

NEPR HPL *Words in Transit* book roll out

On December 14th the Hartford Public Main Library hosted the book rollout of *Words in Transit* the book created from the podcasts (<http://nepr.net/wordsintransit/>) and the broadcasts that were created by WNPR to tell the stories of a few of the many immigrants

who have recently come to this area. Three of those whose stories are told are Georges Annan-Kingsley, Naomi Dissanayake and Foad Abbood, all members of the AHNA/HPL Welcoming Committee.

The panel discussion, which included the above three as well as Pranaya Bhatteai from Nepal and Veronica Vaida from Romania featured each telling a

shortened version of how they came to America and New England. While some fled because of danger and political strife, others came out of a sense of adventure or for a new life.

The book tells the stories of all 30 of those who were interviewed and featured in the podcasts.

The rollout at HPL was the fifth and final event in the series that included bookstores and libraries in Western Mass. The book will continue to be available for sale at the Main Library and proceeds from this book go to scholarships for immigrants at Holyoke Community College.

For more photos of the event got to <https://goo.gl/photos/NgiLzGEzypWESBpMA>

