

# HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## AUGUST '19 ADULT PROGRAMS

### World of Sounds Concert Series

Take a musical trip around the world with HPL's World of Sounds Concert Series. All concerts are free and open to the public.

**Blessings Divine:** Thursday, August 1st, 3pm, Barbour Library

**Caribbean Vibe:** Friday, August 2nd, 1:30pm, Camp Field Library

**The Millennial Showcase:** Friday, August 16th, 3pm, Albany Library

**Souls of Zion:** Thursday, August 22nd, 6pm, Dwight Library

**Big Read Kickoff:** Monday, September 9th, 5pm, Downtown Library

**Dee-lish:** Saturday, September 14th, 1pm, Pridefest on Pratt St.

Hartford Public Library's World of Sounds concert series is funded by the Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Trust Fund and Bank of America, N.A. Trustee.

### Film Screening: B5: The Story of the first HIV/AIDS Ward in America

*Thursday, August 15 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm*

*Center for Contemporary Culture, 1st Floor, Downtown Library*

Join us for a film screening and post-film discussion of 5B, the story of the caregivers who took action to comfort, protect and care for the patients of the first HIV/AIDS ward unit in the United States. Told through the first-person testimony of the nurses and other caregivers, their patients and loved ones, 5B is an uplifting, candid and bittersweet monument to a pivotal moment in American history. Co-sponsored by Community Health Services. Light refreshments.

### Reception: Linda Martin, Sharing Stories

*Saturday, August 17, 2-4pm*

*Hartford History Center, 3rd floor, Downtown Library*

Quilts have a long tradition in the African American community of being used to tell stories and as a form of resistance. Before slavery was abolished, quilts were used as covert messages, marking escape routes and houses of refuge for people seeking freedom. Many contemporary fiber artists, such as Hartford native Linda F. Martin, use quilts as a way to commemorate important figures, tell

folklore, share history, and speak to contemporary social justice issues. On display through September.

### Film Screening: Filiberto

*Wednesday, August 28, 5:30 PM*

*Hartford History Center*

*3rd floor, Downtown Library*

Don't miss this free showing of the award-winning documentary about a Puerto Rican musician who becomes a revolutionary and pays with his life. The film will be presented by Director and Producer Freddie Marrero Alfonso and special guests. Co-sponsored by the San Juan Center.

### Cloth Bag Sewing Circle

*Mondays in August, 11 am - 1 pm;*

*Wednesdays in August, 2 pm - 4 pm*

*Atrium of the Downtown Library.*

Help yourself, help the environment and have fun! Create your a cloth bag for groceries under the direction of master seamstress Imelda Diaz. No sewing experience necessary. On Mondays, you make the bag...you take the bag home! On Wednesdays, we make bags for those in need.

## Ongoing Programs

### African American Literature Book Club

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.

#### Monthly 1st Tuesdays

*6-7:30 pm, Classroom 141, Downtown*

*August 6: Hopes and Expectations: The Origins of the Black Middle Class in Hartford, by Suzanne Holliday-Thomas*

*Sept. 3: The Sellout: A Novel, by Paul Beatty*

RSVP to Carolyn Korber at [cjkorber@gmail.com](mailto:cjkorber@gmail.com).

### Toastmasters

*Monthly 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays: 6-7:45 pm,*

*Downtown Library, Classroom 140, Main Floor  
500 Main Street*