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### HPL Celebrates National Award at Historic Old State House

**Hartford, Connecticut (May 21, 2013)** — Hartford Public Library today announced that it will celebrate its reception of the *LibraryAware Community Award* with a special public award ceremony at the Old State House at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5. Sponsored by *Library Journal* and funded by EBSCO Publishing's NoveList Division, the *LibraryAware Community Award* recognizes Hartford Public Library's exceptional engagement with its city, and is a national award being given to only three libraries in the nation.

Community members, local businesses, city and government officials are invited to the ceremony, which will include Mayor Pedro Segarra, Library Chief Executive Officer Matthew K. Poland, executives from the award's sponsoring institutions and the executive editor of *Library Journal*, Michael Kelley.

A large bronze plaque and a check for \$5,000 will be presented to the mayor and the library's CEO. A musical performance will be part of the celebration and a light beverage refreshment will be served. The morning's ceremony will be emceed by Sally Whipple, executive director of the Old State House, and there will be a number of fun free gifts for those who attend.

"Because this is a really an award that celebrates how well the Hartford community relies on and uses our Library as a whole, we are very much hoping to share this event with the people of Hartford," said Library CEO Poland. "We are proud to be one of only three libraries chosen in North America, and from more than 100 applicants. This validates the work of our staff and recognizes the core mission we pursue every day."

In speaking of the Hartford Public Library and the other two *LibraryAware* winners, Canton Public Library in Canton, Michigan, and Skokie Public Library in Skokie, Illinois, *LibraryAware* Product Leader Nancy Dowd said, "Each of these libraries has gone above and beyond to connect with their communities. They have bridged the gap between library and community and have ignited a successful and long-lasting relationship between the two."

The plaque is given in recognition of Hartford as a *LibraryAware* community.

The Old State House, a landmark of Hartford, is at 800 Main Street. Directions to the Old State House are at [www.ctosh.org/directions.asp](http://www.ctosh.org/directions.asp)

#### 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 865,000 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. To learn more about the library, please see [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

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