

Did You Know? The Underwood No. 5 is considered the world's first modern typewriter. In the early decades of the 20th Century, the Underwood factory at the corner of Park and Laurel Streets in Hartford was turning out the No. 5 at a rate of one per minute. By 1925 it had produced over 2 million of the machines.

SPECIAL NOTICE: THANKSGIVING CLOSING

All branches of Hartford Public Library will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 21, and remain closed all day on Thursday, November 22, for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. All branches will open and resume regular hours on Friday, November 23. Happy Thanksgiving!



Upcoming

Thanksgiving Gratitude Trees

**Monday, November 19, 4-5 pm,
Park & Barbour Libraries**

**Tuesday, November 13, 3:30-5 pm,
Downtown Library**

**Tuesday, November 20, 4:30-5:30
pm, Dwight Library**

Wednesday, November 21, 4:30-5:30 pm, Camp Field Library

'Tis the season to think about what you are grateful for. Create your own gratitude tree to express your thanks. (Designed for children 6-12)



#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](#).



Tickets Now Available for Hartford Stage's "A Christmas Carol"

Show runs November 23 - December 24

Free passes for HPL card holders are now available for "A Christmas Carol" at Hartford Stage. Due to great popularity of this show, which has become a Hartford Holiday tradition, guaranteed seating is limited, but standing room only seating tickets will also be available. Find out show dates and times at [Hartford Stage](#).



Chicago Steppin' Class Returns Monday

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.



ArtWalk Artist's Talk: Equanimity by Andrew Reardon

Thursday, November 29, 6 - 7 pm
ArtWalk, Downtown Library, 3rd Floor

(Rescheduled from November 15)

Andrew Reardon will give a talk on his magnificent new exhibit, "Equanimity," which includes photographs and a video from Reardon's artist's residency in Nepal. Find out more [here](#).



New Books!

A crime thriller set in the Grand Canyon, a talking fox's struggle against a proposed shopping mall, a tale of romance and intrigue set against the "Prague Spring" of 1968 and Michelle Obama's much anticipated and eagerly awaited memoir, are just a few of the new books now on the shelves at HPL. Find out more on the [New Book Blog](#).



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News

Spectacular Diwali Show

On Thursday, November 8, HPL's Children's Department hosted its 4th annual Diwali Show in the Center for Contemporary Culture. Thanks to the efforts of parent volunteers and all the performers, it was truly a showcase of Indian history, art and culture. See more photos on [HPL's Facebook Page](#).



Honoring Those Who Served and are Serving

Great job by all those who took part in the "Hands Touching Hearts" campaign on Thursday, November 8, in the atrium of the Downtown Library. In honor of Veterans Day, participants decorated medals and wrote notes of thanks, which will be sent out to service men and women all over the globe. The effort was organized by Vernon artist Ann M. Cosgrove and the library. See more on [Facebook](#).



HBJ Honors HPL

On Wednesday, November 14, the Hartford Business Journal held its annual Community Excellence & Nonprofit Awards Breakfast at Infinity Hall. The Partnership Award was presented to The Aetna, The Hartford, Travelers, the City of Hartford and Hartford Public Library. The award was given in recognition of the three insurance corporations' five year financial commitment to the City of Hartford, a significant portion of which is designated for the library. Shown receiving the award are HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey, Mayor Luke Bronin, Andy Bessette of Travelers, David Robinson of The Hartford and Floyd Green of Aetna. Find out more from the [Business Journal](#).



Opening Reception for Bill Costen Exhibit

On Wednesday, November 14, HPL hosted an opening reception for collector Bill Costen's magnificent exhibit, "Honoring African-American Veterans," which will be on display through December 14 outside the Hartford History Center on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Library. The exhibit includes over 1,000 photos, paintings, drawings and other items on the Tuskegee Airmen, the Buffalo Soldiers, African-American soldiers through the years, and the Pullman Porters. More photos on [HPL's Facebook Page](#).



Another Community Collection Spot

On Thursday, November 8, HPL added another site to the library's growing list of Community Collections. The new site is the Open Hearth Shelter on Charter Oak Avenue. Residents of the shelter can borrow or take books from the new collection



Career Fair for Construction of New Park Library

On Tuesday, November 13, Hartford Public Library, Capital Workforce Partners and Downes Construction hosted a Career Fair to discuss employment opportunities for the construction of the new Park Street Library with community members. Several construction trade unions participated in the event, which was held at the Studio at Billings Forge.



Closing Reception for Jewelry Class

On Wednesday, November 14, student's in Jackie Bright's Jewelry Class at the Albany Library held a closing reception. Each student got to show off the pieces they had created in the class, which is part of HPL's "Lifelong Learning for Older Adults" program. See more photos on the [HPL Facebook Page](#)

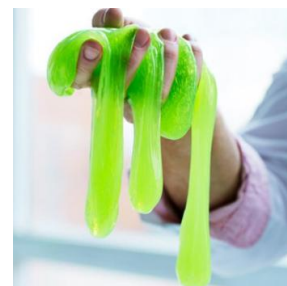


Activities

Time for Slime

Tuesday, November 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Barbour Library

Making slime is actually a science! Join us at the library to make a personal batch of slime that you can take home. We'll try and compare a few recipes.



Cool Microfiction

Tuesday, November 27, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Camp Field Library

Learn about a whole new way of writing...microfiction! Write a story in three sentences or less and share it with others.

Book Friends

Thursdays, November 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!



3-D Printer Exploration

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.



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

BOARD MEMBER BOOTCAMP

Wednesday, November 28, 5:00-7:30 pm

Presenter: Mae Maloney, Leadership Greater Hartford



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