they return to school this fall.”

Vision To Learn has been making a significant difference in Connecticut’s Alliance Districts, libraries, and Boys & Girls Clubs. Since its launch in 2022, it has visited 56 schools and community groups, providing more than 9,000 students with vision screenings, 5,100 with eye exams, and 4,500 with eyeglasses. This success is a testament to the power of community partnerships and their impact on our children's lives.

Founded in 2012 by Austin Beutner, Vision To Learn is a nonprofit charity that provides children at schools in low-income communities with free vision screenings, eye exams, and eyeglasses. “Every child, in every school, everywhere in the country should have the glasses they need to succeed in school and life,” said Austin Beutner, Vision To Learn founder.

The mobile Vision To Learn clinic will visit 7 HPL locations throughout the city to provide no-cost eye exams and eyeglasses (if needed). To schedule an appointment on one of the dates below, please call the Library or sign up using the online form [HERE](#).

Albany Library

1250 Albany Avenue

(860) 695-7380

Thursday, July 25 & Friday, July 26

Camp Field Library

30 Campfield Ave

(860) 695-7440

Monday, July 29

Barbour Library

261 Barbour Street

(860) 695-7400

Friday, August 16

Downtown Library

500 Main Street

(860) 874-2432

Monday, August 13 & Monday, August 19



Dwight Library

7 New Park Ave
(860) 695-7460
Monday, August 5 & Monday, August 12

Ropkins Library

1750 Main Street
(860) 695-7520
Monday, August 26

Park Street Library @ the Lyric

603 Park Street
(860) 695-7500
Wednesday, August 14
Thursday, August 15

Children ages 5 to 18 are eligible. No insurance is needed. Vision To Learn can provide one eye exam per child annually (365 days). We kindly ask you to arrive 5 minutes early to complete the paperwork. Your appointment may have a possible wait time. Your patience is appreciated. If prescribed, your child's glasses will be provided at the library about 3 to 4 weeks later, and a date will be shared with you.

About Hartford Public Library For over 250 years, Hartford Public Library has been a pillar of our community. It has remained at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. Founded as the Library Company in 1774, it has continually evolved to meet the changing needs of our city. With seven locations, the Library is a hub of education, intellectual enrichment, and cultural development, serving thousands of children, youth, and adults annually. It has earned local and national recognition for its innovative initiatives and partnerships, including immigration services, employment assistance, and youth leadership training. For more information, visit hplct.org, and follow us on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [X\(Twitter\)](#)).

About Vision To Learn

Vision To Learn, a non-profit charity, was founded in 2012 by Austin Beutner and the Beutner Family Foundation. The program has helped children in over 750 low-income communities in 17 states and the District of Columbia. Vision To Learn serves the needs of the hardest-to-reach children; about 90% of kids served by Vision To Learn live in poverty, and about 85% are Black and Latino. Vision To Learn has provided 3,093,505 children with eye care and more than 470,000 with glasses – all at no cost to children or their families. For more information on Vision To Learn, please visit www.visiontolearn.org.

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