

Did You Know? The Smith-Worthington factory at the corner of Homestead Ave. and Woodland St. is perhaps the oldest saddle maker in the United States. It was founded in Hartford in 1794, when George Washington was President, and is still going strong today!



Upcoming

Adult Coloring – An Art Project & Window Display

Tuesday, September 18, 11 AM
Dwight Library

Join fellow adults in creating a massive autumn window display out of adult coloring pages. Two dates of coloring (Sep 18 + Oct 16) and the final reveal (Nov 13).



Chicago Style Steppin' Dance Class

Mondays, Sept. 17 & 24, Oct. 1, 6-7 pm
Atrium, Downtown Library

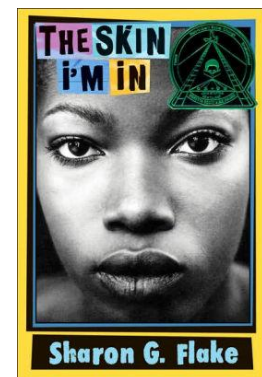
Open to beginners and all levels! Come by for a Chicago Style Steppin' Dance Class by the Hartford City Steppers. Taught by experienced instructors, this is a partnered dance class, but all are welcome to come as individuals, a couple, or a group.



Readings from "The Skin I'm In" at Snack & Chat

Tuesday, September 18, 4 - 5 pm: Barbour Library
Thursday, September 20, 4:30 - 5:30 pm: Dwight Library

Read excerpts from Sharon Flake's "The Skin I'm In" and explore its perspectives on identity, self-esteem, peer pressure, bullying and standing up for oneself.



U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony

Monday, September 17, 11 am

Downtown Library Center for Contemporary Culture

The library's Center for Contemporary Culture will be temporarily transformed into a Federal Courthouse as newcomers from many lands are officially sworn in as United States Citizens. The event is free and open to the public.



ENCOUNTERS: One Year After Hurricane Maria

Saturday, September 22, 10 am - 12 noon
(Lunch to follow)
Hartford History Center (3rd Floor)
Downtown Library



It has been a year since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. Join us for a discussion about the hurricane and its aftermath, which has raised new questions and concerns about the island's relationship with the mainland. For more information [click here](#).

The Films of Tito Román Rivera

El Antillano: Saturday, Sept. 22, 2 pm,
Center for Contemporary Culture, Downtown
Library



Ayotzinapa En Mi: Wednesday, Sept. 26,
5:30 pm, Hartford History Center, Downtown
Library



In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, HPL will screen two documentaries by Tito Román Rivera. The acclaimed director himself will be on hand to discuss both films after the showing "Ayotzinapa En Mi" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 5:30 pm in the Hartford History Center, 3rd floor, Downtown Library. "Ayotzinapa En Mi" explores the tragic kidnapping of 43 Mexican students in 2014. The first film, "El Antillano," which will be shown at 2 pm on Sept. 22, traces the life of Puerto Rican revolutionary Don Ramon Emeterio Betances. For more information, [click here](#).



Donate Now!

TAP Program Wins National Award!

On Thursday, September 6, the Urban Libraries Council named Hartford Public Library as one of its "10 Top Innovators" for its Career Pathways Initiative, a program of The American Place (TAP). The program was chosen for the honor by "demonstrating the value and impact of public library service." The Career Pathways Initiative assists immigrants and others seeking a fresh start with job training for the food service industry.



New Floors for Camp Field Library

Camp Field Librarian Pat Knapp shows off the library's new floor, which was installed at the end of last month. A ribbon cutting for the library's fresh look will be held this Tuesday, September 18, at 4 pm. The public is welcome!



Hartford Stage Reception

On Friday, September 7, Hartford Stage hosted a special reception for Hartford Public Library employees plus a free showing of its latest production, "Make Believe." Hartford Stage's Elizabeth Williamson and Rachel Alderman also gave HPL staff a preview of the upcoming season. The event marked the start of the second year of the partnership between these two institutions.



Conducive to Learning!

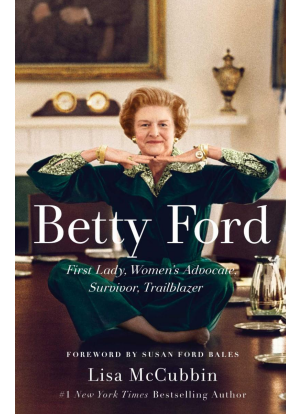
Eureka! On Tuesday, Sept. 11, youngsters at the SAND/Ropkins Library learned about electricity by using batteries, wires and conductive clay. The activity, which was guided by SAND/Ropkins Librarian Linda Montanez, was educational, safe and fun!



New Books

A new Jesse Stone crime novel fraught with racial tensions; an in-depth look at the influential Meyers-Briggs Personality test; a long-awaited new graphic novel from Caldecott Medal-winning author David Small and an insightful new biography of "one of the most admired and influential women of our time" are just a

few of great new books on the HPL shelves this week. See the full list [here](#).



September is National Library Card Sign-up Month!

Please encourage your friends, neighbors, relatives and anyone else to get a Hartford Public Library Card. You can borrow anything from the complete works of William Shakespeare to the classic movie Casablanca and even a fishing pole...no charge!



Get the only card that gives you the entire world. For Free.

Activities

Ojo de Dios

Tuesday, September 18, 3:30 – 4:30 pm:
Downtown Library

Tuesday, September 18, 4:30 – 5:30 pm:
Dwight Library

Thursday, September 20, 3:30 – 4:30 pm: SAND/Ropkins Library

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating this traditional Mexican craft.



A Bracelet for All Seasons

Tuesday, September 18, 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Albany Library

Paracord Bracelets are used as survival tools besides being a fashion accessory. Participant will learn a bit about the nature of parachute cord, the survival uses of the paracord bracelet, as well as the techniques to make paracord bracelets by using various creative knots.



The Art and Science of Leaf Rubbings

Thursday, September 20, 4-5 pm: Barbour & Park Libraries

**Wednesday, September 26, 4:30 - 5:30 pm:
Albany Library**



Explore autumn in New England with a story time and craft that combines science and art. Find out why leaves change color in the fall and learn to identify the parts of a leaf. Participants will then create a unique art piece they can take home. (Ages 6-12)

Wiggle Bots

**Wednesday, September 19, 4:30-5:30 pm,
Camp Field Library**

**Thursday, September 27, 4 - 5 pm: Park
Library**



Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot! This is a real engineering project! Can you make it dance in circles, or maybe draw? (Ages 6-12)

Haiku Leaves

**Thursday, September 20, 4:30-5:30 pm:
Camp Field Library**

Create your very own haiku using precise words and vivid imagery to celebrate the beauty and nature of Fall on leaf rubbed paper. (Ages 6-12)



Stories in the Park

**Thursday, September 20, 11:30 am - 12:30
pm: Bushnell Park**

Join us for a fun time at Bushnell Park. Bring your blanket, family and friends and listen to a story followed by fun-filled activities. Meet Miss Marie and Miss Juanita in front of the Carousel at 11:30! (Ages 6-12)



Save the Date!

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