

Did You Know? The famous Charter Oak tree fell during a storm on August 21, 1856. The tree, which was 700-600 years old, was located near the corner of Wyllys and Prospect Streets. A modest monument marks the site. In addition to numerous businesses and organizations being named in its honor, there are also two towns: Charter Oak, Iowa (Pop. 502; 2010 census) and Charter Oak, California (pop. 9,310; 2010 census).



Upcoming

Hip Hop Dance Class

Friday, August 24

Albany Library

Studio 860 will teach you the latest dance moves.



The Author's Table: Kenneth Passan

Saturday, August 25, 2 - 4 pm

Downtown Library

Kenneth Passan, author of the new thriller *Stingers*, will be our guest at The Author's Table. *Stingers* is a page-turning tale of a deadly creature lurking beneath the waves off the coast of Florida. Copies of the book will be available for sale.



Funky Dawgz Concert

Monday, August 27, 2-3 pm

Downtown Library

Groove to one of the most popular bands in the area at the final concert in the library's 2018 World of Sounds Concert Series.



Lecture on the Beginnings of Hartford's Chinese Community

Tuesday, August 28, 10 am

Dwight Library

Find out about Yale's first Chinese Graduate, Yung Wing, and

how he convinced China to send over 150 of their best and brightest males to be educated in New England in the 1870s. Wing made Hartford the headquarters of his Chinese Educational Mission and ran a large school here for several years. Other facets of Hartford's Chinese community will also be explored.



Judy Dworin Performance Project Working Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 28, 9:30 am - 12 noon
Downtown Library

The Judy Dworin Performance Project will hold another working rehearsal of (US), an original piece exploring the immigrant experience, past and present. The show will be performed at the library on Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13. For more information on the show, [click here](#) (English) [or here](#) (Spanish).



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News

Camp Field Library Closed week of August 27

The Camp Field Library, 30 Campfield Avenue will be closed from Aug. 27 - 31 so that workers can install a new floor.



SAND/Ropkins Library Returns to School-Year Hours

With the opening of the new school year in Hartford this Tuesday, August 28, the SAND/Ropkins Library will switch back to its school-year hours: 3 - 6 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 1:30 - 6 pm on Tuesday; and 3 - 5 pm on Friday.



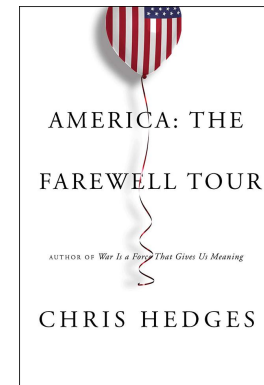
Barry Square Community Day

Hartford Public Library was out in force on Sunday, August 19, for the annual Barry Square Community Day in the parking lot of the Webster Theater. Pat Knapp and Kathy Trouern-Trend from the Camp Field Library set up a story walk and handed out information and Michelle McFarland brought the Library On Wheels along to the event, which drew over 1,000 people.



New Books on the Shelves

A coming of age tale about four African-Americans in Rhode Island, a piercing look at America in crisis by a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, "An Unruly Guide to Health & Stamina for the Modern Feminist," and an eye-opening insider's account of political polls and elections are just a few of the new books now on the shelves at Hartford Public Library. Read more on the blog [here](#).



Park Library Back to School Meeting

School starts again in Hartford this Tuesday, August 28. To get ready, Park Library Manager Graciella Rivera held a meeting for parents who wanted to know more about how the school system works and how to best advocate for their children.



River Reads Features "Girls of a Tender Age"

Mary-Ann Tirone Smith, author of "Girls of a Tender Age," was the special guest at the River Reads on Riverfront Plaza on Wednesday, August 15. "Girls of a Tender Age" is a critically-acclaimed memoir of Mary-Ann's childhood growing up in Hartford. Two big fans of the book, Ellie and Claudia Hart, stopped by to thank the author and listen as she read passages from her book.



Voter Registration Training

Tuesday, August 28, 6 - 7:30 pm

Downtown Library

Get involved in the political process by learning how to register people to vote. Hartford 2000 will also discuss the latest rules and procedures. Free and open to the public, but please call 860-509-3778 or [to here](#) to RSVP.

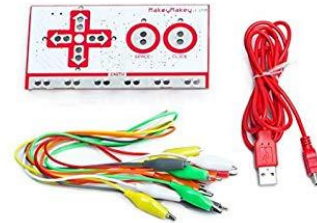


Makey Makey

Wednesday, August 29, 4:30-5:30 pm

Camp Field Library

Create keyboards made from different materials like play-doh, fruits, and vegetables. Learn about electric circuits, energy and technology with this fun kit. (Ages 6-12)



At Your Fingertips: Get Ready for School

Thursday, August 30, 4 - 5 pm

Barbour Library

Put together a Back-to-School organizer in a pocket folder with an array of helpful tip-sheets and tools. Personalize it with art of your choice. (Ages 6-12)



Marble Mazes

Thursday, August 30, 4-5 pm

Park Library

Time to put physics to work! Create your own marble maze or marble run & let the good times roll! (Ages 6-12)



Loose Parts

Thursday, August 30, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Camp Field Library

Come out and explore what you can create with materials and objects! (Ages 6-12)



Rock Painting

Tuesday, September 4, 11 am

Dwight Library

Ease your mind and exercise your creativity while painting little minions, cats, or frogs on rocks. Rocks and paint supplies are provided for this surprisingly enjoyable adult program.



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