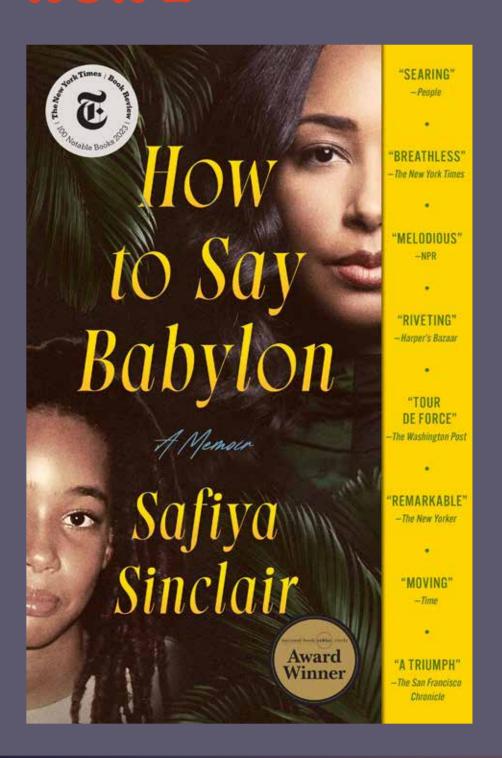
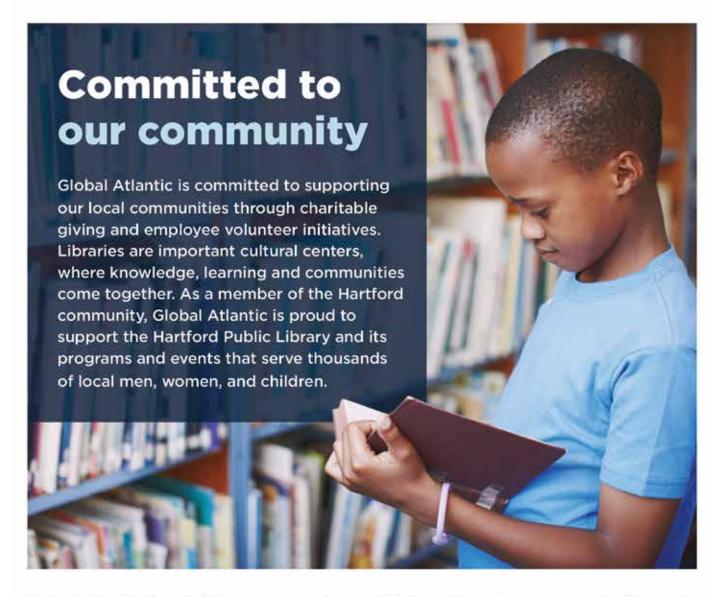
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Tonight marks the 9th anniversary of Beyond Words, and the culmination of our 250th anniversary year – we have so much to celebrate – past, present and future.

We are fortunate to have Safiya Sinclair, the acclaimed author of "How to Say Babylon," as our keynote speaker. Sinclair is a distinguished recipient of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Autobiography and has been recognized as a finalist for the Kirkus Prize. Additionally, she is longlisted for both the Women's Prize in Non-Fiction and the OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature. We look forward to an engaging discussion between Ms. Sinclair and HPL Ambassador Duby McDowell.

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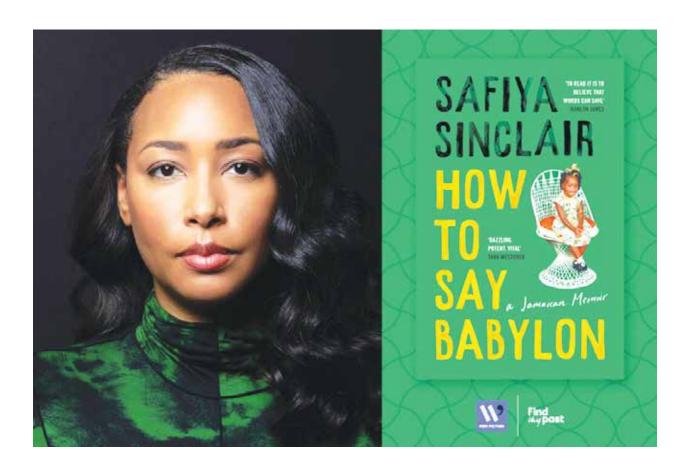




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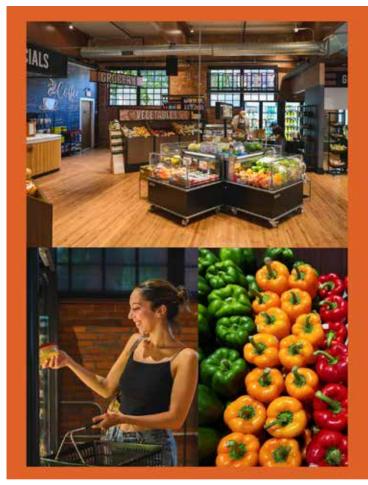
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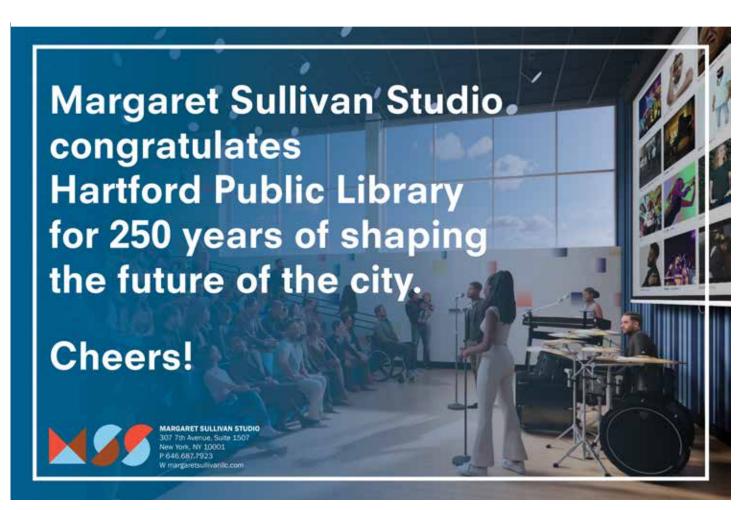
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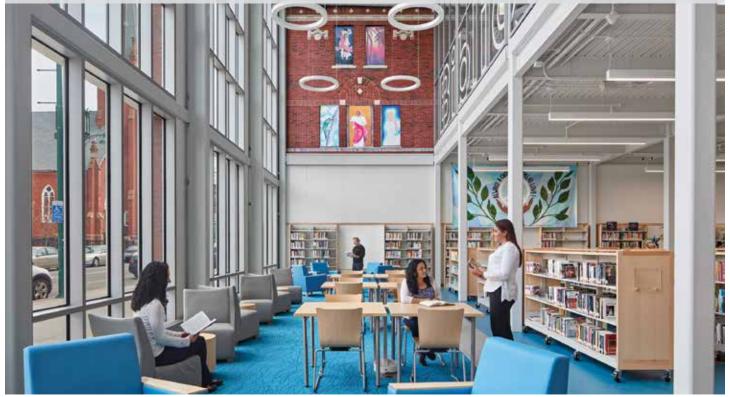
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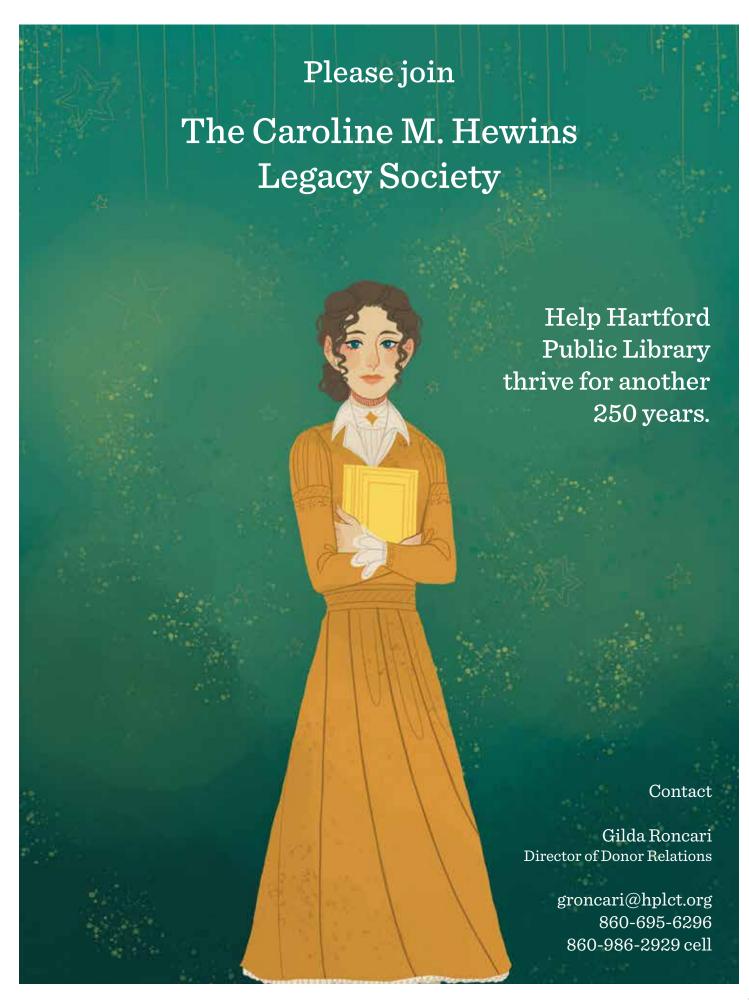




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