

Spring Blooms @ HPL



**Thursday, June 12, 2014, 5:30 p.m.,
Downtown Library**

Our fundraising gala event returns to the bright, modern Downtown Library with four floors of delicious cuisine and entertainment! Adding even more sizzle to the night, this year's featured speaker is James Beard Award-Winning author **Ruth Reichl**, former *New York Times* food critic and editor-in-chief of *Gourmet Magazine*.

Tickets will be available beginning April 1 at hplct.org. For sponsorship opportunities and other information, contact Jane Penfield at (860) 695-6342.

SPRING ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS



**CONNECTICUT AT WORK
March 15 – April 27, 2014,
Downtown Library
Opening Reception
Thursday, March 27, 2014,
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

A statewide conversation about the past, present and future of work life in Connecticut inspired by *The Way We Worked*, a Smithsonian Institution exhibit that traces historic

changes in the American workforce. Programming includes panel discussions on urban communities, women and leadership, film showings, book discussions, art workshops, and special programs for youth and families. Presented in partnership with Connecticut Humanities.



**CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME
PORTRAIT EXHIBIT on the ARTWalk
On display March 17 – April 21, 2014,
Downtown Library
Opening Reception Thursday, March 27, 2014,
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

The ARTWalk hosts a beautifully executed collection of 65 framed images and biographies honoring CWHF Inductees (1994-2002) of great achievement who have broken new ground or have emerged as leaders in their fields of endeavor.



BABY GRAND JAZZ

Sundays, January-April, 3 p.m., Downtown Library
The wildly successful Baby Grand Jazz series continues through spring at the Downtown Library! March brings popular acts Ray Gonzalez (3/9) and Warren Byrd (3/16). The music continues throughout April, culminating with a final performance featuring local legend Emery A. Smith (4/27)!



HARTFORD HOMEGROWN LITERARY ARTS FAIR

**April 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.,
Downtown Library**

Join HPL for a local, homegrown literary arts fair that celebrates creative expression in all forms, featuring award-winning author and Fulbright Scholar **Onya Kempadoo** as keynote

speaker and prose-writing workshop leader. An "author village," workshops in music, art, prose and poetry, and an oral history project will connect education to the arts and showcase the stories that continue to inspire us today. Presented in partnership with Capital Community College and the Renzulli Academy of Hartford.

HARTFORD LOVES POETRY CELEBRATION April 7 - April 19, 2014

2 weeks: 10 branches: 20 languages: 1 purpose
Readings - Workshops - Open mics

In celebration of National Poetry Month, HPL hosts a citywide celebration featuring poetry performances at all ten library branches. Sponsored by the City of Hartford's Marketing, Events and Cultural Affairs Division, curated by award-winning poet Bessy Reyna.

BRANCH OUT

Find these great youth programs
at our branches:



SPRINGTIME STORIES

Tuesday, March 4, 10:00 a.m., Barbour Branch

Ages 3-5. Springtime stories, rhymes and finger plays about budding flowers and baby animals are in store for young ones and their caregivers. Groups please call 860-695-7400 in advance to register.

PI DAY

Thursday, March 13, 2014, 4:30 p.m., Albany Branch

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate Pi Day by learning all about the number pi. Learn about circumference and diameter, help the group write a fun pi story, make a pi plate, and enjoy a slice of pie.

DIA—CELEBRATE DIVERSITY IN ACTION

**Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,
Downtown Youth Program Room**

Join us for a heritage evening of sharing and learning about other cultures. Share stories from your native land, learn to count in another language, try another artistic style, and sample some ethnic snacks.

MOTHER'S DAY

Thursday, May 8, 2014, 3:30 p.m., Camp Field Branch

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss the many roles of the modern day mother, read a book, make a card and more for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

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

**DOWNTOWN
LIBRARY**
500 Main St.
860-695-6300

ALBANY
1250 Albany Ave.
860-695-7380

BARBOUR
259 Barbour St.
860-695-7400

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

CAMP FIELD
30 Campfield Ave.
860-695-7440

DWIGHT
7 New Park Ave.
860-695-7460

GOODWIN
460 New Britain Ave.
860-695-7480

MARK TWAIN
55 Forest St.
860-695-7540

PARK
744 Park St.
860-695-7500

ROPKINS
1750 Main St.
860-695-7520



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ADULT SERVICES

Apply for Your Passport at the Library!
Monday - Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.;
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.;
Sundays through April by
appointment only
American Place, Downtown Library,
1st Floor

You can apply for your passport right at the Library! A staff member is available to assist with the application, requirements, and submission. We can even take your passport photo! (\$10) Walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment, call (860) 695-6337. Visit hplct.org for more information about applying for a passport.



Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.,
Friday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Downtown Library, 1st floor

CTWorks, Capital Workforce Partners, and Hartford Public Library have partnered to bring a CTWorks "One Stop" Center to the Downtown Library! Services include free internet access, job leads, online job application assistance, resume creation and revision, career counseling, and more. Library card required for some services. Contact 860-695-6295 or visit hplct.org for more information.

TOURIFIC TUESDAYS

First Tuesday of Each Month, 12:30 p.m.

Come experience why everyone is talking about our wonderful Downtown Library! Take a half-hour tour of the building and learn about the critical resources we offer. Then, hear about our monthly topic while enjoying a sweet bite at The Kitchen @ HPL. Refreshments provided by Billings Forge Community Works. Tours depart from the security desk at the Main Street entrance. Reservations encouraged but not required. Contact Dawn Zumbroski at 860-695-6351 or dzumbroski@hplct.org.

"We Belong Here" Tuesday, March 4, 2014, Homa Naficy, chief adult learning officer and White House-recognized Champion of Change, will discuss how The American Place at HPL provides critical services to Hartford's immigrant community.

"The Way We Worked" Tuesday, April 8, 2014, Brenda Miller, chief cultural affairs and public programming officer, will discuss "The Way We Worked," an exhibit on loan from The Smithsonian Institute, and "Beatrice Fox Auerbach: The Woman, Her World and Her Wardrobe," highlighting women's evolving roles in the workplace.

"Hartford's Historic Library" Tuesday, May 6, 2014, Hartford Public Library CEO Matt Poland will lead a tour followed by casual conversation which will detail the history of and changes to the structure of the Downtown Library, from one of its former locations in The Wadsworth Atheneum to today.

NEW DVDS



Lee Daniels' *The Butler*

The Butler tells the story of a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. The film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during this time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected this man's life and family. (Weinstein Company/Anchor Bay)



Fast & Furious 6

With high-octane humor and terrific action scenes, "Fast & Furious 6" builds upon the winning blockbuster formula that made "Fast 5" a critical and commercial success. (Universal)

NEW BOOKS

Youth Fiction (Not Young Adult):

The Accidental Hero

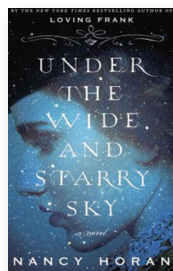
by Matt Myklusch
(Alladin, 496 pages)
Jack Blank is an orphan, abandoned from birth at bleak, dreary swampland St Barnaby's Home for the Hopeless, Abandoned, Forgotten, and Lost. Covertly reading old comic books is Jack's only solace, until a real Robo-Zombie attacks and emissary Jazen whisks him to a secret island country.



Adult Fiction:

Under the Wide and Starry Sky

by Nancy Horan
(Ballantine Books, 496 pages)
From Nancy Horan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Loving Frank*, comes her much-anticipated second novel, which tells the improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson and his tempestuous American wife, Fanny.

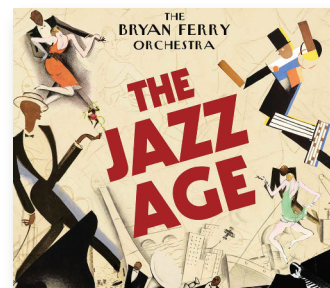


NEW CDS



Winter Morning Walks

by Maria Schneider
Winter Morning Walks is the first partnership between Schneider and Dawn Upshaw, bringing together two preeminent figures in jazz and classical music. NPR calls the album "lyrical, flowing, intimately expressive, with all the elements of words, music, voice and instruments in a seamless blend." (ArtistShare)



The Jazz Age

by The Bryan Ferry Orchestra
A rerecording and reinterpretation of 13 songs chosen from 11 albums of Bryan Ferry's compositions, as played in the jazz style of the 1920s. (BMG)

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the newest books,
movies and music
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