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New Vibe at Hartford Public Library's Downtown Technology Center

Hartford, Connecticut (August 23, 2013) — Hartford Public Library announced today the re-opening of its redesigned and improved Technology Center at the Downtown Branch located on the main floor of the Downtown Library at 500 Main Street.

The new design with ergonomic furniture and customer friendly layout make computer use, printing and emailing a pleasure. The technology center now has fifty new computers, two new additional printers, two new electronic screens displaying customer queues for computer assignment, as well as a touch screen to sign up for a computer. The new technology will increase user capacity at the downtown branch by 12 computers and double the number of printers available to the public. The second digital wall screen will be able to stream hosted video.

The upgraded technology center allows customers wishing to print materials to use coins, cash or new print-debit cards, available for purchase at the front desk. Hartford Public Library now has approximately 250 public access computers at all locations.

Early this year, the Library participated in a national survey of 166 public libraries in cities with a population of 65,000 or more. Of those 166, Hartford Public Library ranked **number 1** in computers available per 10,000 citizens, number 2 in program attendance per capita, number 30 in visits per capita, and number 124 for circulation per capita. In fiscal year 2012-13, customers completed 171,419 public computer sessions and 5,298 people attended 516 computer technology classes. Both computer access and class attendance are FREE and open to the public.



About [Hartford Public Library](#)

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 833,500 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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