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## JUNE '19 ADULT PROGRAMS

### **ArtWalk Artist Talk: "Beyond Surface" by Brian McClear**

Artist Brian McClear will discuss his show, "Beyond Surface," which presents a sampling from two concurrent projects that challenge the viewer to look beyond the surface, whether considering everyday objects or the people they meet. Show runs through June 29.

*Thursday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.*

*HPL ArtWalk, 3rd Flr., Downtown Library*

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### **Celebrating Gertrude Blanks, Hartford's Legendary Griot**

A special Book Voyagers program presented by Connecticut Humanities and Hartford Public Library will celebrate the life of Gertrude Blanks, "Hartford's Storyteller," with a special Book Voyagers program. She is also known as "Hartford's Griot," a West African term for a storyteller and repository of the community's history and traditions. The event will feature live music with spoken words and a special performance by master storyteller Andre Keitt.

*Saturday, June 8, 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

*Hartford History Center, 3rd flr., Downtown Library*

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### **Candidate Forum: City Council Candidates**

*Wednesday, June 19, 6 pm (Doors open at 5:30 pm)*

*Center for Contemporary Culture, 1st Flr., Downtown Library*

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### **World Refugee Day**

The American Place will commemorate World Refugee Day 2019 by examining the struggle of those who had to leave their homeland and come to the United States in search of a better life.

*Thursday, June 20*

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### **Candidate Forum: Mayoral Candidates**

*Wednesday, June 26, 6 pm (Doors open at 5:30 pm)*

*Center for Contemporary Culture, 1st Flr., Downtown Library*

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### **Circus Fire 75th Anniversary Discussion with Author Stewart O'Nan**

Join us for a conversation with Stewart O'Nan, HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey, and a special guest about the tragic Hartford Circus Fire in 1944. Free and open to the public.

*Thursday, June 27, 7-8 pm*

*Center for Contemporary Culture*

*NOTE: Before the discussion, a special reception with Stewart O'Nan to benefit the library will be held from 5:30-6:30 in the Hartford History Center. Tickets are now available for \$25 (Link: <https://donorbox.org/hplstewartonan>). Light refreshments will be served.*

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## **Ongoing Events**

### **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*

*June 4: The Good Lord Bird, by James McBride*

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

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### **Chicago Steppin'**

Learn one of the nation's most popular dance styles from two experienced instructors.

*Mondays at 6:00 pm, Atrium, Downtown Library*

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### **Toastmasters**

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

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