

**Did You Know?** In 1911, Trinity College awarded Hartford Public Library's Caroline Hewins a Master of Arts degree *Honoris Causa* (for the sake of honor). She was the first woman to be so honored by the the college, which did not begin admitting female students until 1969. Hewins was the chief librarian at HPL from 1875-1926.



## Upcoming

### 2018 Hewins Scholar Named

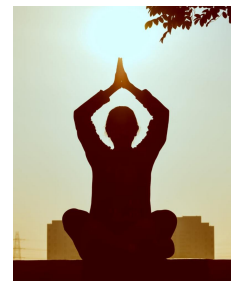
Sonia Botello of Arizona has been named Hartford Public Library's 2018 Caroline Hewins Scholarship Winner. The scholarship program was established in 1926 and is awarded to students who plan to specialize in library work with children. Hewins herself was a pioneer in opening libraries up to children. Sonia is a student at San Jose State University's iSchool program where she is pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science. She also works part-time as Customer Service Assistant at her local library.



### Introduction to Meditation

Monday, December 10, 6 pm  
Barbour Library

Find your route to tranquil moments in troubled times. At this workshop you will learn the theory, history and techniques of meditation. Held in partnership with the Copper Beech Institute.



### Family Holiday Concert

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

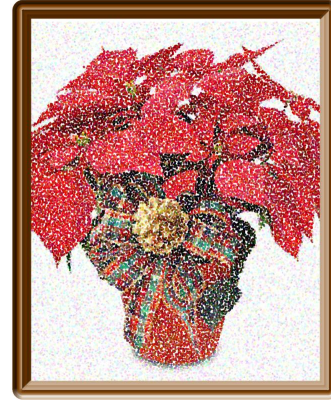
The Sam Pasco Trio will play your favorite holiday tunes in this special concert geared especially for families. Free and open to the public. Groups must register. Call 860-695-6330 for more information.



### 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!



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## News

### Beyond Word Fundraiser is Tonight!

Beyond Words, Hartford Public Library's annual fundraising event, will be held Friday, December 7, at 6 pm at the Marriott Hotel, 200 Columbus Boulevard, Downtown Hartford. Acclaimed author Jacqueline Woodson will be the keynote speaker at the event. The 2018 Caroline Hewins Medal will be presented to Sandra Bender Fromson and Howard Fromson for their many years of service to the library and the greater Hartford community. For more on the event, go to the [Beyond Words website](#).



### Baby Grand Jazz 2019 Line-up Announced

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](#). There was also a great article in the [Hartford Courant](#) about the series this Tuesday. Thanks to reporter Christopher Arnott for spreading the word!



## HPL Supplies Book Tree for Santa's Workshop at Winterfest

Youngsters visiting Santa's Workshop at the Bushnell Carousel during Hartford Winterfest 2018 are greeted by a Christmas tree made entirely of books. The re-purposed books were supplied by Hartford Public Library. The creation is shown here with two of Santa's Elves (Kevin Ehrlich and Beth Matonak). Winterfest staff have also been giving out free books supplied by HPL to youngsters visiting Santa.



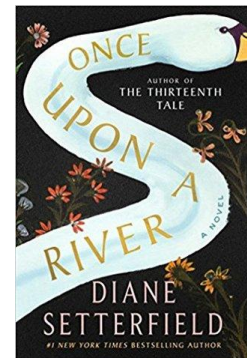
## HPL Swings Into the Holidays

Youngsters make gingerbread men at Dwight Library on Wednesday, December 5. HPL has a wide variety of holiday-themed activities for youngsters this month. Find out more at the [December Youth Activities Calendar](#).



## New Books!

A murder mystery set in London during the "Swinging 60s"; New York City's rise to "Capital of the World" status during World War II; how England's Premiere Soccer League turned a rough and tumble working class sport into an entertainment empire worth billions; and what happens when a mysterious child appears at an ancient inn on the banks of the River Thames are all on the shelves now at HPL. Read more on [the New Book Blog!](#)



## Activities

### Ribbon Candy Holiday Ornament

**Saturday, December 8, 3 - 4:30 pm: Downtown Library**

Design a cute ribbon candy ornament to decorate your house for the holidays, and practice your sewing skills. The best part is, you don't have to eat it when you're done!



### 3D Print a Cookie Cutter

**Tuesday, December 11, 4:30 – 5:30 pm: Camp Field Library**

**Tuesday, December 11, 4:00 – 5:00 pm: Park Library**

Make a real cookie cutter with our 3D printer. Use one of the templates or create your own from scratch!



## Peppermint Tower Challenge

Wednesday, December 12, 4:30-5:30 pm,  
Dwight Library

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.

## Gingerbread House Building

Wednesday, December 12, 4:30-5:30 pm:  
Camp Field

Thursday, December 13, 4-5 pm: Park Library

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.

## 3-D Snowflakes

Thursday, December 13, 3:30-5:00 pm: Barbour  
Library

3-D printing sounds so complicated but it's really not! Join us to learn the basics of 3D printing then create your own 3D printed snowflake!



## Teen DIY Infinity Scarf

Thursday, December 13, 4:30 – 5:30 pm: Dwight  
Library

Calling all fashionistas! Transform an ordinary t-shirt into a unique infinity scarf. No sewing skills required and it makes a great gift!



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