



# FALL 2015 @ HPL

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**Famous Hispanics on United States Postage Stamps** **October 2 – November 30, 2015**  
Hartford Public Library, in partnership with the Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, presents this colorful exhibit that features over 30 illustrated US Postage Stamps of Roberto Clemente, Desi Arnaz, Julia De Burgos, Ritchie Valens, Cesar Chavez and milestones in Hispanic culture and history.

**Exhibit on view on the 2nd floor of the Downtown Library at 500 Main Street.**



## Creative Aging in America's Libraries

Beginning in Fall 2015, four distinct eight-week workshops called **Creative Aging in America's Libraries** will launch at multiple Hartford Public Library locations: Camp Field, Dwight and Park branches, and the Downtown Library.

Through access to programming and arts resources, these workshops support collaborations between professional teaching artists and public

librarians resulting in participatory, instructional arts programs for older adults.

## FALL ARTS & CULTURAL EVENTS

### Venture Smith Exhibit at Hartford History Center

**October 15, 2015 – January 15, 2016**  
Hartford History Center, in partnership with the Documenting Venture Smith Project, presents ***Making Freedom—The Life of Venture Smith***, an exhibit that tells the story of a unique American, originally an African prince who was enslaved in the 18th century by New England traders, labored in bondage for 25 years, purchased his own freedom, wrote a narrative of his life and became a respected businessman in Connecticut.



### Banned Book Week 2015 - Banned Theater!

**September 28, 6:00 pm.**

Join area theater professionals for a discussion on banned plays, including ***Blues for Mister Charlie*** by James Baldwin, ***My Name is Rachel Corrie***, edited by Alan Rickman and ***Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You*** by Christopher Durang. Panel moderated by Stephen Glassman, Executive Director, ACLU of Connecticut.



### Pierre Sylvain exhibit *Voodoo Marasa (Roots and Spirits)* at ArtWalk

**October 30 – December 18, 2015**  
In this series *Roots and Spirits*, each painting depicts a different "Loa", or "little God" of the Haitian people and their voodoo culture. Each Loa is omnipotent and functions differently to support its believers. *Roots and Spirits* introduces viewers to the joy of voodoo, including Creole words, color combinations, and symbols that are also found across the globe infused into most major world religions.

## BRANCH OUT

Find these great youth programs and others at our branches!

Visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org) for a complete listing of fall events and activities.

### S.T.E.M. SKILLS BUILD-A-THON

**Tuesday, September 22, 3:45 pm, Albany Branch, Ages 5 and up**

Put your S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

### NATURALLY ARTISTIC

**Ages 8 and up**

**Wednesday, October 7, 3:00 pm, Blue Hills Branch**

Using objects found in nature, learn to design and create original artwork.

### TEEN READ WEEK: GET AWAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

**Ages 14 and up**

**Monday, October 19, 3:00 pm, Mark Twain Branch**

Kick off Teen Read Week with a get away to Japan! Manga trivia, fun activities and candy sushi served by Lady Tsunade herself!

### RANGOLI FOR DIWALI

**Ages 5 and up**

**Thursday, November 12, 3:30 pm, Camp Field Branch**

Create a beautiful rangoli design in recognition of this great festival of India and Nepal.

 **Hartford Public Library**  
A place like no other.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org) TODAY!**

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

**ALBANY**  
1250 Albany Ave.  
860-695-7380

**BARBOUR**  
261 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

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



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## DIGITAL LEARNING LAB FOR TEENS

YOUmedia Hartford is ready to help you grow your brain with ease. Classroom field trips are welcome, and skilled mentors offer project assistance every day after school. But wait, there's more! We have pancake breakfasts, wake up yoga, and weekly open mic and movie nights! We're releasing an album and building a garden and taking field trips. Check out our schedule at [hplct.org/youmedia](http://hplct.org/youmedia) – or visit us – to share your opinion and find out how we can help you do more of what you love. See you soon!



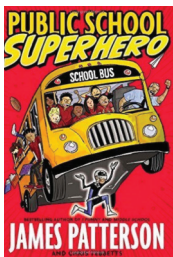
Find the full YOUmedia program calendar online at [hplct.org/youmedia](http://hplct.org/youmedia).

## NEW BOOKS

### Youth Fiction (Not Young Adult)

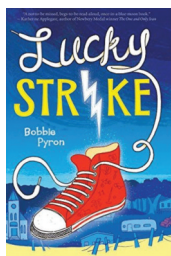
#### Public School Superhero

by James Patterson  
Kenny Wright is your average inner-city middle school kid being bullied. But his alter-ego, Stainlezz Steel, is a superhero who performs feats of valor while keeping the city streets and his school safe for the weak and nerdy.



#### Lucky Strike

by Bobbie Pyron  
Wherever Nate Harlow goes, bad luck seems to follow. What does come as a big surprise is that Nate's luck seems to change drastically after lightning strikes on his 11th birthday while playing mini-golf with his friend Genesis Beam.



#### Revealed (The Missing)

by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Jonah must save his town when famous pilot Charles Lindbergh captures his friends and turns all the parents into children. This is the seventh book of the *New York Times* bestselling *The Missing* series.



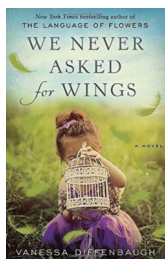
#### Tales from a Not-So-Dorky Drama Queen

by Rachel Renée Russell  
Nikki Maxwell's worst nightmare comes true in book nine of the *New York Times* bestselling *Dork Diaries* series!

### Adult Fiction

#### We Never Asked for Wings

by Vanessa Diffenbaugh  
For fourteen years, Letty Espinosa has worked three jobs around San Francisco to make ends meet while her mother raised her children. But now Letty's parents are returning to Mexico, and Letty must step up and become a mother for the first time in her life. This book blends gorgeous prose with compelling themes of motherhood, undocumented immigration, and the American Dream in a powerful and prescient story about family.



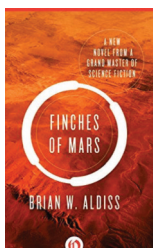
#### Dryland

by Sara Jaffe  
It's 1992, and the world is caught up in the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the Balkan Wars, but for Julie Winter, 15, the news is noise. In Portland, Oregon, Julie moves through her days in a series of negatives.

Her family life is routine and restrained, and no one talks about Julie's older brother, a one-time Olympic hopeful swimmer who now lives in self-imposed exile in Berlin. Julie has never considered swimming herself, until Alexis, the swim team captain, tries to recruit her. It's a dare, and a flirtation—and a chance for Julie to find her brother, or to finally let him go.

#### Finches of Mars

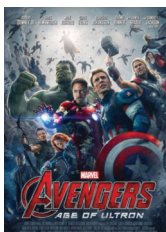
by Brian W. Aldiss  
Doomed by overpopulation, irreversible environmental degradation, and never-ending war, Earth has become a fetid swamp. For many, Mars represents humankind's last hope. In six tightly clustered towers on the red planet's surface, the colonists are attempting to make a new life unencumbered by the corrupting influences of politics, art, and religion. However, in the ten years since colonization began, every new human baby has been born dead, or so tragically deformed that death comes within hours.



## NEW DVDs

### Furious 7

Targeted by a cold-blooded black-ops assassin with a score to settle, their only hope is to get behind the wheel again and secure an ingenious prototype tracking device. Facing their greatest threat yet in places as far away as Abu Dhabi and as familiar as the Los Angeles streets they call home, the crew must come together once again as a team, and as a family, to protect their own. (Rated PG-13, Universal)



#### Marvel's The Avengers: Age of Ultron

Good intentions wreak havoc when Tony Stark unwittingly creates Ultron, a terrifying A.I. monster who vows to achieve "world peace" via mass extinction.

Now Iron Man, Captain America, Thor and The Hulk - alongside Black Widow, Hawkeye and Nick Fury - must reassemble to defeat Ultron and save mankind...if they can! (Rated PG-13, Walt Disney)

#### Pitch Perfect 2

Beca, Fat Amy and the Barden Bellas are back to compete in the World Championships of A Cappella after a scandal threatens their legacy. (Rated PG-13, Universal)

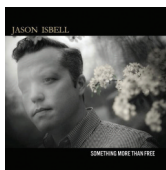


#### San Andreas

After the San Andreas Fault triggered a magnitude 9 earthquake, a rescue helicopter pilot and his estranged wife make their way to San Francisco to save their only daughter. (Rated PG-13, Warner)



## NEW CDs



#### Something More Than Free

by Jason Isbell



#### Bach: The Art of Bach



#### Pageant Material

by Kacey Musgraves

#### Coming Home

by Leon Bridges



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