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Foundation Grant Provides Healthy Snacks and Supplies to Hartford Students at Homework Clubs

HARTFORD, Connecticut (August 5, 2014) – The **Ahearn Family Foundation** recently awarded **\$2,000 to Hartford Public Library** to provide healthy snacks and homework supplies for its Homework Clubs program.

Hartford Public Library Homework Clubs provide a comfortable, secure, and friendly place for students to complete their homework after school. Hartford students receive homework supplies such as paper, markers, glue, scissors, and more that may be missing from home, and nutritious snacks that allow them to focus on their work. Youth librarians and peer tutors provide quality assistance, especially in math, science, language arts and reading, and serve as role models. Students learn skills and positive values to address challenges they may face in their homes, in their schools, and in their community.

Homework Clubs run from September to June, Monday through Thursday at each Library location. Most clubs are open from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM, depending on when local schools release their students. The clubs serve approximately 20-35 students each day per branch, and last year students received help over 30,000 times citywide.

For more information about Hartford Public Library's Homework Clubs, please visit hplct.org

ABOUT [HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY](http://hplct.org)

As a finalist for the 2014 National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Hartford Public Library has been recognized as national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century as an innovative and stimulating place where people can learn and discover, explore their passions, and find a rich array of resources that contribute to a full life. Hartford Public Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Serving the residents of Hartford and beyond at its nine branches and Downtown location, Hartford Public Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Visit hplct.org.

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