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Rockville Public Library Hosts 6th Annual Community Tree Festival

Participants asked to use a Children's Book to Inspire Decorations

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Rockville Public Library is hosting its 6th Annual Community Tree Festival and this year's theme is children's literacy.

The festival features trees and wreaths decorated by local non-profits, businesses and town department that are then sold at a silent auction. Proceeds will be used to enhance community programming at the library.

"This year's theme is the importance of children's literacy and we ask asking participants to be inspired by a children's book as they decorate their tree or wreath," Rockville Public Library Director Jennifer Johnston-Marius said. "We welcome everyone to visit the children's library for inspiration. We'll also be happy to make a recommendation if that would helpful."

The trees and wreaths will be unveiled during a reception from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, which is the same day as Winterfest in Downtown Rockville. The library's Community Tree Festival runs through Dec. 16.

At the reception, there be will do-it-yourself crafts for all ages, refreshments and a performance by harpist Debbie Vinick from 4:30 to 6 p.m. A silent auction will follow with people placing bids on wreaths or trees.

To participate, please fill out a registration form, available at the library or on its website, and return it with the entry fee by Friday, Nov. 23. The fee is \$10 for a tree and \$7 for a wreath, which you will receive when you submit your registration form.

Each tree or wreath should be accompanied by a sign with the title of the book, the author's name and the name of the organization submitting the entry. Finished wreaths and trees can be returned to the library between Nov. 28 and Dec. 1 during regular business hours.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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