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**FISHER FOUNDATION AWARDS HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY GRANT FOR
HOMEWORK CLUBS**

Hartford, Connecticut (December 17, 2012) — The Fisher Foundation awarded Hartford Public Library a \$5,000 grant that will provide continuation funding for the its Homework Clubs at three Library sites.

The Homework Clubs are staffed by Hartford teens hired for the Library’s positive youth development employment program, the Teen Leader Initiative. The Club members benefit as they receive the help that their families are often unable to provide, and this help is delivered by an academically-successful near-peer member of their own neighborhood community.

The Homework Clubs provide homework assistance to K- 8 students to help meet the educational, social, career and economic success of Hartford’s youth while meeting the goals of the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading. This school-year they will focus their efforts by primarily addressing the goals of the Campaign for Grade Level reading, echoed by Hartford’s own Third Grade Promise. The Promise emphasizes the need for school readiness, improved attendance, summer learning, and grade level proficiency.

“In addition to learning to finish her homework, Tyese also loves playing board games and doing arts and crafts at the Library,” said, Shawn Jackson father to 7 year old Tyese.

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 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 and the library's new blog at blogs.hplct.org

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