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McPhee Homework Clubs Help Students Make the Grade

Hartford, Connecticut (December 7, 2011) — The McPhee Foundation awarded Hartford Public Library a grant renewing its support of the McPhee Homework Clubs at five Library branches. The Clubs are staffed by Hartford teens hired for the Library's positive youth development/summer employment program, the Teen Leader initiative, and they provide homework assistance to over 3,000 local youth.

Barbara McPhee, director of The McPhee Foundation said, "The McPhee Foundation is very pleased to be able to support The Teen Leader Initiative in conjunction with The Hartford Public Library. Rewarding Teen Leaders with employment opportunities and having the demand for homework help exceed the assistance available has proven that this program is having a positive effect on the Hartford community. Many times programs are put into place with the best intentions but fail to live up to their potential. The McPhee Homework Clubs have a proven track record and we are thrilled to be able to award them a grant again this year."

"There is no other program in Hartford that offers daily, quality, out-of-school peer tutoring and an emphasis on homework completion. Children truly feel part of a club as they complete homework, eat a healthy snack, and participate in creative activities," said Matthew K. 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. Visit hplct.org and the library's new blog at blogs.hplct.org

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