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## **The Best Things in Life Are Free at Hartford Public Library**

**Hartford, Connecticut (February 1, 2013)** — Hartford Public Library continues its enormously popular 2013 Baby Grand Jazz Series, a free Sunday afternoon jazz piano program, through April 28 at 3:00 p.m.

The series continues to draw crowds of city residents and out-of-towners to its Downtown Library. The 2012 series broke all attendance records, drawing nearly 5,000 concert-goers over the season. So far, attendance is up by 7% already. Packed houses in the library's atrium, the scenic site for the Sunday jazz matinees, has become a weekly event for hundreds of people, with the series often drawing crowds of nearly 400 or more.

Hartford Public Library supports artistic excellence by engaging local communities in new and exciting ways through an array of inspiring artistic programs. Jazz, an American art form rooted in the democratic mix of individual and united effort, is the ideal soundtrack for the Library's current exhibits and performers. The "jazzy" crowd can also receive a 20% discount at Vito's By The Park after the show.

"The Library provides a wonderful venue with a welcoming and appreciative audience. As performers we couldn't ask for more" said The Colbys after their January performance.

The series will continue with the upcoming jazz artists: Nicki Mathis, February 3; Mark Dover, February 10; Theresa Wright, February 17; and John Brighenti, February 24.

As a complement to the music series, the library is exhibiting jazz-inspired works by two prominent Hartford artists, photographer Maurice Robertson and painter Andres Chaparro, deeply committed champions of the music. Their photographs and paintings will be exhibited on the library's second floor through February.

Concurrent with Baby Grand Jazz, Hartford Public Library is also offering Indie Pop Series performances, held every second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m., will feature The Sawtelles on February 10.

For more information visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org) and click on the Baby Grand Jazz slide.

**About [Hartford Public Library](http://www.hplct.org)**

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) and the library's new blog at [blogs.hplct.org](http://blogs.hplct.org)