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## **Connecticut Science Center Continues Popular Program Hartford Residents Visit Free in August 2017**

**HARTFORD, Conn. (July 24, 2017)** – For the sixth year, the Connecticut Science Center is partnering with the Hartford Public Library to make science learning and summer fun opportunities available to all Hartford residents this summer. Funding provided by an anonymous supporter will grant all city of Hartford residents access to free General Admission to the Connecticut Science Center located in downtown Hartford during the entire month of August. Residents can pick up their free Science Center passes at any Hartford Public Library branch.

The program aims to connect all of Hartford's residents, especially youth, with the best assets and opportunities that our community has to offer. Over the last five years, more than 20,000 Hartford residents have taken advantage of the program by visiting the Science Center.

**Free Connecticut Science Center admission for Hartford residents is available only through passes received at Hartford Public Library branches.** Passes will be awarded to residents providing library staff with proof of residency, which may include a current driver's license, library card, or recently received U.S. mail showing current name and address. Residents will need to show proof of current Hartford residency at the library location and the Connecticut Science Center. An adult must accompany children under the age of 16. Movie tickets and Butterfly Encounter are not included in the coupon. Certain restrictions apply.

General Admission will include all day access to the Connecticut Science Center's over 165 hands-on exhibits. General Admission includes the North American debut of the traveling exhibit *Engineering Earth* presented by Stanley Black & Decker. See the Unseen in our newly renovated lobby, *Science Alley*.

This year, August is full of interactive, family friendly activities. On August 12 and 13, the Science Center will become home to a Minecraft tournament and "Creeper Carnival." Or, join us for the celestial event of the year when the solar eclipse happens on August 21. For more information about the Connecticut Science Center, including exhibits, visit [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org).

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### **Hartford Public Library Locations:**

500 Main Street: (860) 695-6300  
1250 Albany Avenue: (860) 695-7380  
261 Barbour Street: (860) 695-7400

7 Park Avenue (Parkville School): (860) 695-7460  
460 New Britain Avenue: (860) 695-7480  
927 Asylum Avenue: (860) 695-7540

649 Blue Hills Avenue: (860) 695-7420  
30 Campfield Avenue: (860) 695-7440

744 Park Street: (860) 695-7500  
1250 Main Street: (860) 695-7520

**About the Connecticut Science Center** The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving over 2.5 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org) or (860) SCIENCE.