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Hartford: The Making of a City, 1890-1930

Hartford, Connecticut (February 2, 2012) — The Greater Hartford Arts Council awarded Hartford Public Library’s Hartford History Center a 2012 Heritage Advancement grant for \$20,000 to create an audience-focused public program titled “Hartford: The Making of a City, 1890-1930.”

This initiative will engage Hartford students with familiar locations, encourage them to utilize primary source material to further develop their skills of observation and analysis and provide Hartford teachers and students access to the resources of the Hartford History Center. The goal of this project is to have this project serve as a pilot model for the development of more lesson plans that utilize Hartford History Center’s resources by integrating them into the district’s K-12 History/Social Studies curriculum.

Hartford Public Library’s chief executive officer Matt Poland said, “This project will also serve as the foundation for the Library’s new digital library and will be a starting point for broader outreach, providing a model for worldwide understanding of the development of a US city at the turn of the 20th century through the lens of Hartford, Connecticut.”

The History Center will digitize glass negatives of Hartford streets (reflective of every neighborhood in Hartford) of superb quality that date from 1900-1930, records from the City Archive relating to street history and illuminate the story of how a city designs and utilizes critical public spaces, and additional manuscript and material objects relevant to the period.

About the [Hartford History Center](#)

Hartford History Center at Hartford Public Library, collects, preserves, and makes available materials and information relating to the history, literature, and culture of Hartford. The holdings include, but are not limited to books; scrapbooks; pamphlets; the City of Hartford archives; the Hartford City Parks collection; image collections; maps; fine and graphic arts,

including paintings, posters, prints and drawings; and memorabilia – those materials that preserve and share the story of Hartford, Connecticut - its place, its people, and its past. 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 Center at 860-695-6297 or visit online at www.hplct.org/hhc.

About [Hartford Public Library](http://www.hplct.org)

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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