

**Did You Know?** The equestrian statue of Revolutionary War General Marquis de Lafayette at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Washington Street includes a turtle underneath Lafayette's horse. Why the sculptor put it there remains a mystery. The most common explanation is that he included it to symbolize how slowly he was paid!



## Upcoming

### Animal Show on the Go

Monday, August 13, 1:30-2:30 pm

Ropkins Library

Meet live animals from around the world! Who will show up? Will it be a lizard or a snake? Or maybe a rabbit? Or maybe all 3? You'll have to come and find out! Naturalist Cindy King will tell you all about these fascinating animals and answer all questions.



### Hip Hop Dance Classes

Monday, August 13 & 20, 1:30 - 2:30 PM,  
CAMP FIELD LIBRARY

Tuesday, August 14 & 21, 1:30 - 2:30 PM,  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Wednesday, August 15 & 22, 1:30 - 2:30 PM,  
BARBOUR LIBRARY

Friday, August 9, 16 & 23, 1:30 - 2:30 PM,  
ALBANY LIBRARY

Learn the latest dance move with instructors from Studio 860.

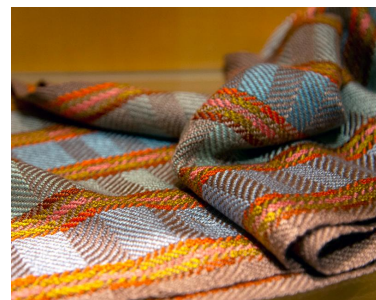


### Meet the Weavers of Block By Design

Monday, August 13, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Hartford History Center,  
Downtown Library (3rd Floor)

Meet the creators of Hartford Artisan Weaving Center's magnificent new exhibit, "Block By Design, at a reception on Monday, August 13, from 10:30 - 11:30 am at the



Hartford History Center (3rd floor) at the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford.  
The exhibit will be on display through September 29, 2018. For more information, please go [here](#).

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## Judy Dworin Performance Project: Public Rehearsal of (US)

Tuesday, August 14  
Downtown Library

The Judy Dworin Performance Project will hold working rehearsal of its upcoming production (US) at the Downtown Library from 9:30 am - 12 noon on Tuesday, August 14. The rehearsal is open to the public. Further public rehearsals will be held later in August and September. The show itself is scheduled to premier at the library in October. For information go [here](#) (English) or [here](#) Spanish.



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## Film Screening, Lecture & Discussion Ex Libris: New York Public Library

Save the Date: Wed., August 22, 10 am - 4:30 pm, Spotlight Theatre, 39 Front Street, Hartford

Watch and discuss Frederick Wiseman's documentary "Ex Libris: New York Public Library." Go to [here](#) for more information.



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## *Save the Date!* Encounters: One Year After Hurricane Maria

Saturday, September 22, 10am-12pm  
Hartford History Center, Downtown  
Library

It has been a year since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. What does the restoration effort say about the island's relationship with the mainland? For more information on the Encounters series, go [here](#).



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For an extended Hartford Public Library calendar of events, go [here](#).

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## News

### VOTE NOW! Hartford is in the running for \$25,000 in Children's Books!

Hartford is one of 16 finalists in JetBlue's 2018 Soar With Reading contest, in partnership with Random House Children's Books. The winning city will receive \$25,000 in Children's Books. Voting is simple, just go [here](#)



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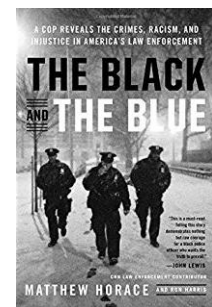
### Camp Field Branch Closed week of August 27

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



### Great New Summer Reads!

Flying females, a timely political thriller, Viking battles against the "English Charlemagne," a cop's view on racism and injustice within American law enforcement and all you ever wanted to know about grilled cheese sandwiches are just a few of the topics covered by the latest shipment of books to HPL. Read more on the [blog](#)



### Sucari Plays Downtown & Ropkins

Great show by Lorena Garay and Eugenio Huanca from SUCARI yesterday at the Downtown and Ropkins Libraries. The duo played the music from Peru, Mexico, Cuba, Spain and many other countries and gave youngsters in the audience different instruments and hats for each one. A textbook example of how to be educational and fun!



## Park Library Hosts Summer Garden Party in Frog Hollow

Graciela Rivera is not only the manager of the Park Library, she also serves as coordinator for the Affleck Street Community Garden (which is just down the street from the library). On Tuesday, August 7, she hosted a Summer Celebration for the community gardeners, including Pablo Liriano, who cultivates several plots at the garden.



## River Reads Rolls On

Youngsters crowded around to listen to Linda Kelly (pictures), meteorologist Scott Haney and HPL Bridget Quinn-Carey at the River Reads session on Wednesday, August 8, at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza. River Reads will continue through the end of the summer. The HPL Library On Wheels is always on hand for River Reads. For its other stops, go [here](#).



## Submissions for ArtWalk 2019 Now Open!

Submissions from artists to exhibit at HPL's prestigious Artwalk will be accepted from now through November 1, 2018. For requirements and more information, go [here](#).



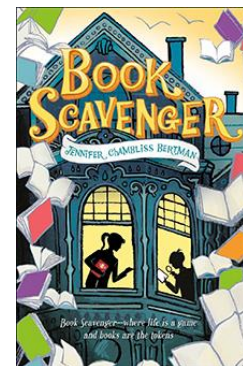
## Activities

### HPL Book Scavenger Hunt

Monday, August 13, 2 -3 pm

Albany Library

Calling all book lovers, treasure hunters and adventurers! Join a city-wide book scavenger hunt inspired by the *Book Scavenger* series by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. Solve a secret cipher to find books hidden in all the Hartford Public Libraries. (Ages 6-12)



### Country Quilt Llama Farm Presentation

Wednesday, August 15

2:00 - 2:45 pm, [Downtown Library](#)

3:30 - 4:15 pm, [Albany Library](#)

Did you know Llamas can grow to 6 feet in height and weigh as much as 450 pounds? Find out more about this

fascinating animal and meet one in person!



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## Plant Lab

Thursday, August 16, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Barbour Library

Discover the life of plants in your world with fun activities and explorations! (Ages 6-12)



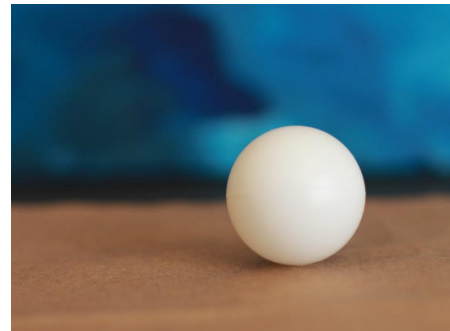
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## Hit the Mark: Build a Ping Pong Ball Launcher

Thursday, August 16, 2-3 pm

Dwight Library

Hit 'em with your best shot and learn about the science of physics as you do it! Build your own projectile launcher - send ping pong balls flying, marking the trajectory and distance of your shots and targets. Use recycling bin materials or extra components to build a catapult, ram or sling-shot – your imagination is the limit! (Ages 6-12)



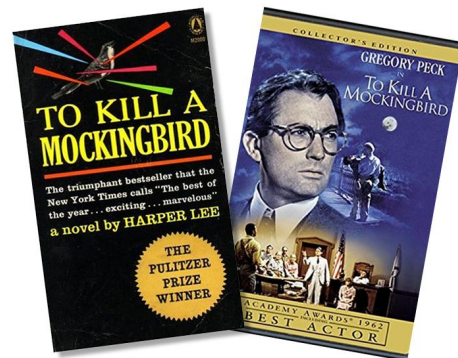
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## Great American Read: Film Adaptions of Great Books

Thursday, August 16, 6:30-7:30 pm

Camp Field Library

The book was better than the movie! Join us in a discussion about some of our favorite, and not-so favorite, film versions of books.



# Save the Date!

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