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### **“IN MY SHOES” PERFORMANCE REVEALS THE LIVES OF THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED ‘WOMEN ON OUR OWN’**

Hartford, Connecticut (November 2, 2015)—On November 12 at 5:30 PM, Hartford Public Library will host a performance of song and spoken word by *Women on Our Own*, an artistic outreach of women who have reentered the community after incarceration and tell their stories through original songs of spirit and affirmation.

*Women on Our Own* is a part of the Judy Dworin Performance Project, whose work on stage, in schools and prison communities sparks awareness about social issues through multi-arts performance and residencies throughout the community.

The November 12 performance will feature the excerpts from “In My Shoes”, bringing the authentic voices and real-life experiences of women from prison to the stage and challenging the audience to consider “what would it be like to be in my shoes?” A 45-minute performance of a cappella songs and spoken word in the downtown Library’s soaring Atrium space will also feature a post-performance talkback with audience members, led by Project Director Judy Dworin.

“In My Shoes” is part of a slate of programming in conjunction with Hartford Public Library’s **ONE BOOK ONE HARTFORD** selection this year, James Baldwin’s novel ‘If Beale Street Could Talk’, in which a young man’s incarceration deeply affects two families.

#### **ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

As a finalist for the 2013 and 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 833,000 visits per year 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](http://www.hplct.org).