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**Women's History Month at Hartford Public Library
Presents Shirley Chisholm Documentary Film Screening**

Hartford, Connecticut (March 18, 2013) — Hartford Public Library is proud to announce a Women's History Month documentary film screening of *CHISHOLM '72—Unbought and Unbossed*, presented in partnership with Connecticut Humanities and the Hartford History Center at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, in the Center for Contemporary Culture at the Downtown Library (500 Main Street). This event is free and open to the public.

In 1972, Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress, became the first woman to run for the Democratic presidential nomination and the first majority-party black candidate to run for the presidential nomination.

Featuring stirring archival footage, period music, interviews with supporters, opponents, observers and Chisholm's own commentary, *CHISHOLM 72—Unbought and Unbossed*, is a remarkable recollection of a groundbreaking campaign.

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. The film will be shown at 6 p.m. and followed immediately with a discussion facilitated by Evelyn M. Simien, Ph.D. Dr. Simien is an historian, author and professor in African American Studies and Political Science at the University of Connecticut, and she will be introduced by Celestia Simmons, a community librarian with Hartford Public Library.

When Chisholm made her bold bid for the presidency, the Civil Rights Act was still new and the rights of women were still being argued in Congress. But the congresswoman from Brooklyn said, "If you can't support me, or you can't endorse me, get out of my way," and her path-making run for the nomination made history. Join us to learn about a remarkable leader, and stay for conversation led by scholar and writer Evelyn Simien.

This screening is also the launch of a new series of Library programs called **Women on the Move**. To be held every fourth Wednesday of each month, this series is designed to illuminate the lives and history of women through film, public discussions, books and other media.

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. According to a recent editorial in *The Hartford Courant*, "Indeed, the Library has established itself as the center of the community in Hartford." To learn more about the library, please see www.hplct.org.

About Hartford History Center

Hartford History Center at Hartford Public Library, collects, preserves, and makes available three centuries of materials and information relating to the history, literature, and culture of Hartford. Located on the third floor of the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street, the Hartford History Center is open 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, please call the History Center at 860-695-6297 or visit online at <http://hhc.hplct.org/>.

About Connecticut Humanities

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