

Did You Know? When G. Fox & Company was sold to the May Company in 1965, it was the largest privately owned department store in the United States.

SPECIAL NOTICE: All branches of Hartford Public Library will be closed on Monday, November 12, in honor of Veterans Day. The Downtown Library will also be closed on Sunday, November 11 for Veterans Day.



Upcoming

Babyoops Plays Albany

Tuesday, November 13, 10 - 11:30 am
Albany Library

Children's musician Babyoops invites you to a wiggle-giggle snap, ping-pong clap, tippie toe tap singing circle. Babyoops performs "innocent songs for innocent ears." Her interactive songs were adapted from those she sang to her own grandchildren and are designed to build self-esteem, and social and physical skills.



In Honor of African-American Veterans: A New Exhibit from the Costen Cultural Collection

Opening Reception: Wednesday, November 14, 5:30-7:30 pm
Downtown Library, 3rd Floor
On Display Now through December 14



Through hundreds of photos, articles and artifacts, historian and collector Bill Costen takes you back in time. Saddle up with the legendary Buffalo Soldiers of the Old West, fly over the skies of World War II Europe with the famous Tuskegee Airmen and ride the rails with the iconic Pullman Porters. It's all here and much more!

Catch Your Dream

Wednesday, November 14, 12 noon
SAND/Ropkins Library

Join us for this special program on how to make a Dream Catcher - and then make your own to take home! Materials supplied.



Get to Know Equanimity

ArtWalk Book Club: The Book of Equanimity

Thursday, November 15, 12 - 1 pm
Hartford History Center, Downtown Library



ArtWalk Artist's Talk: Andrew Reardon

Thursday, November 15, 6 - 7 pm
ArtWalk, Downtown Library, 3rd Floor

HPL will host two special events centered on Andrew Reardon's magnificent new exhibit, "Equanimity," which includes photographs and a video from Reardon's artist's residency in Nepal. Find out more on both events [here](#).



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News

Welcome to Hartford Quilting Marathon

On Monday, November 5, Hartford Public Library and InterRelations Collaborative, Inc. (Connecticut Office) hosted a "Welcome to Hartford" Quilting Marathon in the Downtown Library's Atrium. The whole piece was completed in just a few hours! Participants in the effort included city residents and students from UCONN-Hartford and Two Rivers Magnet School. The finished quilt will be displayed at all HPL branches in the upcoming weeks. For more photos go to [HPL's Facebook Page](#).



Diwali Luncheon

On Thursday, HPL's Children's Department hosted a Diwali Henna painting and Rangoli social. Rangoli is an Indian art form in which patterns are created on the floor using a wide variety of colorful materials. Diwali, also known as "The Festival of Lights" is one of India's most

popular holidays. More pictures on [HPL's Facebook Page](#).



Drawing Class Closing Reception

On Monday, November 5, artist Raul Camacho (second from left) concluded his series of drawing classes at Park Library this fall with a closing reception and a display of artwork by Ana Gonzalez, Pablo Rodriguez, Samuel Roman, and Carmen Gonzalez.



Book Club Draws a Crowd

Good crowd at the African American Literature Book Club Tuesday night, Nov. 6. This month, "Barracoon" by Zora Neale Hurston was up for discussion. The group meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Downtown Library, Classroom 140. Next month, "Another Brooklyn" by Jacqueline Woodson will be discussed on Tuesday, December 4, at 6 pm in Classroom 140 of the Downtown Library. For more information on the group email [Carolyn Korber](mailto:Carolyn.Korber).



Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash

The annual Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash at HPL always brings out a very eclectic crowd, but all share a true passion for poetry. The annual event is hosted by The Friends and Enemies of Wallace Stevens. Guest speaker Cole Swensen (center) is shown here with Nancy Kuhl and Susan Howe. All three are highly acclaimed poets. See more on the [HPL Facebook Page](#).



Ballet Among the Books

Dancer Aria Presley performs before children and their parents in HPL's Children's Department Saturday morning. The show was put on by the School of Ballet Hartford and also included an interactive dance class and story-time. Thanks to Aria, dance instructor Julianne Guarnieri and School of Ballet Director Susannah Marchese for sharing their time and talents.



Dwight Celebrates Dia de Muertos

Dwight Library patrons watch the Academy Award winning film "Coco" last Thursday. The screening of the film was part of Dwight's Day of the Dead (Dia de Muertos) Celebration. Dia de Muertos is a major holiday in Mexico.

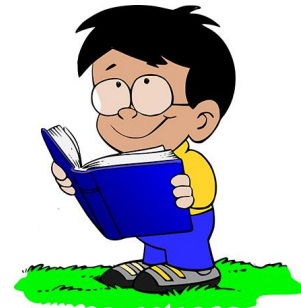


Activities

Book Friends

Thursdays, November 15 & 29, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Camp Field Library

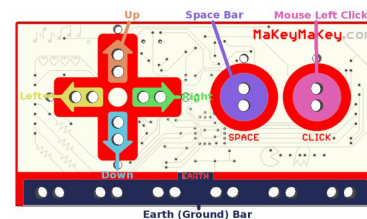
Do you have a favorite story about being a good friend? Join us to chat about great books and favorite book characters. Each week, we'll do a different and fun activity: cupcake decorating, DIY Dairy, Slime and more!



Makey Makey

Tuesday, November 13, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Dwight Library

Create keyboards made from different materials play-doh, fruits and vegetables. Learn about electronic circuits, energy and technology with this fun kit.



#Undocumoney: Be Financially Unafraid Workshop

Saturday, November 17, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Downtown Library, 3rd Floor

Come join immigrant youth and families as we learn about developing a savings plan, analyzing our spending habits, and the basics of navigating banks regardless of immigration status. Read the flyer in English and Spanish [here](#).



3-D Printer Exploration

Wednesday, November 14, 4:30 - 5:30 pm:
Camp Field Library
Tuesday, November 20, 4 - 5 pm: Barbour Library
Wednesday, November 21, 2 - 3 pm: Ropkins Library



Learn how a 3-D printer and 3-D design work by designing your own object and watching it print.

Chicago Steppin' Class is Back

November 19 & 26

Downtown Library, Atrium

Learn a great new dance style from experienced instructors Princeton Hayes and Jannett Jennings. This is a partnered dance class, but all are welcome to come as individuals, a couple, or a group. Free and open to the public. No registration required.



YOUmedia Activities

Downtown Library, 2nd floor

Tuesdays

DIY Creative Hours 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Fashion Production Drop-In 5:00 – 7:00 PM

College Finance Support 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesdays

DIY Creative Hours 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Animation Studio Drop-In 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Recording Studio Sessions 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursdays

DIY Creative Hours 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Photography Studio Drop-In 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Open Mic Night 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Fridays

FL Studio Beat Making Drop-In 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Fashion Studio Drop-In 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Saturdays

Animation Studio Drop-In 11:00- 1:00 PM

Beginner Recording Drop-In 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Albany YOUmedia Center

Tabletop Board Game Battles 4:00 – 6:00 PM (every other Thursday)

Find out more at the YOUmedia [website](#).



Free Workshop Series for Nonprofit Organizations

BOARDS MATTER!

Wednesday November 14, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Presenter: Janna Pedersen, Ampersand Consulting



BOARD MEMBER BOOTCAMP

Wednesday, November 28, 5:00-7:30 pm
Presenter: Mae Maloney, Leadership Greater Hartford

For more information, go [here](#) or email [Daniel Alexandre](#)



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