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Hartford Public Library Receives Grant from Travelers Foundation

Hartford, June 29, 2016 — Hartford Public Library has received a \$75,000 grant from the Travelers Foundation, the charitable arm of Travelers.

Corporate support is critical to allow the Library to serve the community with the following impactful educational programs:

- **Leap into Learning** (ages 0 – 5 years) is a collaborative early learning/literacy initiative that is creating a learning and teaching community so all children in Hartford enter kindergarten ready to learn.
- **YOUmedia Hartford** (ages 13- 19 years). Learning labs, maker spaces, informal/connected learning environments are on the rise and YOUmedia Hartford demonstrates how such spaces positively influence noncognitive development in high school aged youth
- **Boundless** is a learning partnership between Hartford Public Schools and the Library that offers a unique combination of integrated systems, innovative programs, and multi-media resources. Boundless also reflects a growing national trend toward school districts and library systems collaborating around student learning.

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About Hartford Public Library

Hartford Public Library is a national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century. The Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. It also provides access to computers, job counseling and assists in exploring pathways to citizenship. It has free art events, music concerts and classes for all ages and interests. In 2015 the 10 locations of the Hartford Public Library counted 722,047 visits from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Please visit www.hplct.org.

