

# Summer Sizzles @ HPL



**Thursday, June 12, 2014, 5:30 p.m.,  
Downtown Library**

Our fundraising gala event returns to the bright, modern Downtown Library for an evening of delicious cuisine and entertainment! Adding even more sizzle to the night, this year's featured speaker is James Beard Award-Winning author **Ruth Reichl**, former *New York Times* food critic and editor-in-chief of *Gourmet Magazine*.

Purchase tickets at [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org). For sponsorship opportunities and other information, contact Jane Penfield at (860) 695-6342.

## WORLD OF SOUNDS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**Dwight Branch: Wednesdays, July 9, July 23, & August 13, 6:00 p.m.  
Albany Branch: Thursdays, July 10,  
July 24, & August 14, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for an exciting celebration of Hartford's global music community with a diverse, six-concert series! Performances will include latin jazz, classical, reggae, gospel, and calypso from such performers as the **Hartford Steel Symphony, Trombeatz, Los Calientes**, and more. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) for a full concert lineup.



## THE HARTFORD CIRCUS FIRE, 70 YEARS LATER

**Tuesday, July 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Downtown Library**



HartBeat Ensemble "Theater of Identity" will perform an original production of selected stories from the Hartford History Center's collection. Stories and memories from people affected by the tragic circus fire of 1944 were collected this past year to create the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary scrapbook now part of the permanent collection of the Hartford History Center. Held in collaboration with the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford.

## SUMMER ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS

### ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Calling all grown-ups! Join our Adult Summer Reading Program – sign up at any HPL location for a fun summer of reading and a chance to win great prizes – the more you read, the better your chances!

### HARTFORD ARTISAN WEAVERS CENTER EXHIBIT: LET'S WEAVE HISTORIC OVERSHOT PATTERNS

**On display through August 10, Downtown Library, 3rd Floor**

Weavers at the Artisan Center create pieces inspired by overshot patterns. Complex overshot patterns were used for many Colonial Coverlets and have distinct names such as "Lee's Surrender," "Wandering Vine," and "Double Irish Chain". The study and creation of these textiles was made possible by a grant from The Greater Hartford Arts Council.

### WAYBACK WEDNESDAYS SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

**Wednesdays, July 2 – August 27, Downtown Library**

Join us for a summer movie series that will take you for a trip down memory lane – we are bringing back the classic golden oldies for cool summer fun! Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) for a full movie lineup and showtimes.

## BRANCH OUT

Find these great Summer Learning youth programs at our branches! Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) for a full listing of kids events.

### PLANT SOME SEEDS & WATCH THEM GROW

**Monday, June 16, 2014, 2:00 p.m., Camp Field Branch**

Ages 5 and up. Learn about seed germination with a fun science experiment for kids. Plant seeds and follow the growth of the seedlings as they sprout from the soil. Learn how to take proper care of your plants with just the right amount of light, heat and water.

### SPRINKLE SOME COLORS

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Ropkins Branch**

Ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Children will learn to use their sense of sight to observe colors, identify them and the differences between them. Then they will take home a super cute craft made with sprinkles.

### WHAT GROWS? INFANT/TODDLER STORY TIME

**Wednesdays, July 2 and 16, 2014, 10:45-11:30 a.m.,  
Downtown Youth Department**

Ages Birth – 24 months with parent or caregiver. What Grows? Enjoy reading, writing, singing, talking and playing with your child. Join us as we share books, rhymes, songs, movement and finger plays to discover what grows and what doesn't grow. No registration required.

### READY, SET, ENGINEER!

**Thursday, August 7, 2014, 2:00 p.m., Albany Branch**

Ages 8 and up. Join up with a team to compete in our engineering challenge. Build a bridge out of popsicle sticks and compete in our load-test competition. The team whose bridge holds the most weight will win a fun prize.



### SUMMER READING AUTHOR TALK: A CONVERSATION WITH SARA ECKEL

**Tuesday June 24, 5:30 p.m. Downtown Library**

Based on her popular *Modern Love* column in the *New York Times* Sunday Styles section, Sara Eckel's *IT'S NOT YOU* challenges the myths of why people are single and encourages singletons to stop picking apart their personalities and to start tapping into their own wisdom about who and what is right for them. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.



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860-695-7400

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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

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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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## ADULT SERVICES

### FREE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Class cycles run 10 - 12 weeks. To register, you must meet or exceed the Grade 3 English language eligibility requirement for becoming a U.S. citizen. Classes are also available in Spanish for native Spanish speakers who meet the language waiver. Registration is in person on the day/time of the class; classes are ongoing. For more information, call 860-695-6353.

### Saturdays

**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (This is the only session in Spanish), Downtown Library**

**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Downtown Library**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Albany Branch**



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, resume creation and revision, career counseling, and more. Library card required for some services. Contact 860-695-6295 or visit [hplct.org](http://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**

## TOURIFIC TUESDAYS

**First Tuesday of Each Month, 12:30 p.m.**

Come experience why everyone is talking about our wonderful Downtown Library! Take a 30 minute tour of the building and learn about the critical resources we offer. Then, hear about our monthly topic while enjoying a sweet bite at The Kitchen @ HPL. Refreshments provided by Billings Forge Community Works. Tours depart from the security desk at the Main Street entrance. Reservations encouraged but not required. Contact Dawn Zumbroski at 860-695-6531 or [dzumbroski@hplct.org](mailto:dzumbroski@hplct.org).

**"Importance of Year-Round Learning"**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2014** - Youth Services Director Lisa McClure discusses summer learning loss and how the Library is addressing it in innovative ways through our Summer Learning Initiative.

**"Financial Literacy" Tuesday, July 1, 2014** -

Public Services Director Corey Fleming will discuss how HPL is helping Hartford get financially literate through our "Get Money Wise" program which teaches everyday money management to teens and adults.

**"Helping Hartford's Youngest Readers"**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2014**, Early Literacy Librarian Ranie Busgith will talk about how HPL is getting our youngest residents and their families the assistance they need to ensure kids are ready to read by kindergarten.

## NEW DVDS

### *The Bling Ring*

From Oscar award-winning writer and director Sofia Coppola, *The Bling Ring* tells the story of a group of teenagers obsessed with fashion and celebrity that burglarize celebrities' homes in Los Angeles. Tracking their targets' whereabouts online, they break-in and steal their designer clothes and possessions. But what starts out as teenage fun spins out of control and leaves us with a sobering view of our culture today. (American Zoetrope)



### *The Kings of Summer*

In this coming-of-age comedy-drama, three teenage friends, in the ultimate act of independence, decide to spend their summer building a house in the woods and living off the land. (CBS Films)

## NEW BOOKS

### Youth Fiction (Not Young Adult):

#### *My Basmati Bat Mitzvah*

by Paula J. Freedman (Abrams, 256 pages)  
During the fall leading up to her bat mitzvah, Tara (Hindi for "star") Feinstein has a lot more than her Torah portion on her mind. With the cross-cultural charm of *Bend It Like Beckham*, this delightful debut novel is a classic coming-of-age story and young romance with universal appeal.



#### *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy*

by Karen Foxlee (Knopf, 240 pages)  
A luminous retelling of the Snow Queen, this is the story of unlikely heroine Ophelia Jane Worthington-Whittard who doesn't believe in anything that can't be proven by science. As Ophelia embarks on an incredible journey to rescue a boy held prisoner by the Snow Queen, everything that she believes will be tested. Along the way she learns more and more about the boy's own remarkable journey to reach her and save the world.



## Adult Fiction:

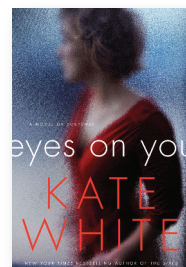
### *Give it to Me*

by Ana Castillo (The Feminist Press at CUNY, 256 pages)  
Recently divorced, Palma, a forty-three-year-old Latina, takes stock of her life when she reconnects with her gangster younger cousin recently released from prison. In this gritty and entertaining novel, Castillo paints a captivating portrait of a future that defies odds, questions stereotypes, and always maintains a sense of humor.



### *Eyes on You: A Novel of Suspense*

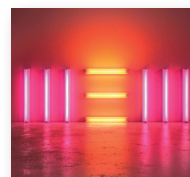
by Kate White (HarperCollins, 320 pages)  
After losing her on-air job two years ago, television host Robin Trainer has fought her way back and now she's hotter than ever. But an adversary with a dark agenda wants to hurt Robin, and the clues point to someone she works with every day. While she frantically tries to put the pieces together and unmask this hidden foe, it becomes terrifyingly clear that the person responsible isn't going to stop until Robin loses everything that matters to her... including her life.



## NEW CDS

### New

by Paul McCartney  
Inspired by recent events in his life as well as memories of his pre-Beatles history, *New* is McCartney's first album of new solo material in six years. (Hear Music)



### *Frozen: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack*

The soundtrack to 2013 Disney animated film features 10 original songs written and composed by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, and 22 score pieces. It includes the hit song "Let it Go" in film version by Idina Menzel and single version performed by Demi Lovato.



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