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## Downes Construction hosts Book Drive benefiting Hartford's Park Street Library @ the Lyric and Frog Hollow Community

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Hartford, CT Downes Construction Company hosts book drive to support Frog Hollow Community. In honor of the new library's completion, Downes hosted a Book Drive, collecting books in both Spanish and English for children of all ages in the Frog Hollow community. The books were given to the community at an event on the new terrace on Thursday, August 26th. In addition to free books, there was a complimentary ice cream truck for attendees to enjoy.

Downes Construction Company provided construction management services for the recently completed Park Street Library @ the Lyric. The new branch will provide a much-needed community resource to the already vibrant retail and residential neighborhood. The new building includes a 150-seat community room, smaller meeting rooms, learning lab, a café, exhibit space and designated adult, teen and children's areas and a protected courtyard.

Several Downes employees, including president David Patrick were in attendance at the event, excited to celebrate this new space for the community. "Downes has always had a great partnership with the City of Hartford, and we're thrilled to have the opportunity to give back to the Frog Hollow community by providing books for all ages," said Patrick, as he enjoyed a complimentary ice cream treat.

Hartford Public Library president and CEO, Bridget Quinn, was unable to attend the event, but she had this to say when asked how she felt about this event, "Downes Construction is a wonderful partner. Our new Park Street Library @ the Lyric is just weeks away from opening its doors on the corner of Park and Broad. This thoughtful and generous neighborhood event exemplifies the community-driven nature of this company."

The event was a complete success, with children, teens, and adults leaving the courtyard with some new books, ice cream, and excitement for the official opening of the space.

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