



## Grand re-opening of Ropkins Library!



Newly renovated, this beautiful and family-friendly Library in the Clay Arsenal community is also home to the first Hartford History Center annex in HPL's branch system.

Join Mayor Luke Bronin, HPL CEO & President Bridget E. Quinn, State Representative James Sanchez and special guest Clyde Mark Billington III, who gifted his father's photographic mid-20th century Hartford streetscapes to the Library's Hartford History Center, and celebrate Ropkins' re-opening with us!

Wednesday, April 12

## Celebrating Women Authors All Month Long

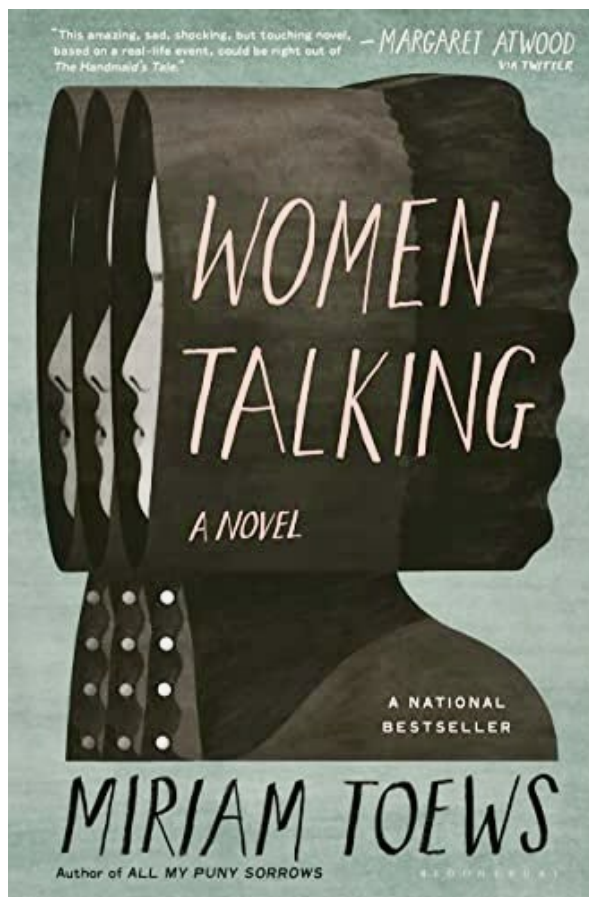


[\*When We Were Birds\*](#)  
Ayanna Lloyd Banwo  
Best Book of the Year -  
NPR, The Economist

A mythical and epic love story set in Trinidad, a beautiful novel about loss, hope and the healing power of love.

"What a great, fun, and complex book — part love story, part ghost story, all beautiful ...I was so moved by this book and am sure you will be too" — *Powell's Books* (Best Books of 2022: Fiction)

"Mythic and captivating... a depiction of ordinary life that's full and breathtaking."—*New York Times Book Review*



[\*Women Talking\*](#)  
Miriam Toews  
International Bestseller  
Oscar winning film

Based on real events this masterful novel tells the story about women coming together to stop abuse and protect themselves and their daughters.

"Astonishing . . . a work of deep moral intelligence, a master class in ethics beautifully dressed as a novel. . . .  
— *NPR.org*

"Sharp and devastating... a testament to the power of women's collective voices." — *Buzzfeed*





Hartford Public Library  
**BABY GRAND  
JAZZ**  
@ Center  
Church  
Sponsored by the Kaman Foundation

### Michael Feinberg

"A degree of tastefulness and finesse that's exceedingly hard to come by."  
*Miami New Times*

Hailed as a "musical prodigy turned evil genius" (spinner) bassist Michael Feinberg has quickly "become one of the premier young artists on the New York scene." (Jazz Inside Magazine).

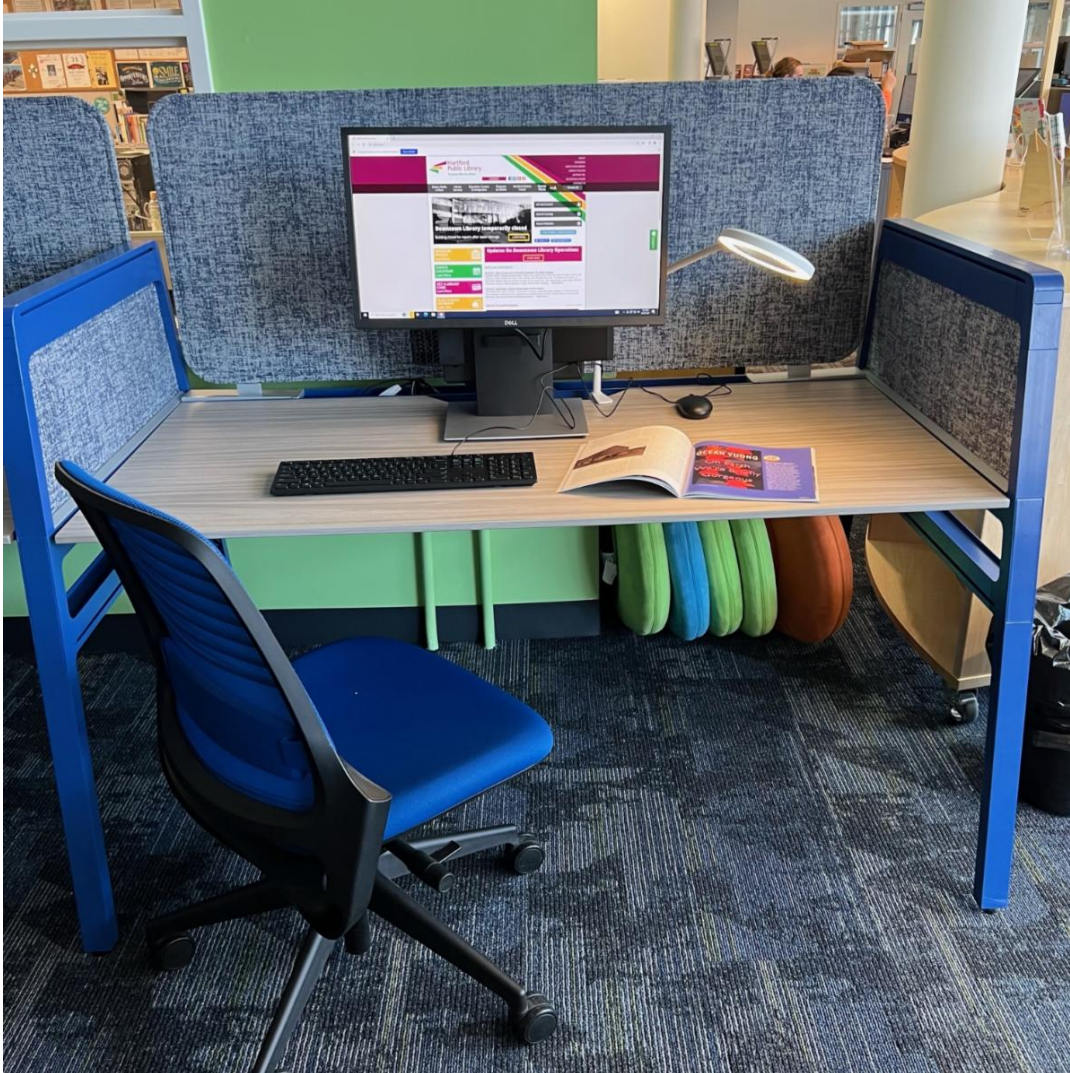
Listen to some of Michael's music [HERE](#)

**Sunday, April 2, 3:00 pm**  
Center Church  
675 Main Street

*Seating is first come, first seated, starting at 2 pm each Sunday. No registration is required. Concerts will continue to be streamed on HPL's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). Learn more [HERE](#).*

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## Computer classes for adults



Did you know your library can now provide  
computer training tailored to your needs?  
(psst... you won't have to ask your grandkids for help anymore)

Computer First Steps \* Internet Basics \* Using Email \* Creating a Resume \*  
\* Microsoft Office \* Google \* and more!

- Albany Library: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 11am - 12 pm
- Barbour Library: 3rd Thursday of the month, 2 - 3 pm
- Camp Field Library: 1st & 2nd Thursday of the month, 11am - 12 pm
- Dwight Library: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 11am-12 pm
- Park Street Library@the Lyric: Spanish - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4:30-5:30 pm
- Park Street Library@the Lyric: English - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4:30-5:30 pm
- Ropkins Library: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 11 am - 12 pm

Call your branch to register!

*If you require special accommodations to participate in this program, please call the branch at least two weeks in advance of the program date.*

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Calling all young authors





### Create your own story

Students in grades K-5 are invited to write and illustrate their own story with the theme of civic engagement. Winning entries will have their book displayed on our local author's shelf at the Park Street Library @ the Lyric and receive a professionally printed copy of their book!

Entries due by April 7th. Contest rules and entry form [HERE](#).

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### Create art for your books



### Make Pom-Poms (not dog ears)

Create a fun way to bookmark your page!

Wednesday, March 29th  
4:00 - 5:00 pm  
All ages welcome!  
Barbour Library

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### Ballet Showcase



*"Dancing is creating a sculpture that is visible only for a moment."*  
— Erol Ozan

Experience a performance by Hartford Ballet's talented main dancers, followed by a talkback, Q&A conversation between the audience and the dancers.

**Friday, March 31**  
12:30 - 2 pm  
Ages 6-19  
Albany Library  
1250 Albany Ave.

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Live Music @ the Lyric





Musician Chris Leadz will host a musical workshop and concert for all ages.

**Friday, March 31**

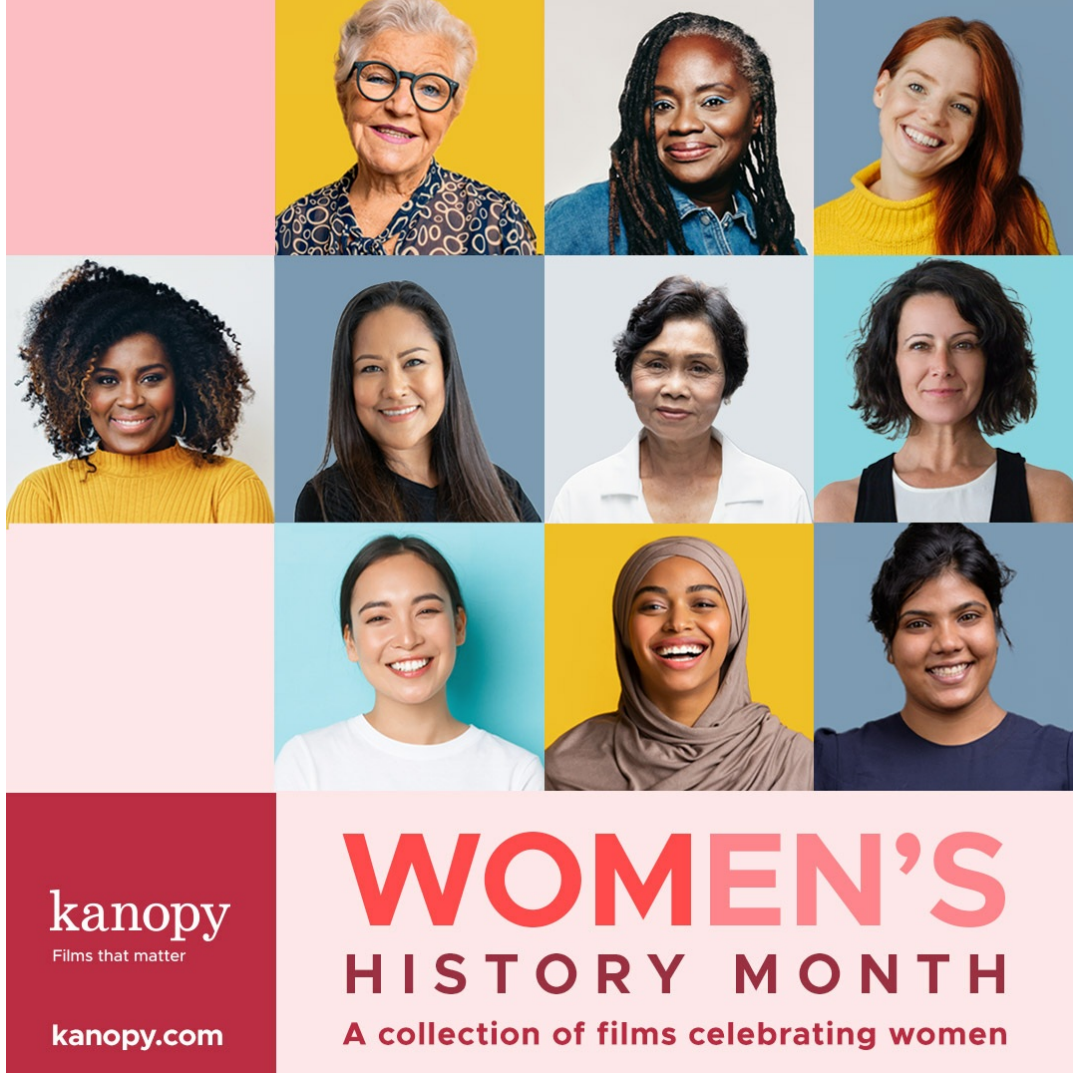
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Park Street Library @ the Lyric

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Escape with good movie





Celebrate Women's History Month, by watching a film on Kanopy by women, for women or about women - free with your HPL card!

You can check out the entire collection [HERE](#)

We want to give a special shout out to [Petite Maman](#) - it is a gorgeous film!

Watch the trailer [HERE](#)

"All we women have are our dreams – so of course we are dreamers."  
— Miriam Toews, *Women Talking*

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