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Hartford Public Library Appoints New Leadership

HARTFORD, CT (August 18, 2011) — Hartford Public Library announced today that four new senior librarians are joining the leadership team at the Library.

Corey M. Fleming – Fleming will assume the role of Senior Branch Manager. He will be responsible for managing the Albany Avenue Library branch and will oversee operations at the Mark Twain and Park libraries. Fleming began his career at the New York State Library. He has served as library director at two public libraries in the Hudson Valley, Wyandanch Public Library and most recently the Hudson Area Association Library. He holds an MLS from SUNY at Albany and a certificate in leadership and management from the New York Library Association. Fleming starts on August 22.

Lisa A. McClure – McClure will assume the role of Youth and Family Services Director. She will be responsible for youth, teen, and parent services throughout the system. Lisa comes to us from the Chelsea District Library in Chelsea, Michigan. She began her career at the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library at the University of Michigan and has worked at the Ann Arbor District Library and the Ypsilanti District Library. She holds an MA degree in English Language and Literature and an MLS, both from the University of Michigan. McClure started on August 15.

Jerome L. Myers – Myers will assume the new role of Public Services Director. He will be responsible for public service operations and customer service excellence at the Downtown Public Library and at all nine branches. Myers will oversee the operations of the entire library branch network. He comes to us from the Tacoma (WA) Public Library where he was the director of their Main Library. He began his career as a librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library. He holds an MLS from the Pratt Institute in New York City. Myers received the Marvin Scilken Merit Award for Public Librarianship in 2003 and was named a Mover and Shaker in 2004 by *Library Journal*. Myers starts on August 22.

Ira Revels – Revels will assume the new role of Programming and Education Director. She will be responsible for public education programming for the entire system. In addition to the systemic role, she will be responsible for Connecticut Center for the Book, One Book, and Job and Career Services, among other signature programs. Revels began her career as a librarian at Cornell University where she is currently employed. Myers holds a M.Ed. from Northwestern State University in Louisiana and an MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh. She holds an undergraduate degree from Northwestern in Theater. She was the recipient of the John C. Tyson Professional

Development Award from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and was named a Mover and Shaker in 2006 by *Library Journal*. Revels starts on October 3.

“We are very fortunate that these highly skilled library professionals are joining the Library. Their broad and varied experience in public service will help us create a 21st century public library that meets the needs of our citizens for information and public education,” said Matt Poland, the Library’s chief executive officer.

About Hartford Public Library:

The 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. www.hpplct.org