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### **Soap Opera Diva: Victoria Rowell Coming to Hartford Public Library**

**Hartford, Connecticut (March 6, 2013)** – *New York Times* bestselling author and beloved soap opera diva Victoria Rowell is coming to Hartford Public Library for “An Evening with Victoria Rowell featuring special guest Calysta Jeffries” on Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in the Center for Contemporary Culture (500 Main Street). This program is free and open to all ages.

In her latest book, *The Young and the Ruthless: Back in the Bubbles*, Rowell delivers another hilarious and shocking send-up of the soap opera world, featuring Calysta Jeffries, the unstoppable diva of daytime drama.

As we learned from Victoria Rowell’s smash hit *Secrets of a Soap Opera Diva*, no one gets in the way of leading lady Calysta Jeffries. Calysta is back on the set and ready for action as she resumes her role as the star of *The Rich and the Ruthless*.

Rowell promises that Calysta will make an appearance at the program for an unforgettable evening at Hartford Public Library. She will be available for photographs and to sign books after the program.

Best known as Drucilla Winters on *The Young and the Restless*, Rowell is also the author of *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *The Women Who Raised Me*, which received The African American Literary Award and two NAACP Image Award nominations. **Her memoir is about her childhood in foster care.**

#### **About Hartford Public Library**

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 865,000 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. According to a recent editorial in *The Hartford Courant*, “Indeed, the

Library has established itself as the center of the community in Hartford.” To learn more about the library, please see [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).