

Did You Know? Before finding financial success with his famous six-shooter, Samuel Colt earning a living for a brief time by traveling the countryside giving demonstrations of the recently discovered nitrous oxide (laughing gas). He billed himself as "the celebrated Dr. Coult of New York, London and Calcutta."



Beyond Words 2018

Fromsons Awarded 2018 Hewins Medal

Sandra Bender Fromson (front, left) and Howard Fromson (front, right) were awarded Hartford Public Library's 2018 Caroline M. Hewins Medal for their long and outstanding service to the library and the greater Hartford community. The award was presented by HPL Board President Gregory Davis and HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey at the library's annual Beyond Words fundraising event on Friday, December 7, at the Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel.



Woodson Gives Keynote Address at Beyond Words

Acclaimed author Jacqueline Woodson (left) chats with Connecticut poet and educator Kate Rushin at Hartford Public Library's annual Beyond Words fundraising event. Woodson was the keynote speaker at the event; Rushin recited a poem she wrote in honor of the library's 125th anniversary.



Meryl Braunstein Speaks on HPL Teen Services

A special presentation on HPL teen programs was made by Meryl Braunstein on behalf of the Mandell-Braunstein Families/Data-Mail, Inc., the presenting sponsor for Beyond Words.



Hartford Athletic Rewards YOUmedia Members

Youth from HPL's YOUmedia who attended Beyond Words were given free Hartford Athletic scarves by the city's new soccer team. Two of the team's co-owners, Joseph A. Calafiore and Scott Schooley. They are shown here with HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey, HPL YOUmedia Manager Gabbie Barnes and YOUmedia teens Sakye, Chelsea, Carlos, Tyrus, Tariq, Dynesha, and Toni-Ann.



Governor & First Lady Attend Beyond Words

Governor Dannel Malloy, his wife, Cathy, and City Councilman John Gale were among the 450 guests who attended the Beyond Words fundraiser. For more photos, go to the [HPL Facebook Page](#).



Upcoming

DIY Story Cubes

Tuesday, December 18, 4:00 – 5:00 pm:
Park Library

Thursday, December 20 | 4:30 – 5:30 pm:
Dwight Library



Who are you going to be today? A dragon-slaying prom queen? The heir to an ice cream fortune? A superhero with the power to turn metal into rubber? Roll the dice to find out, and then share your story on Snapchat!

Family Holiday Concert

Wednesday, December 19, 10 am - 12 noon:
Downtown Library Atrium

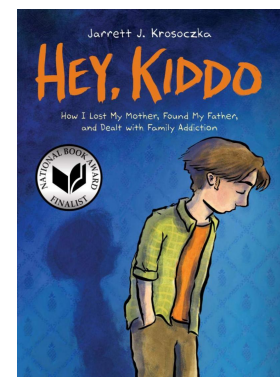
The Sam Pasco Trio will play your favorite holiday tunes in this special concert geared especially for families. Free and open to the public. Groups must register. Call 860-695-6330 for more information.



Learning Circle: Addiction

Wednesday, December 26, 2-3 pm
Ropkins Library

There's a lot of information out there about addiction. There's even a new book *Hey, Kiddo* all about the author's experience with addiction in his family. Join our first learning circle to figure out what is good information and help create a resource to benefit teens or families impacted by addiction.

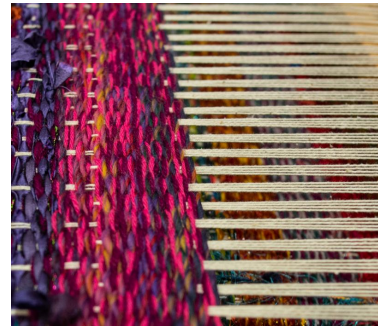


Just Weave It!

Wednesday, December 26, 2-4 pm:

Downtown Library

Thursday, December 27, 3-5 pm: Barbour Library



Learn about the ancient art of weaving and create a simple weaving loom from ordinary drinking straws. Then make a colorful woven friendship bracelet or a bookmark to take home.

Book Launch: Looking In – 40 years of student-generated theater

Thursday, December 27, 5:30-7:30pm

Hartford History Center, Downtown Library

HPL will host a book launch for Jonathan Gillman account of Looking In Theatre's four decades of producing impactful, student-generated theater. Books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served. (Snow date: Saturday, December 29, 2-4 pm). Find out more [here](#).



HPL Kwanzaa Festival 2018

Saturday, December 29, 12 - 5 pm

Downtown Library Atrium

Join us for a special Kwanzaa celebration featuring traditional African drumming and dancing, jewelry and henna workshops, story-telling with Andre Keitt, a soul food dinner and more. Free and open to the public.



Baby Grand Jazz 2019

Ray Gonzalez will kick off the 16th season of HPL's highly popular Baby Grand Jazz Series with a special Three Kings Day performance on Sunday, January 6. Baby Grand Jazz Concerts will be held every Sunday afternoon from 3 - 4 pm through April 28 (with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 21). The opening and closing shows will be held in the Downtown Library Atrium, the rest will be held in the Center for Contemporary Culture. Baby Grand Jazz is sponsored by The Kaman Corporation. For more information, see the [Baby Grand Jazz](#).



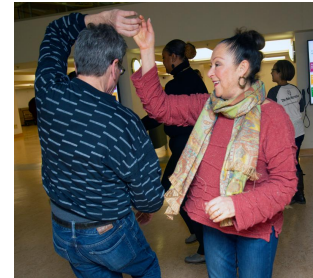
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News

Salsa Dance Classes

Rey and Glendaly Bermudez got everyone dancing at last week's Pasos & Connections Salsa Dancing to Relational Wellness in the Downtown Library Atrium. The classes are held the first Thursday of the month. Next class is January 3. Find out more [here](#).



HPL Security Officer Training Program

Charles Barberi, HPL's Head of Security, conducted a security guard training class on Wednesday, December 12. The library's Security Officer Training Classes are held monthly. The successful completion of this one day program will qualify candidates to apply for a Security Officer ID card, issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection. Next class is January 16. For more information and a registration form, click [Security Training](#).



Meditation at Barbour

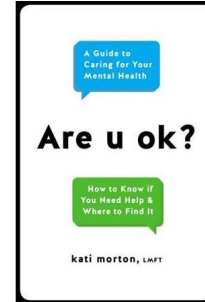
On Monday, December 10, HPL partnered with the Copper Beech Institute to host an Introduction to Meditation session at the Barbour Library. The session was facilitated by Peter Callahan of the Copper Beech Institute.



New Books!

An accessible and down to earth guide to understanding and caring for your mental health; a tale of espionage and intrigue set in post World War II Europe; and Robin Cook's latest medical thriller about a veteran medical examiner's race against the clock to identify a deadly

virus before it engulfs the world, are now on the shelves at HPL. Read all about it in the [New Book Blog](#).



Activities

Gingerbread House Building

Monday, December 17, 4-5:30 pm: Downtown Library

Tuesday, December 18, 4:30-5:30 pm: Dwight Library

Thursday, December 20, 3-4:30 pm: Barbour Library



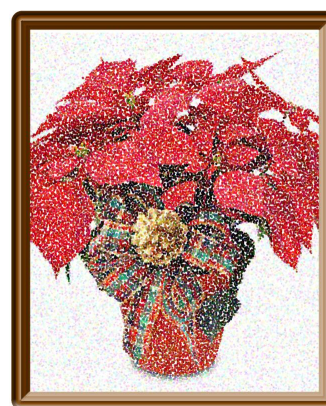
See how creative you can get while building this sugary abode.

Pointillism Poinsettias

Thursday, December 20 | 4-5 pm | Park Library

Thursday, December 20 | 4:30-5:30 pm | Camp Field Library

In Mexico, the poinsettia is called *Flor de la Nochebuena*. At Christmastime, the flower blooms and flourishes. Listen to Tomie dePaola's retelling the Legend of the Poinsettia and then use the art technique pointillism to create your own flower!



Peppermint Tower Challenge

Saturday, December 22, 3-4 pm, Downtown Library

Thursday, December 27, 4-5 pm, Park Library

Thursday, December 27, 2-3 pm, Camp Field Library



Ready for some math excitement? Work with a partner this holiday season to build the tallest tower using only peppermint candies.

Scratch Coding

Thursday, December 26, 4-6 pm: Park Library

Learn about computer programming in a simple block-based program. Make your own e-cards, animations, and more or remix someone else's project from the online community.



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