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## **SETTING “THE AUTHOR’S TABLE” AT THE LIBRARY**

### **Hartford Public Library launches new series on Connecticut Authors Day**

Hartford, Connecticut (August 26, 2015)— On September 1, Connecticut Authors Day, Hartford Public Library will launch *The Author’s Table*, a monthly series for the public to engage in conversation with local authors.

Garrison Leykam will be the featured author at the launch on Tuesday, September 1 from noon – 3:00 pm at the Downtown Library. His latest book, *Postcards from the Highway of Life*, will be released that day. Leykam is also the author of *Classic Diners of Connecticut*.

Of his new book Leykam says, “*Postcards from the Highway of Life* is both a rich essay about baby boomer values as well as a wake-up call to preserve an entire generation’s identity.” It “returns readers to the memory of one’s favorite diner booth...[and] serves a menu of life essays that will satiate even the greatest hunger for a return to basic values in today’s chaotic world.”

Signed copies of the author’s books will also be available for purchase.

Library CEO Matt Poland said, “Come to the *table* each month and visit with local authors about their published works. Ask them about their lives, and what led them to become practitioners of the written word. Who knows, perhaps your experience at the *table* will let you tap into your own inner writer.”

Writers who appear at *The Author’s Table* will have their latest work included in the library’s circulating collection, and visitors will enjoy finding these books together in a local author section. Hartford authors will be given first consideration as scheduling permits.

The next *Table* will be set on October 13, featuring Hartford author JV Harvey’s “A Step Into the Rain.” For more information about this program, please call Hartford Public Library’s Programming Office at 860.695.6322.

## **ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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