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East Hartford Public Library to Celebrate Statewide Connecticut Open House Day

Festivities Designed to Build Awareness of State's Cultural and Tourism Assets among Residents

East Hartford, CT—The East Hartford Public Library is excited to participate in the 15th Annual Connecticut Open House Day – a unified celebration of the state's fascinating world of art, history, and tourism – on June 8, 2019. During this one-day event, the East Hartford Public Library along with more than 200 other organizations and attractions throughout the state, will open its doors to showcase the rich culture and history of East Hartford to visitors.

"The open house day is a wonderful opportunity for East Hartford residents and visitors to familiarize themselves with the abundance of exceptional programs and services that the East Hartford Public Library has to offer," said Mayor Marcia Leclerc.

This exciting statewide event, sponsored by the Connecticut Office of Tourism (COT), is designed to broaden awareness among residents of Connecticut's exceptional cultural and tourism assets and encourage them to become ambassadors who share their newfound discoveries with visiting family and friends.

The Library will have an "I Spy" board game available in the Children's Room all day for visitors to pick and play as they wander through the library looking for clues. From 1-4 pm, Head of Reference & Cultural Assets Manager Jason Pannone will host a Meet the Museum Artifacts! Table in the Library's Creative Commons area, where visitors will be able to view and handle a variety of artifacts and objects related to the town's rich history, especially in regards to broadleaf tobacco farming and aviation.

Built in 1889, the East Hartford Public Library is East Hartford's community connection for books, music, programming and other resources to engage and empower the town's residents.

To qualify for any Open House Day special, at least one person in each visiting group must show a valid Connecticut driver's license.

Connecticut Open House Day also includes opportunities to become a Connecticut Ambassador as part of COT's Ambassador Program, an ongoing initiative designed to cultivate pride among residents in the state's many diverse historic, arts, tourism and entertainment treasures. For more information about Connecticut Open House Day, visit <u>www.CTvisit.com</u> or call 1-888-CTvisit.

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The Connecticut Office of Tourism brings together tourism, historic preservation, history, and the arts. Its mission is to preserve and promote Connecticut's cultural and tourism assets in order to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the state.