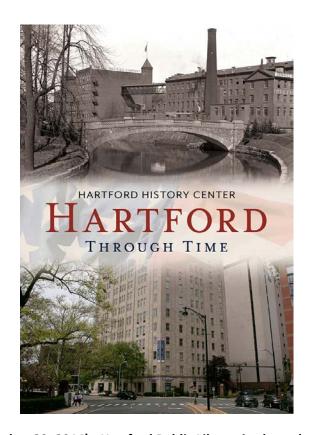


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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Hartford History Center New Release is a Never-Before-Published Photographic Journey Through City History



Hartford, Connecticut (October 29, 2014) - Hartford Public Library is pleased to announce the publication of *Hartford Through Time*, a new release from its Hartford History Center, featuring neverbefore-published images of early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Hartford, juxtaposed with matching color photographs of the city in present day.

Hartford Through Time features over 90 before-and-after street scenes created from glass plate negatives from the collection of the Hartford History Center. These images were painstakingly processed by professional Library volunteers and staff, featuring captions by historian Wilson H. Faude and modern photography by Hartford News editor Andy Hart.

"With Hartford Through Time, the Hartford History Center embarks on a new way to share its collections," explains Brenda Miller, Chief Cultural Affairs Officer at Hartford Public Library. "The side-by-side photographs of the early 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries offer an incredible opportunity to see the past and present simultaneously."

These images tell the story of the changes - and constants - in Hartford's built environment and bring back the story that time has blurred or erased. From Bushnell Park in 1915, to Downtown Hartford and out into the neighborhoods, former and current Hartford residents will delight in the journey back to remember the capital city of yesteryear.

Hartford Through Time makes a wonderful gift and conversation starter for friends and family around the holidays and will be on sale for \$22.99, beginning December 3 at the Hartford History Center, located on the Downtown Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at 500 Main Street. Call 860-695-6297 for more information. Proceeds benefit Hartford History Center programs and events.

A book launch and celebratory reception will be held on December 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hartford History Center. The reception is free and open to the public, and copies of *Hartford Through Time* will be available for purchase.

## **ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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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