

# Swing into Spring @ HPL

## THE CONNECTICUT FORUM AND HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY: EXPLORERS AND ADVENTURERS Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library

Join us for a night of discovery, exploration and inspiration with our own EXPLORERS & ADVENTURERS: CONNECTICUT! This special collaboration between Hartford Public Library and The Connecticut

Forum presents an evening of incredible experiences you won't want to miss.

Seating is limited – register today at [hplct.org](http://hplct.org)!



## SPRING ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS



### BABY GRAND JAZZ CONTINUES

As we head into Spring, HPL continues to bring renowned jazz performers to Downtown Hartford every Sunday afternoon through April, including Hartford's own Curtis Brothers, Brian Marsella and Hey Rim Jeon. Sponsored by the Charles H. Kaman Charitable Foundation. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) for a lineup of remaining artists.

### BEYOND THE PODIUM: SCIENCE CONVERSATION SERIES WITH THE CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER

Monday, April 6, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Hartford History Center, Downtown Library

On the first Monday of every other month, Hartford Public Library and the Connecticut Science Center are pleased to introduce a lunchtime conversation series about science. Visit [hplct.org](http://hplct.org) to learn more!

### 42nd Annual Hartford Youth Art Renaissance

On display April 25-May 24

Downtown Library

The Hartford Youth Art Renaissance celebrates the artistic expression by student-artists attending Hartford Public Schools. This year, the exhibition will take place in three locations: the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, the Hartford Public Library Downtown and Capital Community College.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org) TODAY!

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY  
500 Main St.  
860-695-6300

ALBANY  
1250 Albany Ave.  
860-695-7380

BARBOUR  
261 Barbour St.  
860-695-7400

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

CAMP FIELD  
30 Campfield Ave.  
860-695-7440

DWIGHT  
7 New Park Ave.  
860-695-7460

GOODWIN  
460 New Britain Ave.  
860-695-7480

MARK TWAIN  
55 Forest St.  
860-695-7540

PARK  
744 Park St.  
860-695-7500

ROPKINS  
1750 Main St.  
860-695-7520



### APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH Shakespeare in Harlem: The Poems and Stories of Langston Hughes

Thursday, April 16 - Two Performances!  
4:00 p.m. – Mark Twain Branch;  
6:00 p.m. – Downtown Library

Actor and writer David Mills brings Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes to life! This unforgettable performance takes the audience on an odyssey spanning five decades of Hughes' writings and characters from the 1920s through the 1960s.

### Moving Toward Social Change with the Ballet Theater Company TWO PERFORMANCES! Tuesday, May 26, 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Downtown Library

Join us for *Moving Toward Social Change*, a dance performance featuring the choreography of Ballet Theater Company artistic director Roman Baca, a U.S. Marine and Iraq War veteran who creates works that inspire conversations about worldly differences and the lasting effects of violence and conflict on communities, families and individuals.



### BRANCH OUT

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



### Read Across America Celebration

Tuesday, March 3, 4:45 p.m. Albany Branch

Ages 3 and up; Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by participating in Read Across America Day. Listen to some of Dr. Seuss's most famous books, and receive a piece of Dr. Seuss's birthday cake when you pledge to read at least two books when you go home that night!

### DIY Photo Booth

Tuesday, April 14, 3:00 p.m. Mark Twain Branch

All ages are welcome to come and strike a pose, with your favorite book! Join us as we celebrate National Library Week with lights, cameras and fun photo props!

### Spring Flowers

Tuesday, May 5, 3:30 p.m. Downtown Children's Library

Ages 3 and up; Welcome spring with bright books about flowers, gardens, and more. Create tissue paper flowers to decorate your home.



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## DIGITAL LEARNING LAB FOR TEENS

Downtown Library

### FAB Fridays!

Teens: you deserve a fabulous Friday and we're making that happen. Visit YOUmedia on **April 10, May 1 and June 5** from **3-5 PM** for music, dancing and student art displays. Hang Out. Bring Friends.

### [Your Voice Here]

We're starting a YOUmedia newsletter and we need your help. Do you have a story or poem? How about an opinion or concern? A photo or a song or a video that inspired you to put pen to paper and say something? Share it with us, so that we may share it with the world: youmedia@hplct.org

Find the full YOUmedia program calendar online at [hplct.org/youmedia](http://hplct.org/youmedia).

## YOUTH SERVICES



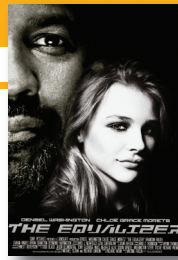
### Children's Author Visit with Miranda Paul Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. Downtown Library

Calling all children ages 6-10! Meet children's author Miranda Paul with award-winning grassroots environmentalist Isatou Ceesay! Miranda will present a lively and inspiring discussion centered on her book, *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia*.

## NEW DVDs

### The Equalizer

A man (Denzel Washington) believes he has put his mysterious past behind him and has dedicated himself to a new, quiet life. But when he meets a young girl (Chloe Grace Moretz) under the control of an ultra-violent Russian gangster, he reverts to his old ways. (Rated R; Columbia Pictures)



### The Good Lie

Sudanese refugees given the chance to resettle in America arrive in Kansas City, Missouri where their encounter with an employment agency counselor (Reese Witherspoon) forever changes all

of their lives. (Rated PG-13; Alcon Entertainment)

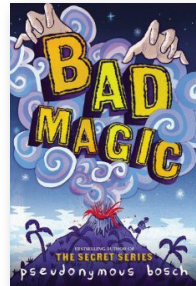
## NEW BOOKS

### Youth Fiction (Not Young Adult)

#### Bad Magic

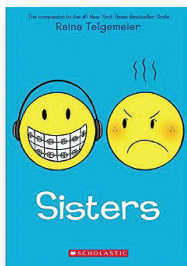
By Pseudonymous Bosch  
(Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 400 pages)

Magic is BAD. As in fake. Cheesy. Unreal. At least, that's what Clay thinks. When words from his journal appear mysteriously on his school wall as graffiti, he never imagines that magic might be to blame. And when the same graffiti lands him at Earth Ranch, a camp for "troubled" kids on a remote volcanic island, magic is the last thing he expects to find there.



#### Sisters

By Raina Telgemeier and Braden Lamb  
(Graphix, 208 pages)



Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years, but when a baby brother enters the picture and something

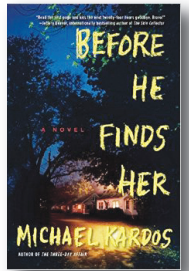
doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.

## Adult Fiction:

### Before He Finds Her

By Michael Kardos  
(Mysterious Press, 384 Pages)

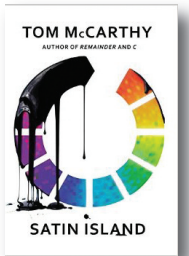
Everyone in the quiet Jersey Shore town of Silver Bay knows the story: on a Sunday evening in September 1991, Ramsey Miller threw a party, then murdered his beautiful wife and three-year-old daughter. At least that's what everyone thinks. But the daughter has grown up, and tells the real story of that evening fifteen years ago.



### Satin Island

By Tom McCarthy  
(Knopf Publishing Group, 208 Pages)

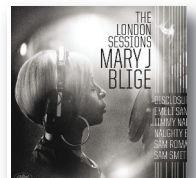
From the author of "Remainder" and "C" (short-listed for the Man Booker Prize), and a winner of the Windham-Campbell Literature Prize, comes "Satin Island," an unnerving novel that promises to give us the first and last word on the world—modern, postmodern, whatever world you think you are living in.



## NEW CDs

### The London Sessions

By Mary J. Blige  
Blige's thirteenth studio album, *The London Sessions*, was released by Capitol Records in November 2014. It has received rave reviews including being called "superb" and "objectively her best since 2005's *The Breakthrough*" by Billboard.



### Firefly

By Eri Yamamoto Trio  
Deeply lyrical pianist/composer and 2015 Baby Grand Jazz performer Eri Yamamoto quickly returns to record with "Firefly", a wholly new collection of indelible songs performed with her devoted trio of bassist David Ambrosio and drummer Ikuro Takeuchi.



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