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2004 One Book for Greater Hartford Update

Kickoff Features Writer Lary Bloom and Community Leader Edna Negrón Rosario

On Thursday, September 9, the 2004 One Book for Greater Hartford will kickoff at the Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street. The kickoff, a combination training session and community conversation, is geared toward individuals interested in leading book discussions for their organization or community group. 2004 One Book for Greater Hartford Reading Resource Guides designed specifically for this year's title *When I was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago will be available.

The One Book Author Event will be held Saturday, October 16. Author Esmeralda Santiago will speak in the library's atrium at 7:00 p.m. A book signing and reception will follow.

Schedule - One Book Kickoff, Thursday, September 9
Children's Program Room, third floor, Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street

9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

2004 One Book for Greater Hartford Bilingual Workshop (English and Spanish) on how to lead a book discussion will be led by Miguel García-Colón from the Byram Shubert Library, Greenwich, CT. The workshop will include helpful tips and cultural insights. A Spanish interpreter will be available.

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Lunch featuring Puerto Rican cuisine.

12:15-2:00 p.m.

Community Conversation - workshop participants take part in a community conversation on the 2004 One Book for Greater Hartford selected title *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago. The book discussion will be co-led by award-winning writer, columnist and editor Lary Bloom, author of *The Writer Within: A Guide to Creative*

Nonfiction and community leader Edna Negrón Rosario, regional director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration. A Spanish interpreter will be available.

**Schedule - One Book Author Event, Saturday, October 16
Atrium, Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street**

On Saturday, October 16, starting at 7:00 p.m., author Esmeralda Santiago will speak and answer questions at the 2004 One Book for Greater Hartford Author Event. A reception and book signing will follow the author talk from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library programs built around the One Book project are free and open to the public. Registration for the kickoff and author event is required and can be made by calling (860) 695-6342 or by going online at www.onebookforgreaterhartford.org and clicking on the "Calendar." Parking is available on the parking deck adjacent to the library entrance on Arch Street.

Hartford City Mayor Eddie Perez is the honorary chair of the 2004 One Book for Greater Hartford. One Book is a program of Hartford Public Library done in collaboration with Preview Connecticut, an insiders' guide to the arts; Hartford Advocate; The Greater Hartford Literacy Council; The Greater Hartford Arts Council; Talk of Connecticut and The Mary Jones Show; and, Barnes & Noble, West Hartford.