

**Did You Know?** The first American cookbook was written by Amelia Simmons and published in Hartford in 1796. Although the book was very popular and reprinted several times, only four copies are known to exist today.



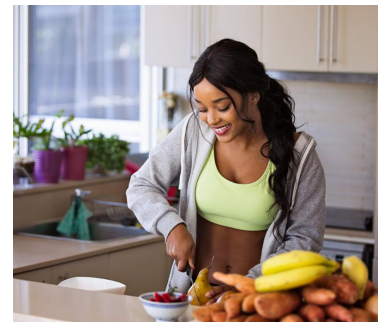
## Upcoming

### Nutrition Workshops

Tuesdays, October 9 and 16, 6 - 7:30 pm  
Albany Library

Mondays, October 22 & 29; November 5 & 12  
Barbour Library

Thursdays, November 15 & 20, 6 - 7:30 pm  
Camp Field Library



Join a nutrition expert from the University of Connecticut and learn how you can shop smarter, cook healthier and eat better. Find out more [here.](#)

### Drawing Lessons

Mondays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5  
6 - 7:30 pm  
Park Library



Local artist Raul Camacho will show you how to improve and develop your drawing skills using a variety of techniques. Participants will have a chance to display their work at the end of the series. Find out [here.](#)

### Candidate for Governor Forum

Tuesday, October 9  
Reception at 5:30 PM; Forum begins at 6:00 PM  
Center for Contemporary Culture, Downtown Library

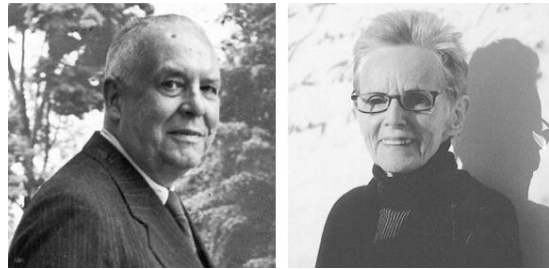


Come meet, hear from, and ask questions of the candidates running for CT Governor. All candidates who will be on the November ballot have been invited. The following have confirmed their attendance: Oz Griebel (Independent); Mark Stewart Greenstein (Amigo Constitution Party); Rod Hanscomb (Libertarian). Free and open to the public.

## The Malady of the Quotidian: From Wallace Stevens to Susan Howe

Wednesday, October 10,  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Center for Contemporary Culture,  
Downtown Library



Marjorie Perloff, Professor Emerita, Stanford University offers a fresh look on two of America's great poets. Find out more [here](#).

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## CT Humanities Book Voyagers Series at Hartford Public Library

Thursdays, October 11, 25 and Nov. 1, 5:30 pm

Children's Room (3rd Floor), Downtown Library



Join us for discussions on how you can turn obstacles into opportunities, based on the wisdom of great books. Slated for discussion are Sylvester and the Magic Pebbles (Oct. 11); Chicks & Salsa (Oct. 25) and A Chair for My Mother (Nov. 1). Find out more [here](#).

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## (US) A New Performance by the Judy Dworin Performance Project

Friday, October 12, 6 & 8 pm  
Saturday, October 13, 6 pm  
Downtown Library

The Judy Dworin Performance Project's latest work explores the struggles and triumphs of the immigrant experience, past and present. For tickets, go to [here](#).



## Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

October 18, 11 am  
Starts and ends at Park Library

Join us in honoring Latina women and raising awareness about Domestic Violence. The group will meet at the Park Library, 744 Park Street, and walk up to Main Street, and back. Graciela Rivera, Park Library Manager, and Maria Ortiz, Community Liaison from the Hispanic Health Council, will lead the group in walk and conversation. Please wear purple.





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## News

### Celebrating 125 Years as Hartford's Free Public Library

Great turnout Thursday night at the closing reception for "In the Public Realm," an exhibit on the Artwalk created by HPL's Brenda Miller to celebrate the library's 125 years as Hartford's free public library. See more photos on the [HPL Facebook Page](#).



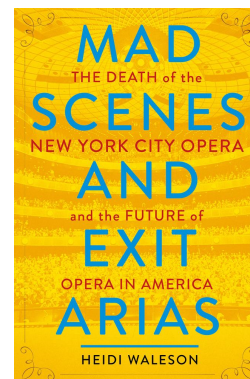
### African American Literature Book Club New Members Welcome

It was a dark and stormy night - Tuesday, October 2, but that didn't stop the **African American Literature Book Club** from gathering at HPL Downtown – a lively discussion was held on James Baldwin's *Another Country* – led by Martey Rhine – the book group was started and is organized by Carolyn Korber – they meet the first Tuesday of the month here at HPL Downtown if you are interested in joining contact Carolyn at [cjkorber@gmail.com](mailto:cjkorber@gmail.com).



### New Books!

60 poems (in English and Spanish) from the great Alice Walker, a charming Alaskan romance, a look at the rise and fall of the New York City Opera and what it means for the future of the performing arts in America and - just in time for Halloween - a new tale from the vampire world from the genre's master, Anne Rice, are all on the shelves now at HPL! But wait, there's more... [read the blog](#).



## Activities

Coding Fun: Celebrate Ada

## Lovelace Day

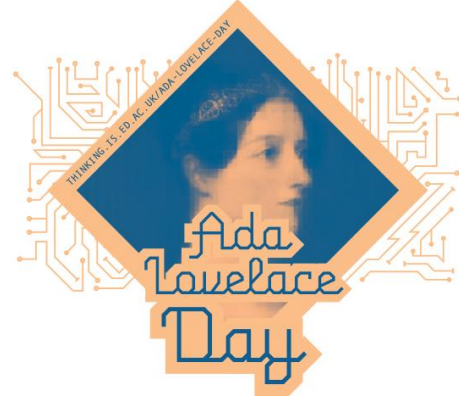
**Tuesday, October 9, 3:30-4:30 pm:**  
Dwight Library

**Wednesday, October 10, 4:30-5:30 pm:**  
Camp Field Library

**Thursday, October 11, 3:30-4:30 pm:**  
Ropkins Library

**Saturday, October 20, 2:30-3:30 pm: Downtown Library**

Ada Lovelace Day celebrates this pioneering woman programmer and the achievements of all women in the sciences. Learn about this amazing woman and then try out some fun coding projects including our Ozbots.



## Corazones Lastimados, Hurting Hearts Art Workshop

**Tuesday, October 9, 6 - 7:30 pm**  
Park Library

Paint a heart that represents you. Since the dawn of humanity, people have used the arts to express their innermost feeling.



## Circuit Clay

**Tuesday, October 9, 3:30-5 pm, Downtown Library**

**Wednesday, October 24, 3:30-4:30 pm, Albany Library**



Come play and learn about electricity with our special circuit clay. Create a creature that lights up with LEDs!

## Book Friends

**Thursdays, October 11 & 25, 4:30 - 5:30 pm**  
Camp Field Library

Do you have a favorite story about being a good friend? Join us to chat about great chapter books and favorite book characters. Each week, we'll do a different fun activity: cupcake decorating, DIY Diary, Slime and more!



## Haiku Leaves



**Thursday, October 11, 4-5 pm**  
**Park, Barbour & Albany Libraries**

**Wednesday, October 24, 3:30-4:30 pm**  
**Downtown Library**

Create your very own haiku using precise words and vivid imagery to celebrate the beauty and nature of Fall on leaf rubbed paper.



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## **Marshmallow Spaghetti Challenge**

**Tuesday, October 16, 4:30-5:30 pm**  
**Dwight Library**

You and your team have 18 minutes to build a free-standing structure out of 20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti, a yard of masking tape, a yard of string and a single marshmallow! Are you up for the challenge? Join us and see!



**Save the Date!**

**12.7**

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takes you

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