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DECEMBER

African American Literature Book Club

Monthly 1st Tuesdays: 6-7:30 pm

Classroom 141, Downtown

Tuesday, December 3, 2019: Beloved by Toni Morrison; discussion facilitated by Susan Brown. We were saddened by the news of Toni Morrison's passing.

The AAL Book Club is for anyone interested in reading and discussing African American literature, both fiction and nonfiction, as well as sharing information and learning about the African American experience. It is an opportunity for us to get to know each other while we engage in lively and stimulating discussion of topics of interest to us all.

Jewelry Making

December 5th 6-7:30pm

Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Ave.

Make beautiful jewelry with celebrated jewelry maker Jackie Bright. Please register as materials are limited. Call 860-695-7460

Basics of Knitting Series

December 6th and 13th 10-11am

Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Ave.

Knitting never goes out of style! Learn the basics of this ancient but still very enjoyable craft in a series at Dwight Library designed just for beginners. Please register as materials are limited. Call 860-695-7460 or register in person.

Toastmasters

December 10: 6-7:45 pm

Classroom 140, Downtown

Do you need help speaking in public? Toastmasters International can teach you to give a speech that is organized, has vocal variety and is inspirational. By regularly giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere, leaders emerge from the Toastmasters program. Every Toastmasters journey begins with a single speech. During their journey, they learn to tell their stories. They listen and answer. They plan and lead. They give feedback—and accept it. No registration necessary

Knitting for Beginners Workshop / Taller de Tejer para Principiantes

December 11 & 18: 1pm - 2pm

Park Branch, 744 Park Street

Learn to knit. All expertise levels welcome, and all materials are provided free of charge. Aprende a tejer con una experta en tejer de por vida. Todos los niveles de experiencia son bienvenidos, y todos los materiales se proporcionan de forma gratuita.

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Crochet Club -The Park Street Crafters- Saturday Club Meet

Saturday December 12: 11am-12:30pm
Park Library, 744 Park Street

Join us in a crocheting workshop where everyone is welcome beginners to expert level where we will work on a project together with the goal of learning a different crochet pattern.

Clothespin Wreath-making for Adults

Thursday December 19: 6pm - 7:30pm
Camp Field Branch, 30 Campfield Avenue

Create a holiday wreath using clothespins and simple decorating supplies. Learn this do-it-yourself craft to decorate your door with seasonal wreaths throughout the year! Supplies provided. Registration required, in person or by calling 860-695-7440.

Hartford Symphony Orchestra Jazz Quartet

December 20th 12-1pm
Atrium, Downtown

Come get festive with a free holiday jazz concert with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra Jazz Quartet!

Chicago Style Steppin' Dance Classes

Every Monday 6pm - 7:30pm
Atrium, Downtown

Open to beginners and all levels! Come by for a Chicago Style Steppin Dance Class by the Hartford City Steppers. Taught by 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 no registration required.

From Civil Rights to Human Rights: African American, Puerto Rican, and West Indian Housing Struggles in Hartford County, Connecticut, 1940-2019

Exhibition from Oct 29, 2019 – Feb 1, 2020
*Hartford History Center and 3rd floor cultural corridor (glass cases, admin wall),
Downtown Library*

Hartford Public Library's Hartford History Center, CT Humanities and the University of Connecticut present "From Civil Rights to Human Rights: African American, Puerto Rican, and West Indian Housing Struggles in Hartford County, 1940-2019," a new exhibit curated by historian Dr. Fiona Vernal (University of Connecticut). The exhibit draws on oral histories, newspapers, and archival images to explore eight decades of migration, settlement, mobility, and housing access in the Greater Hartford region. It uncovers the relationship between racial discrimination, residential segregation and public housing while also exploring the lives, loves and families of those who made Hartford home. Photographs from Hartford History Center's Hartford Housing Authority and Hartford Times collections are part of the exhibition.