

Hartford Public Library THE ★AMERICAN PLACE

Services to Immigrants and Refugees

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ALL SERVICES ARE FREE

Citizenship Classes

Learn what you need to know in order to pass the citizenship test, and what to expect during the test. Classes meet one day a week (2 hours) for eight weeks; weekends and evenings.

Weekend English Classes

Classes start three times a year: September for the fall session; January for the winter session; and June for the summer session.

Resources for Studying at Home

English language and citizenship educational material for borrowing and studying at home; including grammar and text books, bi-lingual dictionaries, DVDs, and CDs.

Language Laboratory

Computers with specially designed English language software with over 1000 hours of interactive instructional activities.

Computers and Internet

Help with searching for immigration information, downloading/printing forms, and registering for an email and government account. Applicants are required to fill out the forms themselves. Library staff are not qualified to provide legal advice.

Visa Lottery Program

Each year (beginning early October and ending early December) the U.S. State Department conducts a lottery program to distribute applications for immigrant visas. Winners are selected randomly. Entry is free but the applications can only be submitted online. To facilitate the process, the Downtown Library provides applicants with computers and scanners, and assistance with using the equipment.

Immigration Forums

Regularly scheduled information lectures covering immigration topics, such as relative petitions and adjustment of status.

Professional Development

Regularly scheduled trainings on topics that facilitate communication and understanding of immigration issues and diverse cultures.

Multilingual Collections

The Library offers a core collection of books in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

Cultural Performances & Exhibits

Check our online calendar for a current listing of events.

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The Library subscribes to an over-the-phone interpreter service to facilitate communication in languages other than English on-site.