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ADULT PROGRAMS NOVEMBER

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

*Exhibition from October 29, 2019 – February 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.

24th Annual Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash

*Saturday, November 2, 2:00 pm
Center for Contemporary Culture, Downtown*

The Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash is one of the most anticipated annual events of the year! Hosted by Hartford Public Library and the Friends and Enemies of Wallace Stevens, the event celebrates the life and work of Hartford's Pulitzer Prize winning poet. The party will begin with a reception with hors d'oeuvres and wine, followed by a presentation from Langdon Hammer, professor of English at Yale University, author; and poetry editor of the American Scholar. Following his talk, Hammer will be available to sign copies of his book, James Merrill: Life and Art. The birthday bash will conclude with birthday cake and champagne. \$10 suggested donation: \$10; but no one turned away for lack of funds. Please RSVP to Jim Finnegan at jforjames@aol.com.

Crochet Club -The Park Street Crafters-Saturday Club Meet

*Saturday November 2: 11am-1pm
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.

African American Literature Book Club

*Monthly 1st Tuesdays: 6-7:30 pm
Classroom 141, Downtown*

Tuesday, November 5, 2019: Kindred by Octavia Butler; discussion facilitated by Pauline White.

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.

Knitting for Beginners Workshop / Taller de Tejer para Principiantes

*November 6, 13 & 20: 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

Free Community Yoga

*Friday November 8: 2:30pm - 5pm
Atrium, Downtown Library*

One hour of free Community Yoga in our Atrium space!

Basics of Knitting Series

*Fridays, November 8 & 15: 10:00-11:00am
Dwight Library, 7 New Park Avenue*

Knitting never goes out of style! Learn the basics of this ancient but still very enjoyable craft in a 4-part series at Dwight Library designed just for beginners. Please register as materials are limited. Call 860-695-7460 or register in person.

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Encounters: Afrocosmologies

Saturday, November 9, 10am-12pm with lunch to follow, Wadsworth Atheneum, 600 Main Street, Hartford

Explore the "Afrocosmologies: American Reflections" exhibition and related themes about African-based religion and practice in the diaspora. Refreshments and lunch provided. Free with RSVP to faculty@wadsworthatheneum.org. The Encounters series is a small group discussion program co-produced by the Hartford History Center at Hartford Public Library, the Wadsworth Atheneum, Amistad Center for Art & Culture, and UCONN.

WIN Annual Event

*Saturday, November 9th: 2pm-4pm
Dwight Library, 7 New Park Avenue*

This is the annual event for NAACP WIN with a keynote speaker and other speakers who will address issues relating to women, young women and children.

Toastmasters

*November 12, 19 & 26: 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

ArtWalk: Sarah Schneiderman, Walk-In Collage Workshop

*Sat, November 16, 11am-5pm &
Sun, November 17, 1-5pm
ArtWalk, 3rd floor, Downtown Library*

Join mixed media artist Sarah Schneiderman on the ArtWalk to create your own collage during Open Studios Hartford. Her exhibition, "YOU'RE FIRED! I QUIT!" featuring portraits of the current administration created using recycled materials will be on display through December 1, 2019.

Bridging Cultures Book Club: Black Autonomy: Race, Gender, and Afro Nicaraguan Activism by Jennifer Goett

*Wednesday, November 20: 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Room 141, First Floor, Downtown Library*

Join our Bridging Cultures Book Club as we discuss "Black Autonomy: Race, Gender, and AfroNicaraguan Activism" by Jennifer Goett. Published by Stanford in 2017, the book focuses on the struggle for autonomy in the Afro-Nicaraguan community on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua from the 1990s into the first part of the 21st century. The author's conversations with individuals in this area help readers understand better the dynamics of the community. All are welcome. Please consider a brown bag lunch. Light refreshments will be available. This book talk is being held in collaboration with Hartford/Ocotol Sister City Project, Inc. Books will be available at the program. Contact kganderson@snet.net

"And Then They Came For Us" Documentary screening and talkback/panel discussion

*Thursday, November 21st: 5:30pm-7:30pm
Center for Contemporary Culture, Downtown*

Screening and talk back about the Documentary "And Then They Came For Us," about the history of Japanese internment camps in the United States. Co-hosted by the Graustein Memorial Fund.

OZA Backpack distribution

*Saturday November 23: 11am - 3pm
Atrium, Downtown Library*

Backpack distribution for homeless folks and anyone needing extra supplies this winter. Co-hosted by a Hartford based Obama Foundation Leadership Group