



APRIL '21

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Start your own garden and Celebrate Earth Day!

Basic Gardening Skills with Auden the Master Gardener

Thursday, April 15: 2:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

Join us to learn some tips on how to start a basic garden. A "Take and Make" bag will be provided with some basic gardening essentials.

Registration/Participation is required to get your take and make bag. Registration is limited.

Earth Day Community Growing

Thursday, April 22nd: 2:00 PM

Dwight Branch (7 New Park Ave.)

Join us on Earth day, at the Dwight branch to plant your own flower. No registration needed, first come first serve all ages welcomed!

"The Earth laughs in flowers"

Thursday, April 22: 3:00-4:00

Barbour Branch (261 Barbour Street)

Celebrate Earth Day with potting a pansy or planting herb seeds in a pot to take home. Receive Ralph Waldo Emerson's poem that gives earth a voice. Also, walk away with a poem written by Lucy Cooper Summers, renowned Hartford community leader, whose mission was "to plant beauty in gardens and in the hearts of urban dwellers."

Affleck Street Community Garden Beautify /Clean-up

Friday, April 23: 10:00AM -12:00PM, 12:00PM-1:00PM

Park Branch (744 Park Street)

The Park Branch Women Empowerment Group will join gardeners from the Affleck Street Community Garden in new garden projects: Rock painting, the assembly of 3 new raised garden beds, and the painting of two new benches.

It's Gardening Season!

Seed Giveaway and More...

Entire month of April while supplies last

Park Branch - sign up link

Participants can fill out forms to share/ submit garden themed things of interest such as : garden seed kits/ giveaways available through contact free pick up, gardening tools kit, and reserve garden themed books in our catalog.



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It's National Poetry Month!

Experience New Beginnings in Poetry

Tuesdays, April 6th, 13th & 20th: 2:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

This 3-week series will focus on different creative writing activities to guide participants in the poetry writing process and to expose them to poems written by a variety of poets. Program supplies will include a journal, sample poems, and watercolor set and paper, available by appointment through contact-free pickup. Registration required.

Blackout Poetry

Tuesday, April 13th:

Option 1: 2:00 PM **OR** Option 2: 7:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

We will be pulling a simple poem out of a page of text and decorating to highlight the piece. Join us to enjoy playing with words in "found poetry" to create a thoughtful piece.

Poetry Play

Wednesday, April 7, 14, 21, & 28: 11:00-12:30

Downtown, Center for Contemporary Culture

Learn fun and easy poetry writing exercises, involving a bit of art.

More April programs & events!

Women Empowerment Group virtual Meetings/Workshops

Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22, & 29: 4:30 PM

Virtual, Zoom

Women Empowerment Group virtual Meetings/Workshops. Special guests, and trainings offered. Participate in opportunities to be civically engaged, and connected to others in your community. These programs are in collaboration with the Hispanic Health Council.

Foodshare Distribution

Thursday, April 8 & 22: 3:00-4:00

Barbour Branch

Come for a free bag of groceries.

STRONG GIRLS GROUP

Thursdays, April 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th: 2:00 PM

Downtown: Center for Contemporary Culture

HPL and Peacebuilders/Compass collaborate to provide programming for our young ladies in Hartford.



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Talkin' Drama with Kendra C. Johnson, Lead Actress in Tyler Perry's sitcom Love Thy Neighbor

Thursday, April 29: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

The Entertainment Entrepreneur: Getting Your First Project Made

This workshop will cover the practical aspects of why it is essential to work as a team to tell a story. Talkin' Drama will expose you to the tools you need to develop story and resolve conflict. It will cover the practical aspects of why it is essential to be entrepreneurial within the ever-changing landscape of the entertainment industry. Whether you strive to be a content creator, producer, writer, director, playwright, attorney, or entrepreneur, this workshop will help you identify how and why you should be developing your own projects.

Artist and Creators will discuss the mechanics of dramatic writing as it functions in their career. And get into the benefits and pitfalls of developing your own content. It will dive into the practical and real issues facing you as you develop your craft. They will highlight ways teamwork functions in the process of storytelling.

Workshops will be open discussions between the guest speaker, a moderator, and questions from HPL patrons.

Noname's Book Club

Virtual, Zoom

Hartford Public Library is a partner of Noname's Book Club, an online/irl community dedicated to uplifting POC voices. They do this by highlighting two books each month written by authors of color. From cult classics to the words of emergent authors, Noname's Book Club highlights books that speak on human conditions in critical and original ways.

April Picks:

1) *Cane* by Jean Toomer

2) *This Nonviolent Stuff Will Get You Killed*
by Charles E. Cobb

BABY GRAND JAZZ 2021!

Every Sunday January 3rd - April 25th 2021

3:00-4:00 PM

Virtual, Facebook Live and YouTube Live

Hartford Public Library features local and regional musical artists as a part of our dynamic concert series. Tune in every Sunday at 3pm for new and familiar talent!

2021 April LINE UP

April 11th: Jonathan Barber and Vision Ahead

April 18th: People of Goodwill

April 25th: Trombeatz



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