

# HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## SEPTEMBER '19 ADULT PROGRAMS

### Need Help with Life Issues?

*Wednesdays, September 4 & 18, 11 am - 1 pm*  
*Barbour Library, 261 Barbour St.*

A case worker from the Community Renewal Team (CRT) will be available to assist you with a variety of issues and challenges.

### Film Screening: The Public

*Thursday, September 5, 5:30 pm*  
*Hartford History Center, Downtown Library, (3rd Floor), 500 Main St.*

Emilio Estavez's film tells the story of a librarian caught between a group of homeless patrons and a face-off with the local police on the coldest night of the year.

### Yoga At Albany

*Saturday, September 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am*  
*Albany Library, Community Room, 1250 Albany Ave.*

Instructor: Michelle Blanks. Free & open to the public. All skill levels welcome. Registration required. Call Anwar Ahmad at 860-595-8820.

### Drag Yourself to the Library: Hartford Public Library's Big Read Kickoff

*Monday, September 9th, 6pm-7:30pm*  
*Atrium, Downtown Library, 500 Main St.*

Join us as we kick off our celebration of *Advice from the Lights* by Stephanie Burt, Hartford Public Library's choice as "The Big Read" for 2019, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Featuring performances from local drag queens and other performers, including readings from *Advice from the Lights*, photography exhibit opening of They/Them, and Connecticut Historical Society's A Brief History of Connecticut's LGBTQ Community: A Traveling Exhibit and Digital Timeline.

### Big Read Film Screening: Saturday Church

*Wednesday, September 11th, 5:30-7:30pm*  
*Downtown Library, Center for Contemporary Culture, 500 Main Street*

In this film, Ulysses is a shy teen who finds himself coping with new responsibilities as man of the house after the death of his father. Living alongside his mother, younger brother, and conservative aunt, Ulysses is also struggling with questions about his gender identity. A panel discussion will follow the film.

### DIY Tee-shirt Bags

*Wednesday, September 11, 6-7 pm*  
*Barbour Library, 261 Barbour St.*

Learn how to make a grocery bag from an old tee-shirt and beat the 10 cent charge at the store.

### Uncovering Their History: African, African American and Native American Burials in Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground, 1640-1815

*Thursday, September 12, 6pm*  
*Hartford History Center, Downtown Library, (3rd Floor), 500 Main St.*

The Ancient Burying Ground Association and Hartford History Center will present the annual Thomas Hooker Lecture. The lecture will focus on the new research being done on the 500 individuals of African, African and Native American heritage buried in Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground from 1640-1815.

### Naturalization Ceremony

*Tuesday, September 17, 11 am*  
*Center for Contemporary Culture, 1st floor, Downtown Library, 500 Main St.*

The public is welcome to witness as a HPL becomes a temporary Federal courthouse and dozens of people from around the world as sworn in as U.S. citizens.

### Jewelry Making with Jackie Bright

*Wednesdays, September 18 & 25, 6-7:30 pm*  
*Barbour Library, 261 Barbour St.*

Learn a new jewelry technique from Jackie and take home what you create!

### On the ArtWalk:

#### Among Friends Ed Johnetta Miller

*Artist Reception: Friday, September 20, 5:30 pm*  
*Artist Workshop (Quilt Cards): Saturday, Sept. 21, 2:30 pm*

One of Hartford's greatest artists, quilter Ed Johnetta Miller, is currently showing several of her pieces on the ArtWalk. A reception in her honor will be held Sept. 20, the public is welcome. Miller will teach a workshop on quilting the following afternoon. Please register for the workshop by calling the Hartford History Center at 860-695-6297. Exhibit will run through Sept. 28.

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## SEPTEMBER '19 ADULT PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

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### Encounters: Uncovering Black and Indigenous Histories

*Saturday, September 21, 10am-12pm  
Hartford History Center, Downtown Library, (3rd Floor),  
500 Main St.*

Join us for a small group discussion exploring the history Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground and learn about the lives of Black and indigenous people interred there and their genealogical connections to our present community.

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### La Boriquena: Author Talk & Book Signing

*Saturday, September 21, 1 PM  
Atrium, Downtown Library, 500 Main St.*

Join us for an author talk and book signing featuring graphic novelist Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez, author of superhero series La Borinqueña.

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### Citizenship Saturday

*Saturday, September 21, 10 am - 3 pm  
The American Place, 2nd Floor, Downtown Library, 500  
Main Street*

Volunteer lawyers from the American Immigrant Lawyers Association (CT Chapter) will be providing free\* legal advice and assistance to those who wish to apply for United States Citizenship. Register between August 20 and September 14. Space is limited. To register, call 860-695-6354 or email [immigration@hplct.org](mailto:immigration@hplct.org) with your name, email address and phone number. Please put "2019 Citizenship Application" in the subject line.

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### Chair Yoga

*Thursday, September 26, 12:30-1:30 pm  
Barbour Library, 261 Barbour St.*

A gentle form of Yoga which is especially beneficial to those who sit for most of the day or who have limited mobility.

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### Drag Queen Story Hours

*Saturday, September 28th  
First session: 1pm-2pm  
Second session: 2:30-3:30pm  
Downtown Library, Center for Contemporary Culture*

Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is just what it sounds like—drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores. DQSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids

glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models. In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish, where dress up is real.

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### Faith Congregational Church Bicentennial: A Hidden History Revealed: Coming Back Home to Talcott Street

*Sunday, September 29, 2-5 m  
Corner of Talcott & Market Streets, Downtown Hartford*

Faith Congregational Church will mark its 200th Anniversary and its prominent role in Hartford's history with a special outdoor celebration at the site of its original church building.