

Did You Know? The little girl in the big hands at the corner of Farmington and Asylum Avenues is Alice Cogswell, the first student and inspiration for the school which is now American School for the Deaf. The hands symbolize the early supporters of the school, with each finger representing one of the 10 original donors.

SPECIAL NOTICE: All branches of Hartford Public Library will be closed on Friday, November 2, for a staff development day.



Upcoming

Dance with Me!

Saturday, November 3, 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Downtown Library

Please join School of Ballet Hartford's Children's Dance Instructor, Julianne Guarnieri, for a FREE Creative Dance Class. Geared for children ages 3-5. Find out more at the children's desk (3rd floor) or [click here](#).



Rock Painting

Tuesday, November 6, 11 am
Dwight Library

Ease your mind and exercise your creativity while painting small images on rocks. Rocks and painting supplies are provided for this surprisingly enjoyable adult programs. This month's theme will be Angry Birds! Free and open to the public.



Native American Heritage Month: Corn Husk Dolls

Thursday, November 8, 4-5 pm: Barbour Library
Thursday, November 15, 3:30 - 4:30 pm: Ropkins Library

This program explores traditions of the pre-Columbian Native people in New England. Hear the legend of the corn husk doll and then construct your own doll. Explore the true meaning of the wampum belt and design one that tells your personal story.



Celebrate Diwali at HPL

Diwali: Festival of Light Celebration
Thursday, November 8, 5 - 7 pm
Downtown Library (Center for Contemporary Culture)

The Children's Department will host a fun filled evening of music, poetry, and dance, to celebrate the spirit of Diwali. Our special guest will be Rachna Agrawal, who will present Dances Of India.



Rangoli for Diwali
Thursday, November 8, 3:30 - 4:30 pm: Ropkins Library

Create a beautiful Rangoli design in recognition of this great festival of India and Nepal.



Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash
Saturday, November 3, 2 - 4 pm
Downtown Library (Center for Contemporary Culture)

Celebrate the life and work of Hartford Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Wallace Stevens. Enjoy birthday cake, champagne and a talk by poet, critic and Brown University professor Cole Swensen. For more information, go to the Friends and Enemies of Wallace Stevens [website](#).



Welcome to Hartford Quilting Marathon
Monday, November 5, 12-5pm
Downtown Library

Hartford Public Library customers of all ages are cordially invited to create a square, using markers, paint and other items, for the "Welcome to Hartford" community quilt. The quilt will be created, sewn together and put on display at the end of the program. No sewing experience necessary!



Say Thanks to Those Who Serve
Thursday, November 8, 3-7 pm
Downtown Library

Honor the Veterans Day Holiday by designing a medal which will be mailed out to service men and women all over the world. Free and open to the public. Find out more [here](#).



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

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

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!



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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News

HPL Now Open Sundays!

Starting this Sunday, November 4, the Downtown Library will be open on Sundays from 1 - 5 pm. These Sunday hours will continue through April. However, the library will be closed Sunday, November 11, as well as Monday, November 12, for Veterans Day.



Travelers Team Makes a Difference

Last Wednesday, 16 corporate leaders from the Travelers Hartford office helped implement HPL's new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system. The new system will allow library patrons to check out and return items without assistance from library staff. In just a few hours, the Travelers team tagged approximately 5,100 items and programmed over 2,000 RFID tags. Great job, thanks!



Honoring Latina Women

Honrando Las Mujeres Latinas y sus Ninos (Honoring Latina Women and their Children) was held on Tuesday, October 30, at the Downtown Library. The event was the culmination of a series of activities, held in partnership with the Hispanic Health Council, at the Park Street Library this month in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For a photo gallery of the event, go to [FACEBOOK](#).



HPL Staff Interviewed for Podcast

The podcast *Two Librarians and a Microphone* featured a great interview with HPL's Homa Naficy and Beverly Redd from the annual forum of the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) in Baltimore this year. HPL was named a top innovator at the forum by ULC for the Career Pathways Initiative. Great job! Listen to [here](#).

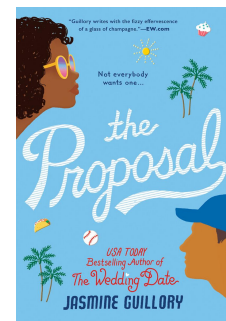
Tickets Available Henry V at Hartford Stage Through November 11

Free passes are now available at HPL branches for Hartford Stage's production of William Shakespeare's classic, Henry V. For show dates and times and more information, go [here](#).



New Books!

A surprisingly uplifting new novel by Stephen King, a penetrating biography of the brilliant but troubled philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, a richly illustrated history of space stations and a modern romance set in Los Angeles are all on the shelves now at HPL. Read the blog to find out more, click [NEW BOOKS!](#)



Activities

YOUmedia Activities

Tuesdays: Fashion Club, 3-6 pm; Scholarship Club, 4-8 pm;
Photography Club, 5-7 pm

Wednesdays: Animation & 3D, 5-7 pm; Podcast Club, 6-8 pm

Thursdays: Photography Club, 5-7 pm; Open Mic, 6-8 pm

Fridays: Legends Hours, 10 am -2pm; Fashion Club, 3-5 pm

Saturdays: Animation & 3D, 11 am - 1 pm; Studio for
Beginners, 2-5 pm

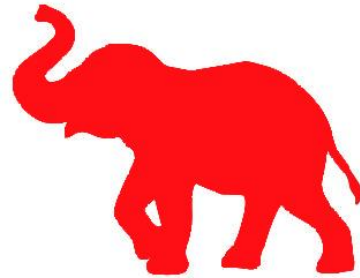


Find out more at the YOUmedia [website](#).

Circus Bridges

Tuesday, November 6, 4:30-5:30 pm: Dwight Library

Thursday, November 8, 4-5 pm: Park Library



Enjoy engineering a bridge for 21 circus elephants with household materials.

Circuit Clay

**Wednesday, November 7, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Camp Field Library**



Come play and learn about electricity with our special circuit clay. Create a creature that lights up with LEDs!

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.



Pasos & Connections Salsa Dancing

Classes

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4
Downtown Library, Atrium

Pasos & Connections uses Latin partner dances like Salsa, Merengue, and Cha Cha, as a means of developing healthy relational connections. Find out more [here](#).



Save the Date!

12.7

Hartford Public Library
takes you

beyond words

To purchase tickets for Beyond Words, [go here](#).

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