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**Hartford Public Library Presents *Wednesday Lunchtime Blues***

*Beat the heat and cure your summertime blues at the Downtown Library!*



**Hartford, Connecticut (July 16, 2013)** — Hartford Public Library is delighted to announce a summertime blues series on three consecutive Wednesdays: **July 24, July 31** and **August 7** at noon on the outside terrace of the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street. Bring your lunch and enjoy the sweet, sultry sounds of classic blues music.

Program is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).



**Wednesday, July 24, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., presenting Dan Stevens:** As a full-time professional musician since 1991, Dan continues to tour along the East Coast, US Virgin Islands, UK and Germany. He has appeared at Long Island’s Riverhead Blues Festival, the Berlin Blues Festival in Albany, New York. Dan was a finalist at the International Blues Challenge ’08 on Beale Street in Memphis, TN.



**Wednesday, July 31, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., presenting Chris D'Amato:** Chris D'Amato, aka Smokin' Opey, has been playing blues guitar professionally for the past 20 years. He is equally adept in acoustic or electric band settings, and is at home playing many styles of blues and slide guitar, from electric swing to Chicago blues, Piedmont and Delta blues with a mix of jazz, psychedelia and soul. Not one to rest on a single style, Chris is always searching for musical fluidity.



**Wednesday, August 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., presenting Johnny Boots:** Connecticut's Johnny Boots has a hard working, big sounding power trio that playing driving, blues-infused rock. Johnny has combined the intensity of SRV, with singer/songwriter ballads and electrified Delta blues to create his own "Bootsy-fied" sound. While influenced by so many of the blues greats of yesterday, Johnny adds his soul, feeling and imagination to create his unique sound today.

### **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).