Did You Know? This Monday, October 1, marks the 247th birthday of the Connecticut Governor's Foot Guard. It is the oldest military organization in the nation to be in continuous service, although its role is now purely ceremonial.

Upcoming

Drawing Lessons (Spanish language)
Mondays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5
6 - 7:30 pm
Park Library

Local artist Raul Camacho will show you how to improve and develop your drawing skills using a variety of techniques. Participants will have a chance to display their work at the end of the series. Find out more here.

Book On Pratt
Friday, September 28, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford (street will be closed to traffic for the event)

Our partners at Barnes & Noble UCONN-Hartford will be hosting a new event which will feature over 50 local authors. Free admission!

Nutrition Workshops
Tuesdays, October 2, 9 and 16, 6 - 7:30 pm
Albany Library

Join a nutrition expert from the University of Connecticut and learn how you can shop smarter, cook healthier and eat better. Find out more here.

Lt. Governor Candidate Forum
Tuesday, October 2, 5:30 pm
Downtown Library

The Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota Coalition will host a forum for candidates for Lt. Governor in the Center for Contemporary Culture. All candidates have been invited.
Creative Jewelry Art Classes
Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Albany Library

Popular jewelry designer and teacher Jackie Bright will help you design and create dazzling pieces of art that you can wear! Find out more here.

Parent Conversation: Por Los Ninos
Thursday, October 4, 5 - 7 pm
Albany Library

Join us for a conversation on how parents can better communicate and understand their children. Find out more here.

Free Saturday Adult Learning Academy at Asylum Hill
Saturdays, 10 am - 12 noon, October 6 - December 17
Hartford Public Library at Asylum Hill (located in West Middle Community School, 927 Asylum Avenue)

Free classes in Spanish, computer skills and citizenship. Registration and orientation first day of class. Find out more here.

(US) A New Performance by the Judy Dworin Performance Project
Friday, October 12, 6 & 8 pm
Saturday, October 13, 6 pm
Downtown Library

The Judy Dworin Performance Project's latest work explores the struggles and triumphs of the immigrant experience, past and present. For tickets, go to here.

Great New Books!

90 recipes for donuts, Antonia Fraser's sweeping narrative about the struggle for Catholic rights in Great Britain (1780-1829), a striking and fresh view on modern
fatherhood and a look at the "complex, controversial, deeply flawed and irrefutably courageous" Hannah Arendt are all on the HPL shelves now, along with many other great new books. Find out more on the blog.

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**RAW Awards**

On Tuesday night, Real Art Way (RAW) awarded its "Realie Awards" as part of its "The Best Is Yet To Come..." Fundraiser. Among those receiving awards were HPL Board Member Mark Overmyer-Velazquez and the library's dear friend and supporter Kate Rushin. They are shown here with Chion Wolf, Emily Wolf and HPL's Gilda Roncari.

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**Special Film Screening I**

On Saturday afternoon, HPL screened the documentary "El Antillano." Directed by Tito Román Rivera, the film chronicles the life and times of Dr. Ramon Betances, a Puerto Rican revolutionary who led a revolt against Spain 150 years ago. The event was organized by HPL's Leticia Cotto (fourth from left), who is shown here with Veronica Velez, Bobby Turrigiana, Angelica Hillman and Ramon Espinoza.

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**Special Film Screening II**
On Wednesday, director Tito Roman Rivera himself spoke at HPL before the screening of another one of his documentaries, “Ayotzinapa En Mi.” The film delves into the disappearance and murder of 43 students from Ayotzinapa Teachers College in Mexico. The two film screenings are part of a regional collaboration between the Hartford Public Library and the San Juan Center in Hartford and Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción, Egleston Square Main Street and the DiaspoRican Film Series in Boston.

Stories in the Park

HPL Children's Librarian Marie Cancilleri and several children and parent took advantage of a beautiful late summer day to enjoy readings and activities in Bushnell Park.

Activities

Chicago Style Steppin' Dance Class
Mondays, 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.

Rock Painting
Tuesday, October 2, 11 am
Dwight Library
Ease your mind and exercise your creativity while painting little minions, cats or frogs on rocks. Rocks and painting supplies are provided for this surprisingly enjoyable adult programs. Rock Painting is held at Dwight the first Tuesday of each month. The November 6 session will feature a special guest: Art Therapist Brittany Quinn who discuss painting through your anger - and angry birds will be the theme.

Marshmallow Spaghetti Challenge
Thursday, October 4, 4-5 pm, Park Library
Tuesday, October 16, 4:30-5:30 pm, Dwight Library
You and your team have 18 minutes to build a free-
standing structure out of 20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti, a yard of masking tape, a yard of string and a single marshmallow! Are you up for the challenge? Join us and see!

**Circus Bridges**
*Thursday, October 4, 3:30-4:30 pm, Ropkins Library*

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

**Haiku Leaves**
*Tuesday, October 2, 3:30-5 pm, Downtown Library*  
*Thursday, October 11, 4-5 pm, Park, Barbour & Albany Libraries*  
*Wednesday, October 24, 3:30-4:30 pm, Downtown Library*

Create your very own haiku using precise words and vivid imagery to celebrate the beauty and nature of Fall on leaf rubbed paper.

**Build a Boat**
*Thursday, October 4, 4-5 pm, Barbour Library*

Use common materials to explore buoyancy and power! Design a working electric motor boat with this activity. Find your hull in the recycling bin (milk jug, foam tray, pool noodles, etc.). Add the motor, propeller and other components. Set it in the water and watch it go.

**Ojo de Dios**
*Thursday, October 4, 4:30-5:30 pm, Camp Field Library*  
*Thursday, October 18, 3:30-4:30 pm, Albany Library*  
*Thursday, October 18, 4-5 pm, Park Library*

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating this traditional Mexican craft.

**Circuit Clay**
*Tuesday, October 9, 3:30-5 pm, Downtown Library*  
*Wednesday, October 24, 3:30-4:30 pm, Albany*
Library

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

To purchase tickets for Beyond Words, go here.

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