

WINTER 2015 @ HPL

GET JAZZED AT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The 13th Annual Baby Grand Jazz Series, sponsored by The Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation, is a free, 16-week concert series held each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Library's Downtown Atrium. This year's lineup comprises world-class regional and local talent and a variety of jazz styles and cultures.



Edmar Castaneda

Colombian harp virtuoso and composer Edmar Castaneda opens this year's series on January 3 and Warren Byrd and Saskia Laroo with special guest vibraphonist Jay Hoggard will perform on February 7. Warren Byrd's Baby Grand Jazz performance will be special for Black History Month. Visit hplct.org for a full lineup of this year's fantastic performers.



Warren Byrd & Saskia Laroo

First Night Piano Performance December 31, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Pianist, composer and recording artist Dan Kennedy will fill the Atrium with contemporary solo piano music on New Year's Eve in two performances on the downtown library's baby grand piano.



Transgressing Hartford's Color Line: The Life of Painter Charles Ethan Porter

February 4, 6:00 p.m., Hartford History Center

In 1847, Hartford's Charles Ethan Porter was born into a working class African American family, excelled in public school and gained an ever-widening reputation as a gifted artist. On the verge of greatness in the mid-1880s, his fortunes took a sudden turn, and the last decades of his career were marked by increasing decline and eventually poverty until his death in 1923.



To what degree was Porter's failure attributable to race prejudice in Hartford at the time? A presentation by Craig Hotchkiss will explore the known facts of Porter's life within the broader social context of Gilded Age Hartford.

FALL ARTS & CULTURAL EVENTS

Maurice Robertson Exhibits Expressions in Sounds and Motion at ArtWalk January 22-March 4, 2016

Hartford photographer Maurice Robertson explores the meditative qualities and the outward, flowing dynamism of musicians at play. His photo work is a love affair with jazz music and the quest for displaying the energy of performance of this art form.

Warm up to The Big Read!

Hartford Public Library will be uniting the community around a single work of literature: "The Grapes of Wrath", a 1940 Pulitzer Prize winning novel by John Steinbeck. In the coming months, Steinbeck and "The Grapes of Wrath" will be celebrated, discussed, and most importantly read throughout the city. The Big Read, which officially starts in March, will include a kickoff event, theatrical performances, film screenings, bread-making and food preservation workshops, and other memorable programs.

BRANCH OUT

Find these great youth programs and others at our branches! Visit www.hplct.org for a complete listing of winter events and activities.



Kwanzaa Festival: Heritage

Tuesday, December 29, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Albany Branch

All ages. Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration honoring our African-American culture. Join us as we celebrate through stories, music, art, dance, and craft.

Red Carpet Reads: Literacy

Wednesday, January 6, 4:00 p.m. Goodwin Branch

All ages. Join us on the red carpet with celebrity book nominees for the 2016 Youth Media Awards! Glam up your favorite books in our star studded displays, share your winning predictions, and get those cameras flashing and sharing with #ALAYma.

Lunar New Year Celebration: Life Skills

Monday, Feb. 8, 4:00 p.m. Dwight Branch

Ages 5 and up. Help us welcome in the Year of the Monkey as we learn about the Chinese zodiac and create beautiful paper lanterns to hang in the library.



A place like no other.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.hplct.org TODAY!

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
500 Main St.
860-695-6300

BARBOUR
261 Barbour St.
860-695-7400

CAMP FIELD
30 Campfield Ave.
860-695-7440

GOODWIN
460 New Britain Ave.
860-695-7480

PARK
744 Park St.
860-695-7500

ALBANY
1250 Albany Ave.
860-695-7380

BLUE HILLS
649 Blue Hills Ave.
860-695-7420

DWIGHT
7 New Park Ave.
860-695-7460

MARK TWAIN
55 Forest St.
860-695-7540

SAND/ROPKINS
1750 Main St.
860-695-7520



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FEELIN' HOT, HOT, HOT ALL WINTER LONG!

YOUmedia Hartford has the hottest new books, technology, and games to keep your brain bulbs glowing during the cold, dark winter months. Sign up for App Development and 3D Design Intensives during winter break to gain extended access to the space, or swing by for our monthly Breakfast Club to feast on hot, fresh pancakes. In January, we'll be rolling out a brand new laser cutter for engraving, cutting, and making custom everything – what's hotter than that?

Find the full YOUmedia program calendar online at hplct.org/youmedia.

NEW BOOKS

Youth Fiction (Not Young Adult)

The Astounding Broccoli Boy



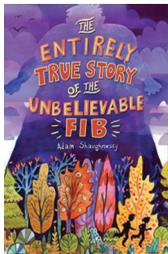
by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for anything. That sort of planning pays off when you're the smallest kid in your class. Don't be scared, his favorite book says, be prepared. And Rory aims to be. What's more heroic than that?

The League of Unexceptional Children

by Gitty Daneshvari
Are you average? Normal? Forgettable? If so, The League of Unexceptional Children is for you! This first book in a hilarious new adventure series is for anyone who's struggled to be noticed in a sea of above-average overachievers.



The Entirely True Story of the Unbelievable Fib



by Adam Shaughnessy
What is the Unbelievable FIB? That's the question eleven-year-old Prudence Potts discovers on a baffling card no one else in Middleton—except ABE, a new kid at school with a knack for solving riddles—seems to see.

GEORGE

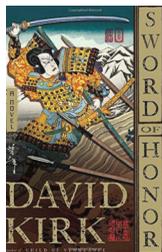
by Alex Gino
BE WHO YOU ARE. When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl.



Adult Fiction

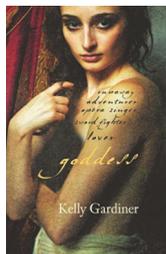
Sword of Honor

by David Kirk
In the epic historical novel *Sword of Honor*, David Kirk continues the saga of Musashi Miyamoto, the greatest samurai in Japanese history, as he journeys to the ancient city of Kyoto to fight for his life and his ideals.



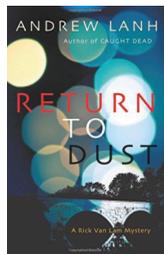
Goddess

by Kelly Gardiner
A sparkling, witty and compelling novel based on the tragic rise and fall of the beautiful seventeenth century swordswoman and opera singer, Julie d'Aubigny (also known as La Maupin), a woman whose story is too remarkable to be true—and yet it is.



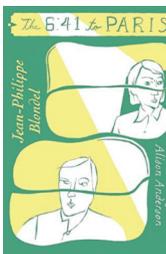
Return to Dust

by Andrew Lanh
Did she jump or was she pushed? That's what Amerasian college instructor/detective Rick Van Lam's client wants to know. Although the Connecticut detective agency in which Rick is a partner deals mostly with insurance companies, he occasionally takes outside cases. He barely knows Karen Corcoran, who wants to hire him, but her recently deceased aunt, Marta Kowalski, was his cleaning lady, so he agrees to investigate her death, which the police have dismissed as suicide.



The 6:41 to Paris

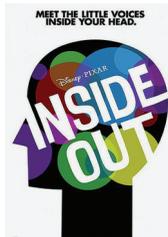
by Jean-Philippe Blondel
Two former lovers find themselves sitting next to each other on a train after 27 years apart ... as their thoughts compellingly trace the meandering paths between who they once were and who they are now.



NEW DVDs

Inside Out

When her family relocates across the country, tween Riley Anderson struggles with the stress of her new situation and her animated emotions get carried away—quite literally—on a fantastic journey through her mind. (Rated PG, Walt Disney)



Jurassic World

Once a popular, state-of-the-art dinosaur-themed attraction, Jurassic Park has fallen behind the times. In response, the owners decide to design a bold new exhibit, but the terror it inspires becomes all too real

after the technology malfunctions. (Rated PG-13, Universal Studios)

Fantastic Four

In this updated sci-fi saga about the legendary Fantastic Four, a team of scientists who suddenly acquire superhuman abilities are soon obliged to put them to use when a powerful nemesis with malevolent plans threatens Earth.

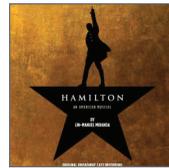
(Rated PG-13, Marvel Studios)



NEW CDs



Stereotypes
by Black Violin



Hamilton
Original Cast
Recording



X
by Ed Sheeran



Unfaithful
Music & Soundtrack
Album by Elvis Costello

