

Whimsical Winter @ HPL



BABY GRAND JAZZ IS BACK!

Baby Grand Jazz is a series of 16 free, world-class jazz performances held in our Downtown Atrium on Sunday afternoons, January through April. The 2015 season features a lineup of high-caliber talent blending traditional styles with new sounds in a celebration of the diversity of jazz culture. The renowned Eli Yamin Jazz Quartet kicks off the series on January 4 – pianist Eri Yamamoto takes the stage January 18, and Hartford's own Curtis Brothers perform April 12. **Visit hplct.org for a full lineup of this year's fantastic performers.** Sponsored by the Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation.

WINTER ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH — FEBRUARY 2015

Visit hplct.org for a full list of upcoming programs and events that honor this year's National Black History Month theme of "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture."



Antonia Torres

ART, HISTORY AND SOCIAL ACTIVISM: CTFAC HONORS ROMARE BEARDEN ON DISPLAY:

DECEMBER 17-MARCH 13

In honor of the recent arrival of two spectacular Romare Bearden murals at Hartford Public Library, The Connecticut Fiber Arts Collective (CtFAC) presents a special exhibit that pays homage to the stylistic works of Bearden. A special reception to meet the artists of CtFAC will be held on January 17, 2015, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Hartford History Center. This event is free and open to the public.

THE MAKING OF A LEGEND: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WALTER J. "DOC" HURLEY BOOK LAUNCH WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014, 5:30 P.M. (snow date: January 29) HARTFORD HISTORY CENTER

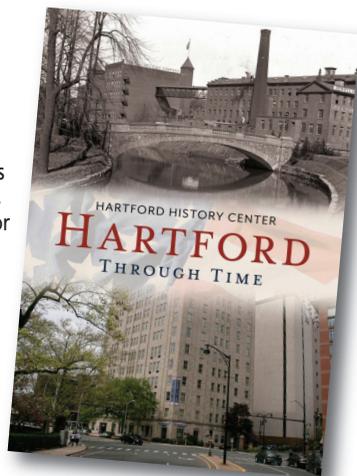
A new book on the life and legacy of legendary Hartford coach Walter "Doc" Hurley will be celebrated with a special reception honoring author Charles A. Teale, Sr., a former chief of the Hartford Fire Department.

"BOUND TO MAINTAIN THEM": PRISONERS OF WAR AND HUMANE CAPTIVITY IN THE GERMAN EMPIRE, 1916-1917

Hartford History Center at Hartford Public Library and The Watkinson Library at Trinity College present this unique perspective on the organization and operation of prisoner of war camps in Germany during the Great War. On display January 8-March 31.

HARTFORD THROUGH TIME

Hartford Through Time is a new release from the Hartford History Center, featuring never-before-published images of early 20th-century Hartford, juxtaposed with matching color photos of the city in present day. *Hartford Through Time* is available for purchase for \$22.99 at the Downtown Library's Hartford History Center, or online at hplct.org. Call 860-695-6297 for more information. Proceeds benefit Hartford History Center programs and events.



BRANCH OUT

Find these great youth programs at our branches!
Visit hplct.org for a full listing of youth events.

Polar Express Book Conversation Tuesday, December 23, 3:00 p.m., Goodwin Branch

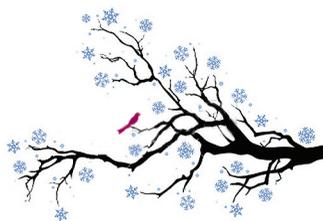
Ages 5 and up; Join us to find out why the boy and his sister still hear the bell while their parents cannot. Lots of goodies in store too!

Music Enrichment Thursdays, January 15 and 22, 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m., Downtown Children's Library

Ages 18 months – 5 years with adults; Join us for a before and after stretching routine, songs, dance, and a lot of constant movement.

Melting Snowman Thursday, February 12, 4:00 p.m., Park Branch

Ages 8 and up; Stop by the library and enjoy various books about snowmen. Then make a melting snowman craft to remind you that spring is near.



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500 Main St.
860-695-6300

BARBOUR
261 Barbour St.
860-695-7400

CAMP FIELD
30 Campfield Ave.
860-695-7440

GOODWIN
460 New Britain Ave.
860-695-7480

PARK
744 Park St.
860-695-7500

ALBANY
1250 Albany Ave.
860-695-7380

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

DWIGHT
7 New Park Ave.
860-695-7460

MARK TWAIN
55 Forest St.
860-695-7540

ROPKINS
1750 Main St.
860-695-7520



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YOUmedia HARTFORD

YOUMEDIA: DIGITAL LEARNING LAB FOR TEENS ONLY!

Teens: stop by the new digital learning lab, YOUmedia, Tuesdays-Saturdays when school is out!

First Friday Social Hours

Celebrate your social life every First Friday (January 2nd, February 6th & March 6th) where the space will be open just for hanging out! Think pizza parties and movie nights. Bring your friends during **after school hours!**

Double-Awesome Thursdays

We'll run video and music production workshops simultaneously to make TV-worthy music videos. Maybe we'll even win some awards!

Find the full YOUmedia program calendar online at hplct.org/youmedia.

ADULT SERVICES

GED Support

Learn about our free GED online course and other prep tools. After registration, the program can be accessed anytime at home or the Library. Library Card required. Call 860-695-6337 for more information.

CTWORKS @HPL

Wednesdays, 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. The American Place, Downtown Library
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, résumé creation and revision, career counseling, and more. Library card required for some services. Contact 860-695-6295 or visit hplct.org for more information.

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

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NEW DVDs



The Fault in Our Stars

Based on the novel by John Green. Hazel Grace Lancaster, a sixteen-year-old cancer patient, is forced by her parents to attend a support group and subsequently meets and falls in love with Augustus Waters. (Rated PG-13; Temple Hill Entertainment)

Godzilla

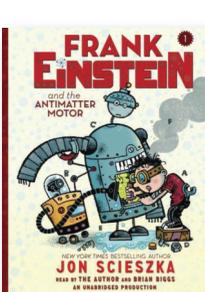
Directed by Gareth Edwards, this science-fiction thriller is a reboot of the Godzilla film franchise and retells the origins of Godzilla in contemporary times as a "terrifying force of nature". The story is told in present time, fifteen years after the unearthing of two chrysalises in a Philippine mine. (Rated PG-13; Warner Bros.)



NEW BOOKS

Youth Fiction (Not Young Adult):

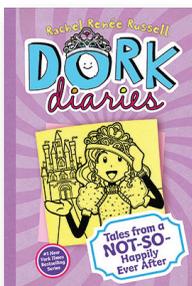
Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor



By Jon Scieszka (Amulet Books, 192 pages)
Frank Einstein, kid genius/scientist/inventor, along with his two artificial-intelligence friends Klink and Klank, create an Antimatter Motor using the three states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas with plans to win the Midville Science Prize.

Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Happily Ever After

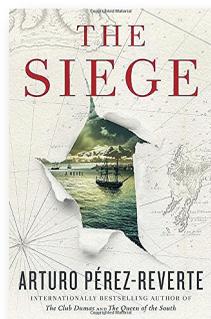
By Rachel Renee Russell (Aladdin, 304 pages)
Nikki Maxwell's favorite fairy tales get dork-tastic twists in the eighth book of the #1 New York Times bestselling Dork Diaries series! After a bump on the head in gym class on April Fool's Day, Nikki has a wild dream where her BFF's play the roles of some familiar classic fairy tale characters.



Adult Fiction:

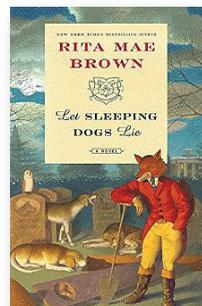
The Siege

By Arturo Perez-Reverte (Random House, 624 pages)
Cádiz, 1811: The Spanish port city has been surrounded by Napoleon's army for a year placing the residents amongst routine bombardments and in constant fear of a French invasion. Combining fast-paced narrative with scrupulous historical accuracy, this smart, suspenseful tale of human resilience is Arturo Pérez-Reverte at the height of his talents.



Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

By Rita Mae Brown (Random House, 304 pages)
The chase is on in this new foxhunting mystery, featuring the irrepressible "Sister" Jane Arnold and the wily antics of her four-legged friends. A rollicking, riveting mystery, *Let Sleeping Dogs Lie* is a masterly novel full of colorful characters, gorgeous country landscapes, and the breathtaking thrill of the hunt.



NEW CDs

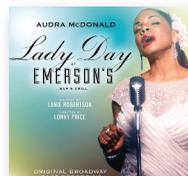


Cheek to Cheek

By Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga
After meeting at an event in New York City, Gaga and Bennett shared a mutual understanding that jazz music has an unknown universal appeal. The album from Interscope and Columbia Records consists of jazz standards by popular composers like George Gershwin and Cole Porter and is a modern take on classic music to introduce jazz to a younger generation.

Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill

Broadway Cast Recording (starring Audra McDonald)
A cast recording from the Broadway play recounting some events in the life of Billie Holiday. The play originally premiered in 1986 at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, Georgia, and then opened Off-Broadway.



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