

## What A Day!



### Ropkins Library is back!

Ropkins Library has been a welcoming fixture in the Clay Arsenal community for many years. The newly renovated library is also now home to the first Hartford History Center annex in HPL's branch system.

Special thanks to Mayor Luke Bronin, State Representative James Sanchez, and special guests Clyde Mark Billington III and his sister Cristal Billington Anderson, who gifted their father's photographic mid-20th century Hartford streetscapes to HPL's Hartford History Center.

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YA Books that read like poetry



[We Are All So Good At Smiling](#)

Amber Mc Bride  
National Book Award Finalist

An imaginative and haunting story told in verse, about trauma, strength and hope.

"This is a story about the power of stories and how they can help us survive the darkest times." —*NPR*

"This phenomenal novel-in-verse transports readers into an impassioned tale of heartache and hope that belongs on every bookshelf serving teens." —*School Library Journal*, starred review



[If I Tell You The Truth](#)

Jasmin Kaur  
Nominee for Best Poetry (2021)

Exploring fear, pain, justice, courage, and community in prose and celebrates the healing power of love in all forms.

"A bold and heartrending story unflinchingly told in poetry and prose." — *Ms. Magazine*

Kaur's one-of-a-kind style is captivating and the story she tells here is critically important on so many levels." — *The Nerd Daily*

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Sharing fantastic music



Hartford Public Library  
**BABY GRAND**  
**JAZZ**  
@ Center Church

Sponsored by the Kaman Foundation

*Sarah LeMieux's Jazz for the End of the World*

*LeMieux composes for instruments normally associated with classical music...with an advanced sense of harmony and counterpoint. Her ensemble plays with studied confidence and grace, and they're in no rush; songs lope along in round, swing-heavy grooves. " - Hartford Courant— Michael Hamad*

**Sunday, April 23, 3:00 pm**  
Center Church  
675 Main Street

Sneak peak of *Jazz for the End of the World* [HERE](#) (oh man. we love her voice)

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

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HARTFORD'S L.I.T.

# GIRLS

WRITING CLUB



*"Every word a woman writes changes the story of the world, revises the official version."—Carolyn See, author of Making a Literary Life*

Focusing on the basics of writing and an introduction to fiction, character and plot devices. Writers welcomed to showcase their talent in a virtual/in-person reading.

Girls' Writing Club - Writing Workshop Series

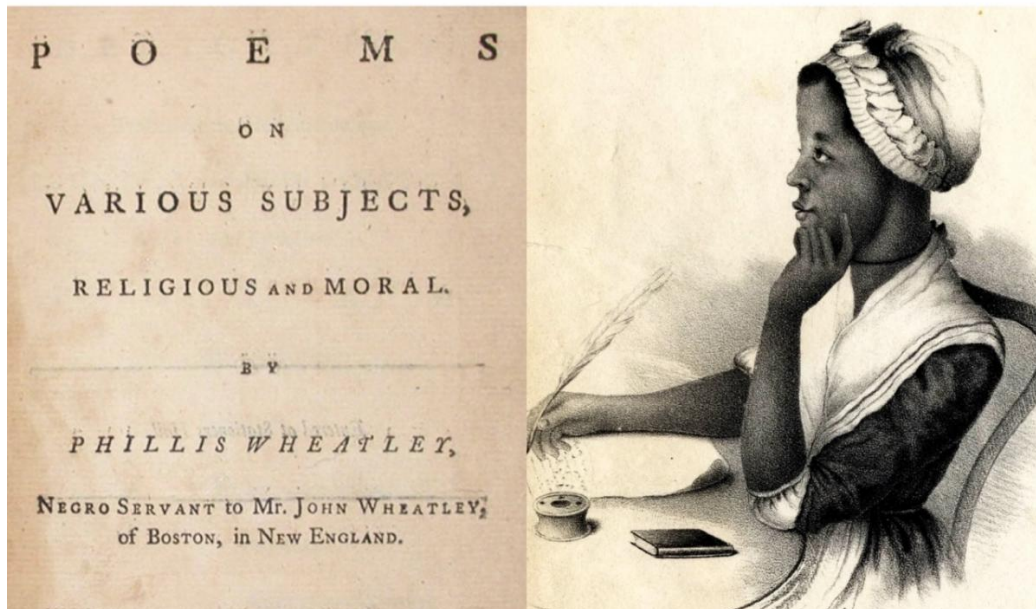
April 29 & May 20 10:30 am -2:30 pm

Ages 13-19

Only 8 spots remaining - register [HERE](#) today!

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HARTFORD'S L.I.T. & HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HARTFORD READS IN  
**COLOR**



*The Poems of Phillis Wheatley: With Letters and a Memoir* by Phillis Wheatley

Born in Africa in 1753, Phillis Wheatley was kidnapped at the age of seven and sold into slavery. At nineteen, she became the first Black American poet to publish a book, *Poems on Various Subjects: Religious and Moral*, on which this volume is based.

*"Perhaps one of the greatest instances of pure, unassisted genius that the world ever produced."*The London Chronicle

Sunday, April 30 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online Book Discussion

Register [HERE](#)

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Library Resources Workshop



Join us in the Park Street Library @ the Lyric 2nd floor learning lab for a presentation in English and Spanish on digital library resources available to you with your library card. So much to offer!

**Wednesday, April 19**

12:30 - 1:30 pm Park Street Library @ the Lyric

603 Park Street

Register [HERE](#)

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**Celebrating Earth Day**

# Celebrate Earth Day

with films focused on  
the environment



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#EarthDay

Kanopy has so many great titles for you to celebrate and learn more about nature. Check them out [HERE](#)

See the entire catalog of films at [Kanopy](#) — all free with your library card

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Join our Team!



Join a fantastic group of people making a difference in our community. Check out our many opportunities in a variety of departments [HERE](#).

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## Free Health Screening





Free health screenings (blood pressure, diabetes and other health related conditions) and/or free COVID-19 vaccination provided for ages 12 and up. No appointment needed.

**Friday, April 21**  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Camp Field Branch  
30 Campfield Ave.

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"if i tell you the truth  
that i've dug  
from the hardened depths  
of this shrapnel-filled dirt  
with these aching, bloody hands  
would you believe me?  
would you still love me?"

*"If I Tell You The Truth" Jasmin Kaur*

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