

Happy 2017!



New Year's Resolutions? HPL Can Help!



Photo: Peter Casolino for the Hartford Courant

Hartford Public Library has resources to help you meet your 2017 goals.

Here are just a few examples:

If your resolution is to **get fit & healthy**, then join us for [Introductory Yoga](#) at the Camp Field Branch!

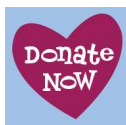
If you'd like to **travel more**, we can help you [apply for a passport](#).

If you resolved to **read more**, you're invited to [celebrate Edgar Allan Poe's birthday](#) with a reading and discussion of *The Raven*.

If you want to **learn something new**, check out the [unique jazz ensembles](#) during our Baby Grand Jazz series.

If your resolution is to **spend more time with your family**, start with our First Night Celebration on New Year's Eve, then check out our [Youth Program Calendar](#) for a listing of all our kids' activities.

If you made a resolution to
give back...



Please consider a year-end gift to Hartford Public Library in support of our ongoing work in the Hartford community.

HPL is a place for learning, a place for transforming communities, a place for the arts—a place like no other.

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HPL Goes Beyond Words: Anwar Amhad, who came out of retirement to manage the SAND/Ropkins Branch of HPL, discusses the library's impact on the community in a video created by Pita Group for HPL's Beyond Words event. [Watch Anwar's full interview](#)

News



Capitol Region Council of Governments Offers Emergency Preparedness Workshop at HPL

Downtown - Monday, January 9, 11am-1 pm
Albany - Monday, January 9, 3-5 pm
Goodwin - Tuesday, January 10, 12-2 pm
Camp Field - Tuesday, January 10, 3-5 pm
Dwight - Wednesday, January 11, 12-2 pm
Ropkins - Thursday, January 12, 4-5:45 pm

Our region is at risk for hurricanes, winter storms, floods, and more. Learn about creating a household disaster plan that can help ensure you and your family will be prepared in the event of an emergency.

Baby Grand Jazz 2017 Kicks Off January 8

The James Weidman Apertuistic Trio opens the 14th Annual Baby Grand Jazz Series, sponsored by The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation. The 16-concert series opens January 8 and runs through April 30. The free, hour-long concerts are held Sundays, 3 pm, in the Center for Contemporary Culture on the main floor of the Downtown Library at 500 Main St. The concerts are presented in partnership with the Hartford Jazz Society and WWUH 91.3 FM.

[Click here to learn more](#)



Upcoming on the Artwalk: *Shadow Castings*

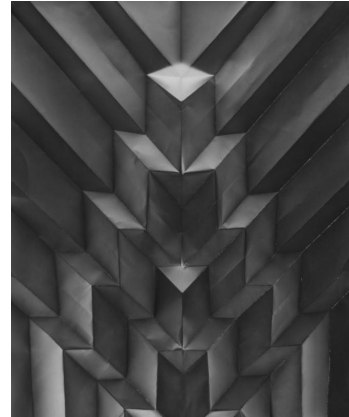
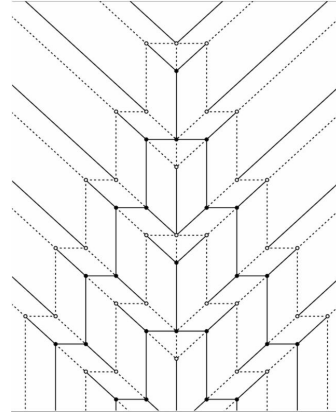
January 13-February 26
Downtown Library, 3rd Floor

Christine Dalenta and Benjamin Parker, photographer and paper sculptor, practice a unique combination of paperfolding and photographic

techniques. Their process results in cameraless images, created through the action of light on folded light-sensitive paper.

Dalenta and Parker's project was prompted by the acquisition of a vintage photographic paper designed to fold without cracking. Dalenta and Parker folded this light-sensitive paper in the darkroom, exposed it, and processed it through standard photographic chemistry. The resulting prints complicate the differentiation between image and object, as the paper itself has modulated the light.

Photographic paper is, for the most part, seen as functionally transparent. In the work of Dalenta and Parker, however, the material nature of the paper is celebrated and bound to the image it holds.



Holiday Closings

Hartford Public Library will be closed on the following days in January:

Sunday, January 1
Monday, January 2
Monday, January 16

[Click here for HPL's full 2016-17 Holiday/Closing Schedule](#)



Programs



Lawyer at Your Library

First Tuesday of Each Month, 11 am-1 pm
Upcoming: January 3
Downtown Library, The American Place

Meet privately with an attorney from Greater Hartford Legal Aid concerning questions about rights in the workplace, such as:

- Unlawful discrimination, including race, sex, physical or mental disability.
- Violations of laws concerning wages and overtime, family and medical leave, domestic violence leave..
- Rights of certified or licensed workers (such as Certified Nurse Aides, bus drivers,).
- Rights of former offenders such as

rejection/firing from a job due to one's criminal record.

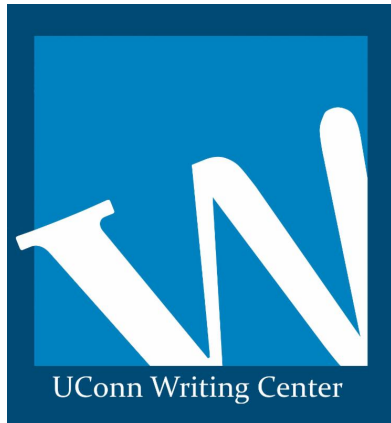
No appointment necessary. Visitors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.



Three Kings Day

Albany - Thursday, January 5, 4:30-5:30 pm
Barbour - Thursday, January 5, 4-5 pm
Ropkins - Thursday, January 5, 4:15-5:15 pm
Camp Field - Friday, January 6, 4-5 pm

Learn all about Dia de los Reyes, a holiday traditionally celebrated in the Hispanic community. Listen to a Three King's story and create your own crown to take home.



UConn Writing Center at HPL

First Saturday of Each Month
Upcoming: January 7
Wallace Stevens Room

Meet with students, graduate students and professors from UConn Hartford, to discuss your writing and receive feedback. Writing of all kinds and at all stages - planning, drafting or revising - is welcome.

Visitors are met on a first-come, first-served basis for approximately one hour.

[Read more](#)



Introductory Yoga at HPL

Wednesday, January 11, 12-1 pm
Camp Field Branch

Learn about yoga and its many health benefits in a free introductory class taught by an outreach instructor from West Hartford Yoga. You will leave the class feeling refreshed and relaxed.

Please register by calling 860.695.7440

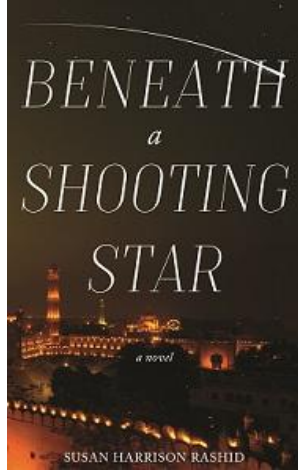
Susan Harrison Rashid at The Author's Table

Wednesday, January 11, 12-3 pm
Downtown Library

Meet author Susan Harrison Rashid and discuss her latest work, *Beneath a Shooting Star*, at the Downtown Library's Author's Table.

A native of Manchester, Rashid practiced law for over 20 years before penning her debut novel. Her novel draws from her life in a Pakistani family and frequent visits to the city of Lahore, where she

married her husband in 1980.



[View program calendar](#)

Youth & Family Services



Celebrate First Night With Caravan Puppets

Saturday, December 31, 12-1 pm
Downtown Library Children's Department

Join us in celebration of First Night in Hartford. Caravan Puppets will put on *The Season of Lights*, a performance celebrating the winter holidays with tales of wonder and light. All kids who attend will receive a free book and a pair of gloves, funded through a generous donation from Trinity Health New England.

[Click here for more information](#)



E-Resource of the Week: History Reference Center

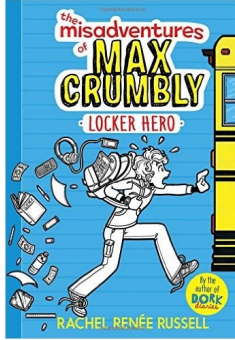
Don't know much about history? No problem—**History Reference Center** has an easy-to-use interface to get you exploring and learning right away.

[Click here to start exploring.](#)

Book of the Week: *The Misadventures of Max Crumbly:* *Locker Hero*

A brand-new series from #1 New York Times bestselling Dork Diaries author Rachel Renee Russell. Introducing Max Crumbly—everything is great about his new middle school, except for the bully who keeps shoving him in his locker! If only Max could be like the hero in his favorite comic

[Click here to find out where you can pick up a copy](#)



[View all youth programs](#)

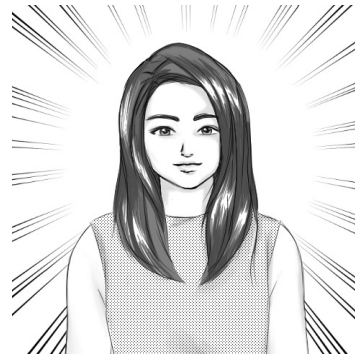
Teen Services



Makerspace Mayhem

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 pm
Downtown Library, 2nd floor**

Come to YOUmedia for the twice-weekly Makerspace challenge.



Anime Character Creation

**Wednesdays 3-5 pm
Downtown Library, 2nd floor**

Animefy yourself and your friends at YOUmedia - or create a new unique character of your own.



3D Sculpting and Design

**Thursdays, 6-8 pm
Downtown Library, 2nd Floor**

Learn how to design cool characters and objects to use in animations, video games, graphic design, and more!

[Visit our website](#)

Adult Learning

U.S. Citizenship Classes

Cycles range from 12-to-14 weeks and repeat. Legal assistance with application completion and submission included.

[Learn more](#)



Passport Services

You can apply for a passport at Hartford Public Library. Evening and Saturday hours.

No appointment is needed and photos can be taken on-site.

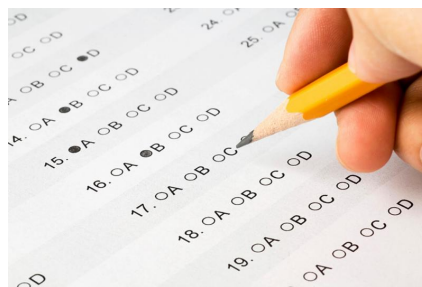
[Learn more](#)



Online Learning

Accessible through the library website in the Online Education & Research Section. All free with your library card. Log in with your card number and create a user name and password.

- **Learn a New Language**: Learn or practice more than 100+ languages using the online learning program Transparent Language.
- **LearningExpress Library™**: Build your academic skills in reading, writing, math, and science; prepare for standardized tests, college admissions tests, and professional licensing and certification.
- **Universal Class**: Select from over 500 courses in a wide variety of subjects through a program called *Universal Class*. Learn a new hobby, improve your computer skills, or expand your job or career options.
- **Career Online High School (COHS)**: Earn your high school diploma online, must be 24 or older.

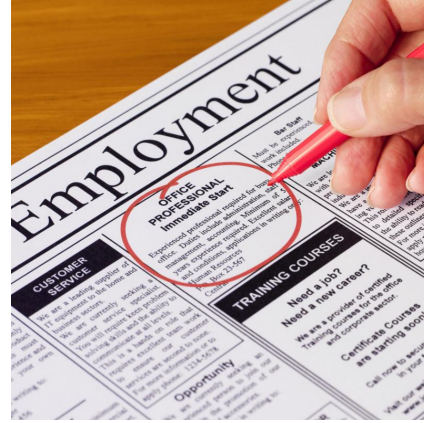


American Job Center

Monday-Thursday, 10 am-8 pm
Fridays 10 am-5 pm

Looking for a job? Feeling a bit rusty on your

interview skills or bewildered by all the new technology a successful job search demands? We can help! CTWorks Capital Workforce Partners and HPL Library have partnered to bring a CTWorks "American Job Center" to the Downtown Library.



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