

Did You Know? Capitol Avenue was once called College Street because Trinity College was originally located where the State Capitol stands today. Trinity completed its move to its current location on Summit Street in 1878.



Upcoming

Voter Registration Day Tuesday, September 25 System-wide

While you can register to vote any day at any Hartford Public Library, we will be making a special effort on Tuesday, September 25, with volunteers on hand to ease the process and answer any questions you might have.



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.](#)



Banned Books Bingo Thursday, September 27, 4-5 pm: Barbour Library Thursday, September 27, 3:30 - 4:30 pm: Ropkins Library

Learn about the different books that have been banned from schools and libraries over the years by playing an informative game of bingo based on the theme of forbidden books.



The Films of Tito Román Rivera

El Antillano: Saturday, Sept. 22, 2 pm,

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.](#)



Essential Oils, Make & Take
Wednesday, September 26, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Downtown Library

Come learn how essential oils can be used to support wellness, toxin-free cleaning and personal care, as well as relaxation and emotional support for you, your family, and possibly even your pet! Seating is limited. Please register by contacting Liz Castle, lcastle@hplct.org or 860-695-6320. To find out more go to [Facebook.](#)



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News

50 New Citizens Sworn In

Bhymika Tejas Patel and Ashmitaben Hitesh Patel are sworn in as new U.S. Citizens on Monday at HPL's Center for Contemporary Culture. 50 new U.S. citizens from 32 different countries were officially sworn in at the event by Federal Judge Donna Martinez at Hartford Public Library. Congratulations to all! See extensive coverage by the Hartford Courant [here.](#)



Congratulations Homa!

HPL's Homa Naficy (center) was among an illustrious group of speakers at the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding's "Love Thy Neighbor" Dinner and Forum Monday night at the Marriott Downtown. She is shown here with HPL's Development Director Gilda Roncari and Robert Fishman, President of the CT Immigrant and Refugee Coalition.



Double Duty for Elizabeth

Elizabeth Rivera had a busy day Monday. In the morning she sang the National Anthem at the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony and in the evening she taught a class in the Servsafe Food Handler Program at Barbour Library.



Camp Field Ribbon-Cutting

Thank you to Red Thread Interior Design for donating the materials for a new floor at the Camp Field Library. A ribbon-cutting was held on Monday to celebrate the bright new interiors. HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey cut the ribbon with help from neighborhood residents, HPL Corporator Hyacinth Yennie, HPL Board Members Gerri Sullivan, Tony Matta and David Barrett, HPL staffers Leticia Cotto, Pat Knapp, Katherine Trouern-Trend and Mark Parrino and Tom Meucci from Red Thread interior design.



Adult Coloring at Dwight

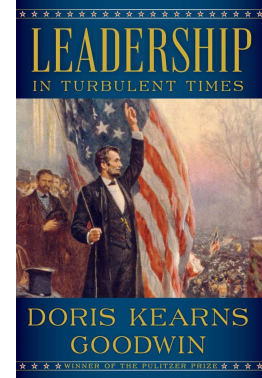
Isaura Santos and Mark Roy were among those who joined in the adult coloring session at Dwight Library on Tuesday. There will be a 2nd coloring session on October 16 and the finished product will be displayed in the library's window starting on November 13. The program is held in partnership with the Parkville Senior Center.



New Books at HPL

An undercover report on the business of prisons in the United States, Reese Witherspoon's reflections on growing up in the American South, a history of America's most notorious pirates and a study of leadership through the prism of four American presidents by Doris Kearns Goodwin are just four of the fascinating

new books now available at HPL. For the full list, [click here.](#)



Activities

The Author's Table: Shawn Flynn **Saturday, September 22, 11 am – 2 pm** **Downtown Library**

Join award-winning Connecticut author, Shawn Flynn, at The Author's Table to learn more about his heartwarming pet rescue story, "THE KITTY Who Rescued Me After I Rescued Him." Flynn's book was recently nominated for a 2018 Top Shelf Indie Book Award. Bionic Basil and The 'B' Team, one of the UK's Top 10 Pet Blogs, described it as, "A total gem!"



Chicago Style Steppin' Dance Class **Mondays, Sept. 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.



Time for Slime **Tuesday, September 25, 4 – 5 pm** **Dwight Library**

More than just a fun sensory activity, making slime is actually science. Join us at the library to measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home. We try a few different recipes to compare and contrast. (Ages 6-12)



The Art and Science of Leaf Rubbings **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

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)



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