

Shared Activities

for Cultural Navigators & Families



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www.hplct.org



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Task 1

Visit the Hartford Public Library



Activity Purpose:

Get familiar with the local public library and its range.

Activity Description:

After completing a library card application and receiving your new card, explore the library and select a section of the library that interests you.

Estimated Time:

1-2 hours

Cost:

Free

Materials Needed:

- o A library card application
- o Photo identification with proof of address (driver's license, state identification card)

Activity Extension (time permitting):

- o Sign up to use a computer.
- o Sign up to use a study room.

Share Your Experience:

- o Take a few minutes to write a few sentences about today's library experience.
- o Include photographs of your experience.

Location:

500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 695-6300
www.hplct.org

Hours of Operation:

Mon- Thurs: 10- 8 pm
Fri & Sat: 10-5 pm
Sun: 1-5 pm

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Task 2

Visit Hartford's City Hall

Activity Purpose:

Learn about municipal services and how to access them.

Activity Description:

- o Take a tour of the building.
- o Visit the office of your district's councilman.
- o Collect printed materials about the city of Hartford.

Estimated Time:

1 hour

Cost:

Free

Activity Extension (time permitting):

Take a walk to see Alexander Calder's sculpture, *Stegosaurus*, located in the small park next to City Hall.

Share your Experience:

- o Take a few minutes to write a few sentences about today's city hall tour.
- o Include photographs of your tour.



Location:

550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 543-8602
www.hartford.gov

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Fri: 8:15 - 4:15 pm
Closed Sat & Sun

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Task 3

Visit the Wadsworth Atheneum Art Museum



Activity Purpose:

Explore the museum to discover works of art by famous artists from around the world.

Activity Description:

Go online and look at the museum website.

Estimated Time:

1-2 hours

Cost:

The Hartford Public Library offers free museum passes at the Circulation Desk, main floor.

Activity Extension (time permitting):

- o Visit the museum's café and share your impressions of the museum.
- o What was your favorite piece of art or exhibit? Why?

Share your Experience:

- o Take a few minutes to write a few sentences about today's museum experience.
- o Include photographs of your experience.

Location:

600 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 278-2670
www.thewadsworth.org

Hours of Operation:

Wed-Fri: 11-5 pm
Sat & Sun: 10-5 pm
First Thurs: 11 - 8 pm

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Task 4

Visit a Place that Celebrates Your Newcomer Family's Culture



Activity Purpose:

Establish a cultural connection in your community.

Activity Description:

With your cultural navigator, organize a field trip to a place that celebrates cultures: for example, your consulate, a local festival, or cultural center.

Estimated Time:

1-2 hours

Cost:

Costs may vary, depending on event

Activity Extension (time permitting):

Discuss different cultural traditions with your CB.

Share Your Experience:

- o Take a few minutes to write a few sentences about today's cultural experience.
- o Include photographs of your experience.

A Place to Start:

Charter Oak Cultural Center
21 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 249-1207
www.charteroakcenter.org

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Task 5

Visit a Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting at Your Child's School



Activity Purpose:

To connect newcomer parents with activities and issues concerning their child's school

Activity Description:

- o Contact your child's school to find out when the next PTO meeting is.
- o Identify the president of the PTO.
- o Talk about the meeting agenda with your cultural broker.

Estimated Time:

1-2 hours

Cost:

Free

Materials Needed:

- o Location, date, and time of the PTO meeting
- o Paper and pencil to take notes

Activity Extension (time permitting):

Ask one question related to your child's needs.

Share Your Experience:

- o Take a few minutes to write a few sentences about today's PTO meeting experience.
- o Include some photographs of your child's school.

Contact:

Hartford Schools PTO

(860) 695-8000

<http://www.hartfordschools.org/for-parents/pto.php>

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Task 6

Visit the State Capitol Building



Activity Purpose:

Become familiar with the Connecticut state government and historical events

Activity Description:

- o Take a tour of the Capitol building
- o Get a brochure of the Capitol building
- o Find one historical statue or monument

Estimated Time:

1-2 hours

Cost:

Free one-hour tours of the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building

Activity Extension (time permitting):

- o If it's a nice day, stop by Bushnell Park
- o Visit the Civil War Memorial Arch and the carousel

Memories to Share:

- o Take a photo of a room or a statue that you like.
- o Talk about something that you remember about the history of Hartford.

Location:

210 Capital Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 240-0222
www.cga.ct.gov/capitol tours

Hours of

Operation:

Tours: Monday-Friday
10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15