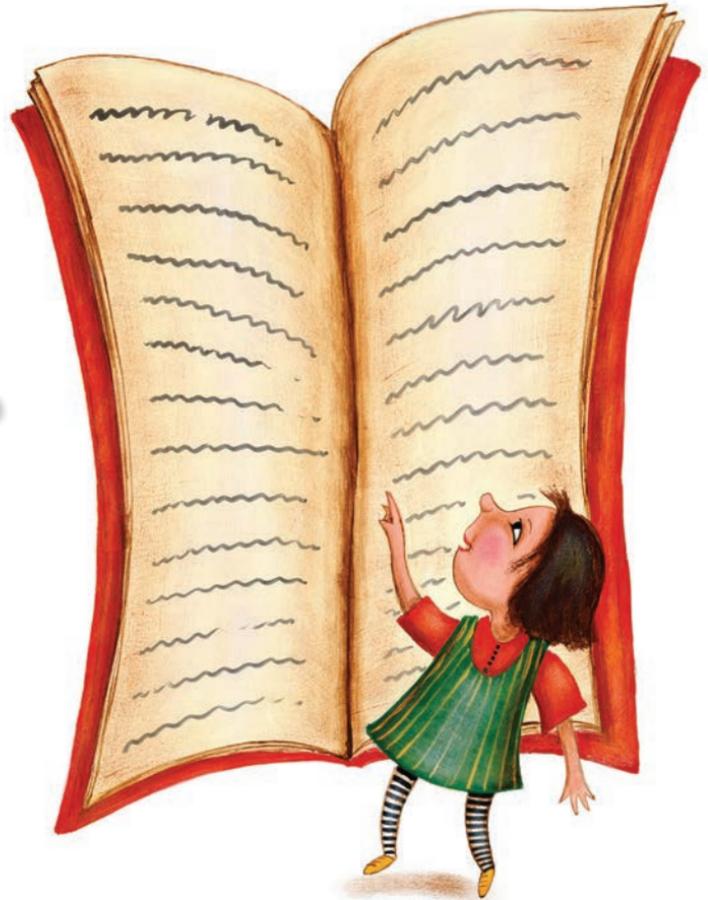


# An Unfolding Story



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*Not long ago*, many of Hartford's preschoolers didn't have the opportunities they needed to get ready for kindergarten.

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*Some children* didn't know how to count or recognize colors and they were not prepared to begin learning when they started kindergarten.



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## *Hartford Public Library*

had already begun helping some of these young children and their parents and caregivers, but the need was even greater.

*So, the Library brought together*  
parents, caregivers and community friends  
who wanted to help give young children  
the right way to start learning.





*During those meetings and conversations,*

the Library saw that in bringing people together  
there would be a way forward.

Community supporters with the passion  
and potential to help children  
and their families could work together, and the  
right kind of help could be put into place.

*Today*, the Library is a place for

learning and education in the community, serving

Hartford's families, teachers and childcare

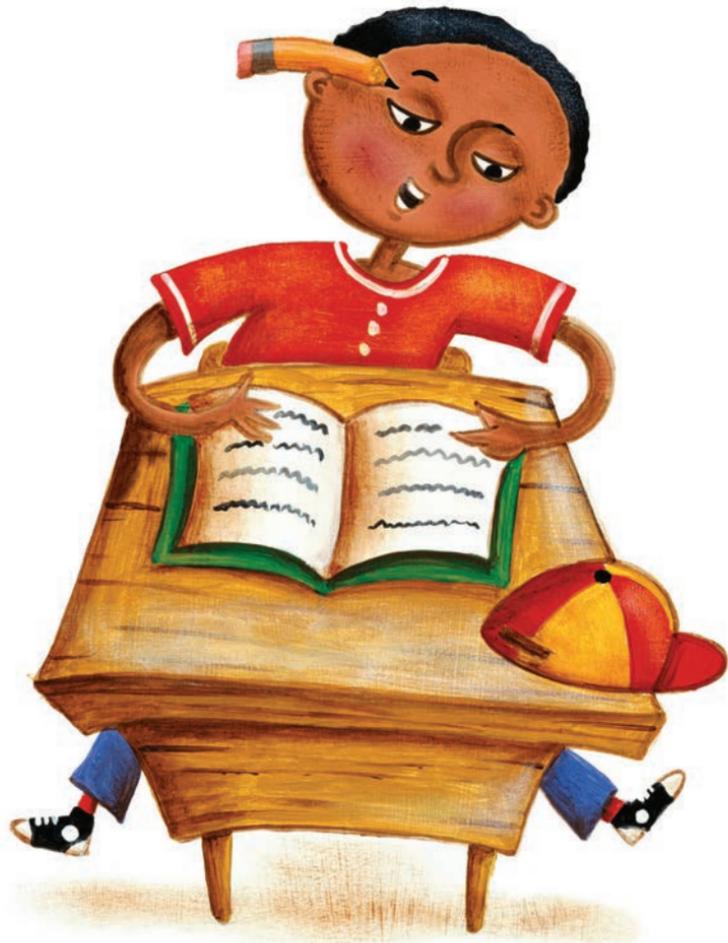
professionals. At all library locations,

children and their families are getting

the critical early learning support they need.

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*Thanks to the help* of the community  
and people like you, Hartford's youngest  
children are getting the right start on learning,  
and they will enter kindergarten with the skills  
they need to succeed and move ahead.  
What could be more important than that?

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