

**Did You Know?** In 1952, the "Fastest Man In The World" was Lindy Remigino from Florence Street in Hartford's North End. Remigino earned the title by winning the Gold Medal for the 100-meter dash at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki. A 1949 graduate of Hartford Public, he later coached and taught at the school for several decades.



## Upcoming

### **Baby Grand Jazz Opens with Three Kings' Day Concert**

**Sunday, January 6, 3-4 pm**  
**Downtown Library Atrium**



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 Foundation. For more information, see the [Baby Grand Jazz](#).

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### **Celebrate Three-Kings' Day with Dinner, a Story and Info on the Hartford Schools' Application Process**

**Monday, January 7, 6:00 - 7:30 pm: Park Library**



Families will be able to enjoy a story and a free dinner in honor of Three Kings Day at the Park Library on Monday, January 7. During the event, Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) representatives will be available to assist families with the choice magnet & district school applications.

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### ***New Exhibit on the ArtWalk*** **Urban Legends of Modern Archaeology**

**Opening Reception: Friday, January 11,**  
**5:30 - 7:30 pm, Downtown Library, 3rd Floor**

"Urban Legends of Modern Archaeology" by artist Rashmi Talpade will open at Hartford Public Library's

ArtWalk on January 11, and run through February 24. In a series of large and small collages, the artist focuses on the relationship between relics from our industrial age and the relentless march of nature. Find out more [here](#).

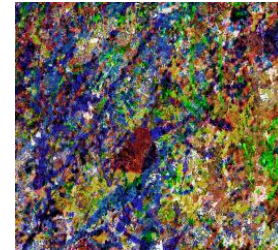


## Paint Like Pollock

Thursday, January 10, 3:30 - 5 pm: Barbour Library

Wednesday, January 16, 4:30 - 5:30 pm: Dwight Library

Thursday, January 31, 4 - 5:30: Downtown Library



Learn all about modern artist Jackson Pollock and his style of action drip painting. Then try your hand at making your own Pollock-inspired work of art!



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## News

### HPL Gets Into the Kwanzaa Spirit!

On Saturday, December 29, HPL hosted its annual Kwanzaa Celebration in the atrium of the Downtown Library. Drumming, dancing, rapping and stilt-walking were all part of the well-attended event. For more photos, please see the [HPL Facebook page](#).



### Welcoming in the New Year at HPL

The Children's Department at HPL's Downtown Library welcomed in dozens of youngsters and their parents as part of First Night Hartford, which was held at various venues in Downtown Hartford on New Year's Eve, December 31. See lots more photos on the [Facebook Page](#).



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## Book Launch Draws a Crowd

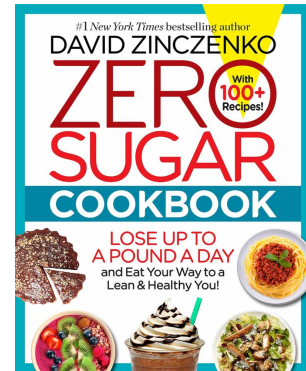
Alumni and friends of the Greater Hartford Arts Academy's **Looking In Theatre** crowded into the Hartford History Center last Thursday for the official launch of a new book chronicling the group's history. Author Jonathan Gillman gave a brief talk, signed copies of his book and chatted with old friends. For more pictures, go to the [HPL Facebook page](#).



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## New Books for a New Year!

Looking for advice from a Zen Buddhist monk on the art of self acceptance? Or how about an introduction to Greek cooking with delicious and easy to follow recipes? Or advice on how to eliminate added sugar from your diet and why it can be the key to losing weight? You'll find the answers to these and many other questions in the new books now on the shelves at HPL. For details go to the [New Book Blog](#).



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## Tickets for Hartford Stage's *The Engagement Party* Available Now

Hartford Public Library, in partnership with Hartford Stage, is offering free passes to library card holders to the stage's new show, *The Engagement Party*. Passes are available at the Downtown Library and all six branch libraries. For more information, go to the [HPL website](#).



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## Next Security Officer Training Program is Jan. 16

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. The classes are conducted by Charles Barberi, HPL's Head of Security. Next class is January 16. For more information and a registration form, please click, [Security Training](#).



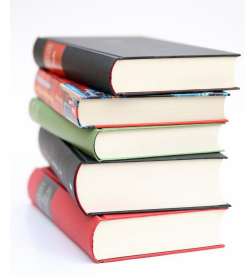
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## Activities

**Winter Reading Challenge**  
January 2 - March 1

## Barbour Library

Read five books from designated categories within the qualifying time frame and enter our seasonal raffle. Stop by the Barbour Library to pick up the reading guidelines and log.



## Time for Slime

**Thursdays, January 10 & 24, 4-5: Park Library**  
**Thursday, January 17: 4-5:30 pm: Downtown Library**



More than just a fun sensory activity, making slime is actually science. Join us at the library to measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home. We try a few different recipes to compare and contrast.

## Feed the Birds!

**Thursday, January 17, 6:00-7:00 pm**  
**Camp Field Library**



Attention bird feeders! If you enjoy the idea of expanding your bird feeding offerings, learn how to make some quick and easy treats your backyard birds will love.

## Saturday Crochet Program

**Saturday, January 19, 11 am - 1 pm**  
**Park Library**



Start 2019 off right with a new Crochet project for the new year. Materials supplied.

## Indigenous People – Book Talk

**Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm**  
**Dwight Library**



Activist Colin Neary, will showcase books from Hartford Public Library and his own collection that weave an in-depth description of ethno-Native New England tribal life and geography. It is not necessary to read the books prior to this book talk, but do remember your library card so you can bring a book home!

## Harmonicas for YOUmedia Teens

HPL's YOUmedia has received a generous donation of Hohner Special 20-C harmonicas with 30-day free online



lessons. Stop by YOUmedia to receive your very own to keep. Want to learn more about harmonicas? Check out the “m” section of the nonfiction books at your favorite branch! Only while supplies last. See a mentor for details.



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