It's all happening at YOUmedia

(and maybe make some new friends while your at it)

Teens and young adults are invited to explore various disciplines including art, photography, videography, cosplay, virtual reality and more at our Albany Branch (1250 Albany Ave).

Check out all our classes and offerings HERE

Celebrating Women Authors All Month Long
**The House of Eve**
Sadeqa Johnson
New York Times Bestseller
Reese's February 2023 Book Club Pick

An exploration of what womanhood, sacrifice, and longing looked like in the 1950's America for young Black women.

"engrossing, emotionally wrenching and socially astute storytelling."
—Washington Post

"Amazing... I was completely surprised by the ending of this beautifully told and written book." —Reese Witherspoon

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**Take My Hand**
Dolen Perkins-Valdez
2023 NAACP Image Award Winner for Outstanding Literary Work- Fiction

Inspired by true events and brimming with hope, this is a story about a Black nurse in post-segregation Alabama who blows the whistle on a terrible injustice done to her patients.

beautifully written prose, gripping dialogue, and unforgettable characters. .."—NPR

“A searing and ultimately hopeful novel about (in)justice and the importance of learning from history.”—Ms. Magazine

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Live Music this Sunday!
Simón Willson Quartet

Simón Willson is a Chilean-born, Brooklyn-based bassist and composer. His music focuses on the intersectionality of Afro-diasporic musical traditions such as the Blues, Jazz, Cuban & Brazilian music, fused with different elements of the Western classical tradition, the experimental avant-garde, and an awareness and interest in rock and pop expressions.

Get a preview of Simón's sound HERE

Sunday, March 26, 3:00 pm
Center Church
675 Main Street

Seating is first come, first seated, starting at 2 pm each Sunday. No registration is required. Concerts will continue to be streamed on HPL's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Learn more HERE.
Online book discussion celebrating beautiful prose

Hartford’s Reads In Color Book Club invites you to participate in an online book discussion *There Are More Beautiful Things Than Beyoncé* by Morgan Parker

**Sunday, March 26**
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Registration required

Register [HERE](#)

*Morgan Parker is one of the most fascinating poets working today. She writes poems that are clever, beautiful, political, playful, breathtaking.* - Book Riot

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Calling all young authors
Create your own story

Students in grades K-5 are invited to write and illustrate their own story with the theme of civic engagement. Winning entries will have their book displayed on our local author’s shelf at the Park Street Library @ the Lyric and receive a professionally printed copy of their book!

Entries due by April 7th. Contest rules and entry form HERE.

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Hip Hop - you don't stop
Dance. Dance. Dance

An introductory hip-hop dance class, instructed by Hartford's very own, Glen "Forener" Jones.

Tuesday, March 28
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Albany Branch
1250 Albany Ave.

Paint Like: Amrita Sher-Gil
She has been called “one of the greatest avant-garde women artists of the early 20th century” and a pioneer in modern Indian art. Learn more about Amrita Sher-Gil and paint in her style— it will inspiring and fun!

Friday, March 24
2:30 - 3:30 pm
Albany Branch
1250 Albany Ave.

Create Art & Fashion
Mindfulness Series: Wearable Art with Joy Monroe

Bring in well loved items from your closet and, with guidance from local artist Joy Monroe, upcycle them into something new and original.

Thursday, March 16
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Albany Branch
1250 Albany Ave.

Register [HERE](#)

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Add some pizazz to your spring planting
Make tin can planters

Jazz up your spring planting by giving your planters a creative touch.

Wednesday, March 22
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Barbour Branch
261 Barbour Street

“I feel protected, the whole of me, in all my broken pieces under that blue.”—Dolen Perkins-Valdez, *Take My Hand*

Your support makes a difference. Learn More about our Restore & Renew Initiative

Connect with us on social media!