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***Women on the Move* at Hartford Public Library Featuring
Film Screening of *iPresente!* about Puerto Rican Visionary Antonia Pantoja**

Hartford, Connecticut (April 15, 2013) — Hartford Public Library is proud to announce the next program in its **Women on the Move** series: a documentary film screening of *Antonia Pantoja iPresente!*, presented in partnership with the Hartford History Center at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, in the Center for Contemporary Culture at the Downtown Library (500 Main Street). This event is free and open to the public.

Antonia Pantoja iPresente! (2009) tells the compelling story of visionary social worker, educator, activist, and community organizer Dr. Antonia Pantoja (1922 - 2002), founder of ASPIRA, the New York-based advocacy organization. ASIPRA is the first Puerto Rican-governed organization in the United States dedicated to providing education and leadership training for Puerto Rican youth. A passionate, indomitable leader and 1996 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, Pantoja worked with the Puerto Rican community to combat social and class issues.

Following the film there will be a discussion facilitated by Raquel Santiago-Martinez, director of Strategic Initiatives for Hartford's Community Renewal Team. Ms. Santiago-Martinez worked with Pantoja and will share her personal stories from the mentor who continues to inspire her to this day.

This screening is the second in the new series of Library programs called **Women on the Move**. To be held every fourth Wednesday of each month, this series is designed to illuminate the lives and history of women through film, discussions, books and author talks.

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.

About Hartford History Center

Hartford History Center at Hartford Public Library, collects, preserves, and makes available three centuries of materials and information relating to the history, literature, and culture of Hartford. Located on the third floor of the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street, the Hartford History Center is open 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, please call the History Center at 860-695-6297 or visit online at <http://hhc.hplct.org/>.