Did You Know? One might think that Constitution Plaza was named by a high-powered committee of business executives, or a major marketing firm. But it was actually named by a local waitress, June Sawyer. June beat out 9,000 other entries in a contest to name the new development, which was completed in 1964.

Upcoming

**College is waiting. Are you ready?**
*Saturday, October 13, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm*
*Albany Library*

Learn about a wide variety of colleges, how to gain admission and how to obtain financial aid. Similar sessions will be held the second Saturday of each month, through May. For more information, go [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.](#) There was also a great piece in the *Courant*, read it [here.](#)

**Domestic Violence Awareness Walk**
*October 18, 11 am*
*Starts and ends at Park Library*

Join us in honoring Latina women and raising awareness about Domestic Violence. The group will meet at the Park Library, 744 Park Street, and walk up to Main Street, and back. Graciela Rivera, Park Library Manager, and Maria Ortiz, Community Liaison from the Hispanic Health Council, will lead the group in walk and conversation. Please wear purple.

**Tickets Now Available**

**Henry V at Hartford Stage**
October 11 - 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](#).

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**Concepcion**  
**Thursday, October 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Downtown Library (3rd floor)**

Hartford artist Raul Camacho will discuss his portraits of Hispanic heroes from all walks of life, now on display at HPL in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. More information [here](#).

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**WET: A DACAmented Journey**  
**Monday, October 22, Reception at 5 pm, Show starts at 5:30 pm**  
**Downtown Library, Center for Contemporary Culture**

Anner Alfaro Cividanis present a one man show exploring the mental, emotional, and psychological hardship had to endure while navigating a broken U.S. immigration system. Free and open to the public. Find out more [here](#).

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**Indie Author Day**  
**Saturday, October 13, 2:30-4:30 pm**  
**Downtown Library**

Meet three important Connecticut authors, Ana Cuevas, Julia Tannenbaum and Rare Womack, and discuss their work. Find out more [here](#).

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**New ArtWalk Exhibit**  
"Equanimity" by Andrew Reardon  
**Opening Reception Friday, October 19, 5:30 pm**  
**Downtown Library, 3rd Floor**

Local videographer and photographer Andrew Reardon presents visual impressions drawn from his artist's residency in Nepal. Equanimity will be on view at the ArtWalk through December 2, 2018. See more [here](#).
Piano Lessons from the Masters
12 - 4 pm
Saturday, October 20 (Teacher: Taino Pacheco)
Saturday, October 26 (Teacher: Sarah Rose)
Saturday, November 10 (Teacher: Orice Jenkins)
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Here's your chance to take a free piano lessons on the Hartford Public Library grand piano! The classes will be taught by some of Hartford's greatest piano players. All levels are welcome. Registration required! Reserve early! Email Liz Castle at lcastle@hplct.org or 860-695-6320.

TRAFFIC ALERT: Hartford Marathon Saturday

The Hartford Marathon and Half Marathon will be held this Saturday, October 13. Library patrons wishing to visit the Downtown Library are advised to expect road closures, delays and extremely limited street parking on Saturday. Park Street will be closed from 7:30 - 9 am, but residual delays are to be expected for those planning to visit the Park Library.

Hurting Hearts Art Workshop at Park Library

Good turnout at the Park Library Wednesday evening for Corazones Lastimados (Hurting Hearts Art Workshop). Women painted tee-shirts to represent how they felt inside. The shirts were purple in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. See more photos on HPL's Facebook Page.

New Park Street Library Project
Launch

Join us on October 15 at 5:30 PM at the Park Street Branch Library, 744 Park Street, for the celebratory launch of the new Park Street Library project. Mayor Bronin and other speakers will give an update about the project.

HPL Board Member Co-Hosts Night Fall

Congratulations to Hartford Public Library Board Member Mark Overmyer-Velázquez, who co-hosted this year’s Night Fall Production in Pope Park. WNPR's Chion Wolf introduced the show in English and Mark did the same in Spanish. For more photos of Night Fall, created and directed by Hartford artist Anne Cubberly, look here.

New Books!

A mysterious tale of murder, thievery, art, love and loss on the banks of the Thames River; a fascinating look at the Harvard-Yale game in the tumultuous year of 1968; the transformation of Paris in one of the greatest urban renewal projects in history; and a get-rich-quick scheme gone wrong in small-town Minnesota are among the many intriguing new books at HPL. Find out more on the blog.

Activities

Monarch Butterfly Puppet Making Workshop

Wednesday, October 17, 4 – 5 pm: Dwight Library
Monday, October 22, 4 - 5 pm: Camp Field Library
Wednesday, October 24, 4 - 5 pm: Barbour Library

Journey through a monarch butterfly’s migratory path while learning how to make their own caterpillar & butterfly puppets that come to life in a final dance. Presented by Sova Dance and Puppet Theatre courtesy of Arts for Learning CT. (Ages 6-12)

Ojo de Dios

Thursday, October 18, 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Albany Library

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating this traditional Mexican craft. (Ages 6-12)
Wiggle Bots
Thursday, October 18, 4-5 pm, Barbour Library
Tuesday, October 23, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Dwight Library

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot! This is a real engineering project! Can you make it dance in circles, or maybe draw! (Ages 6-12)

Time for Slime
Thursday, October 18, 3:30 – 4:30 pm
SAND/Ropkins Library

More than just a fun sensory activity, making slime is actually science. Join us at the library to measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home. We try a few different recipes to compare and contrast. (Ages 6-12)

App Diddle Dee
Friday, October 19, 11:30 am - 12 pm
Camp Field Library

Join us for fun rhyming books and musical apps that will get your children excited about letters, words and sounds! (Ages birth to 5, with caregiver)

CT Humanities Book Voyagers Series at Hartford Public Library
Thursdays, October 25 and Nov. 1, 5:30 pm
Children's Room (3rd Floor), Downtown Library

Join us for discussions on how you can turn obstacles into opportunities, based on the wisdom of great books. Slated for discussion are Sylvester and the Magic Pebbles (Oct. 11); Chicks & Salsa (Oct. 25) and A Chair for My Mother (Nov. 1). Find out more here.

Nutrition Workshops
Mondays, October 22 & 29 and November 5
Barbour Library

Thursdays, November 15 & 20, 6 - 7:30 pm
Camp Field 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
Save the Date!

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