

Did You Know? Former Wadsworth Atheneum director Everett "Chick" Austin designed his house on Scarborough Street to look like a stage set. Based on a villa near Venice, "The Cardboard House" is 86 feet wide but only 18 feet deep. Its grand front pilasters project only a few inches from the front of the home. Among the artists who attended parties at the home were Salvador Dali, Gertrude Stein and Alexander Calder.



Upcoming

Free Sahaja Yoga Guided Meditation

Saturday August 18, 2:30 pm
Albany Library (Community Room)

Free guided Sahaja Yoga meditation by international touring group of meditation practitioners visiting Hartford. There will be guided meditation and tips on managing stress and finding inner peace. Find Sahaja Yoga on Facebook [here](#).



Parent Back to School Readiness Program

Monday August 20, 5-7PM
Park Library

A wide variety of community and school organizations will provide parents with information about their rights, how to navigate the school system and how to advocate for their children. **DON'T FORGET: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN HARTFORD IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.**



Library On Wheels to Stop at West End Farmers' Market

Hartford Public Library's Library on Wheels will now be stopping at the West End Farmers' Market (WEFM) every other Tuesday starting August 21 from 4-7 pm. As the days grow shorter in September and October, the hours will be from 4 - 6 pm. WEFM is located on the south side of Farmington Avenue, between Woodland Street and Owen Street. For a full list of Library on Wheels stops, click [here](#).



Film Screening, Lecture & Discussion

Ex Libris: New York Public Library

Save the Date: Wed., August 22, 10 am - 4:30 pm, Spotlight Theatre, 39 Front Street, Hartford

Watch and discuss Frederick Wiseman's documentary "Ex Libris: New York Public Library." Go to [here](#) for more information.



For an extended Hartford Public Library calendar of events, go [here](#).



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News

Camp Field Branch Closed week of August 27

The Camp Field Library, 30 Campfield Avenue will be closed from Aug. 27 - 31 so that workers can install a new floor.



Family Learning at Barbour

Amy Ustanny and her grandchildren, Jahlani, Abigail, and Jahmelia participated in the week-long **Families Learn Together Summer STEM** program at the Barbour Library. Here they pose with the geodesic dome that they built under the guidance of the staff from the Children's Museum in West Hartford. Friday the participants will take a field trip to the museum. Great job!



Remembering the Glory Days of Hartford Hoops

Gregory Davis, President of HPL's Board of Directors, makes a point at last week's discussion of the book, "Oh

What A Move: Profiles of Hartford Basketball Palayers, 1954-1984," by Micahael Copeland and Howie Greenblatt. Davis was a basketball star at Weaver, Loomis and Tufts University. At left is Robert "Boo-Boo" Lee, one Hartford Public's greatest players.



Judy Dworin Performance Project: Public Rehearsal of (US)

Tuesday, August 14
Downtown Library

The Judy Dworin Performance Project held a working rehearsal of their new piece, "(US)" on Tuesday at the Downtown Library. "(US)" illustrates the immigrant experience, past and present. Further public rehearsals will be held in September. The show itself is scheduled to premier at the library in October. For more information, go [here](#) (English) or [here](#) (Spanish).



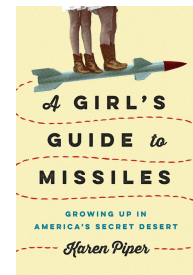
Remembering Sharon O'Meara

Just before the Judy Dworin rehearsal on Tuesday morning, several dear friends of the late Sharon O'Meara visited her memorial plaque in Hartford Public Library's **The American Place**, which held a very special place in Sharon's heart. From left to right are Shelby Thomas, Katy Keoveunexay, Sandra Trudeau, Sharon's spouse Cheryl Ann O'Meara, and Gracie Day.



Great New Summer Reads!

A heart-wrenching portrait of modern American soldiers, Jazz in the 21st century and a Texas Ranger's tale are just a few of the new books at HPL this week, along with "Nodding Off: The Science of Sleep from Cradle to Grave" and the intriguingly titled "A Girl's Guide to Missiles." Read more on the blog [here](#).



Activities

At Your Fingertips: Get Ready for School

Wednesday, August 22, 2-3 pm
Camp Field Library

Thursday, August 30, 4 - 5 pm
Barbour Library



Put together a Back-to-School organizer in a pocket folder with an array of helpful tip-sheets and tools. Personalize it with art of your choice. (Ages 6-12)

Balloon Towers

Thursday, August 23, 2-3 pm
SAND/Ropkins Librar

Activate your engineering mind! Form small teams and build the tallest free-standing tower you can using just balloons and some tape. (Ages 6-12)



Floral Pens

Thursday, August 23, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Camp Field Library

Do-it-yourself flower pens are easy to create and make fantastic homemade gifts! Join us in this fun workshop on how to make flower pens. (All ages)

Marble Mazes

Thursday, August 30, 4-5 pm
Park Library

Time to put physics to work! Create your own marble maze or marble run & let the good times roll! (Ages 6-12)



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