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## **Hartford Public Library Welcomes New Board Members**



*Hartford Public Library CEO Matt Poland presents outgoing Board of Directors President Thea Montanez with a gift of appreciation for her service.*

HARTFORD, Connecticut (October 21, 2014)- Hartford Public Library announced today the election of two new directors of the Library Board and the slate of Board officers for the next year.

**Andrew Diaz-Matos, Vice President, Assistant General Counsel for The Hartford, joins the Library Board of Directors.** Mr. Diaz-Matos is also the Director of Enterprise Transactions Law at The Hartford, and is a member of the bars of both New York and Connecticut. He has served as a member of the Connecticut Bar Association Corporate Counsel Section Executive Committee, and is a United States Army veteran. Mr. Diaz-Matos has a B.A. from Boston University and a J.D. from Pace University School of Law.

**Jack Godsill, Senior Vice President of Cigna Information Technology for Cigna, also joins the Library Board of Directors.** Prior to joining Cigna in 2002, Mr. Godsill served as Vice President of Application Development at Health Net, Inc. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration from California State University, Hayward.

**Anne-Melissa Dowling**, who has most recently served as the board's vice president, has been appointed president of the Board of Directors. Julio Concepcion will serve as Vice President, Edward C. Keith III as treasurer, William Large as secretary, and Thea Montanez as immediate past president.

Thea Montanez has served as board president for three years. Matt Poland, Hartford Public Library CEO, presented Ms. Montanez with a gift on behalf of the Library and thanked her for her years of unwavering dedication, determination, and passion in supporting the mission of the Library.

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As a finalist for the 2014 National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Hartford Public Library has been recognized as national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century as an innovative and stimulating place where people can learn and discover, explore their passions, and find a rich array of resources that contribute to a full life. Hartford Public Library provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Serving the residents of Hartford and beyond at its nine branches and Downtown location, Hartford Public Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year from adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

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