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**“Life in Images” Exhibit by David Holzman Opens May 9 at Hartford Public
Library’s ArtWalk**



HARTFORD, Connecticut (May 2, 2014) - Hartford Public Library announces **the May 9 celebratory opening of David Holzman’s “Life in Images” at its ArtWalk exhibit space** at the Downtown Library at 500 Main Street, Hartford. Holzman’s work will be **on display through June 20, 2014, during regular Library hours.**

According to Holzman, the exhibit of colorful woodcut narratives and surrealist automatic drawings reflects “an unending series of pictures and objects that transcribe the points in a life. One image leading to the next, series within series, each a story leading to another.”

A native of NYC, Holzman grew up experiencing museums and art from the cultures of the world, and has developed a strong belief system about its purpose: "A work of art must say something on a human level. It should encourage the viewer to look at it because it is stimulating to look at. It should be able to stand alone."

Life in Images includes selected work from Holzman's "Torah for the Eyes" woodcut series. Based on The Five Books of Moses, the project has been ongoing since 1995, and comprises over 500 images. The artist's use of an expressionist graphic style to interpret scriptural stories and laws connects Torah for the Eyes to the tradition of printmaking as a radical communication process. In contrast, Holzman's brightly-hued wood reliefs combine woodcarving, painting and printmaking in a wall-mounted sculptural object that reflect both folk traditions and tribal cultures.

The Library invites the public to **celebrate the opening of this stunning exhibit at a reception with the artist on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 6:00 PM.** Both the reception and exhibit are free and open to all.

ABOUT THE ARTWALK

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library offers one of the largest and most stunning exhibition spaces in greater Hartford and the opportunity for visitors to view art in a magnificent setting in their own community. The state-of-the art gallery rises above Main Street along a glass wall that floods the space with ambient light during the day and appears to glow as a jewel box at night. Exhibitions offer an array of art experiences that reflect a variety of media, styles, and cultures in the art world, providing diverse viewing experiences, and allowing for many tastes. Because of the unusual cable system in place, one of the most unique aspects of the ArtWalk is that any wall and lighting configuration or arrangement can change with the nature of every new exhibition. The ArtWalk is made possible through the generosity of donors, especially the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund at Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Artwalk.hplct.org

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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.

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