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Global News Service Now Available at Hartford Public Library



Hartford, Connecticut (February 26, 2014) – Hartford Public Library is **pleased to announce a new online service for its cardholders**, *Worldcrunch*, the world’s best source for English-translated news from leading global news sources.

***Worldcrunch* offers users a global perspective on current affairs from publications from over four continents**, in the worlds of business and finance, culture and society, science and technology, opinion, eyes on the U.S., and food and travel. The most relevant foreign news articles are translated into English, while readers also have the option to read an article in its original language. Users have unlimited access to thousands of up-to-date stories from around the world, searchable by topic, and *Worldcrunch* can be easily viewed on any Internet-enabled device, making it available on the go. “The Library is pleased to add *Worldcrunch* to our growing menu of online services, to even better serve our diverse community,” said Mary Billings, the Library’s chief public services officer. “We hope customers will enjoy access to news from leading global media in the original language and translated into English.”

A Hartford Public Library card is required. Library staff is available to provide assistance in accessing *Worldcrunch* at any of its 10 locations. For more information, or to log into *Worldcrunch*, please visit <http://hplct.org/books-media-more/ebooks-audiobooks-music>, or contact 860-695-6300.

ABOUT WORLDCRUNCH

Worldcrunch delivers the best global journalism previously shut off from English language readers: selecting, translating and editing content from top foreign-language outlets. The most relevant foreign news articles are produced in English by Worldcrunch staff and contributors around the globe, deployed to react quickly to events and find the best stories in the international media. By combining a network of the top global publications and the highest professional journalistic and linguistic standards, Worldcrunch creates a whole new well of top-shelf news content from the best sources covering the world today. More info: <http://www.worldcrunch.com/>

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The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations and a Library-on-Wheels 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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