

Did You Know? The *USS Hartford* served as Admiral David Farragut's flagship at the battle of Mobile Bay in the Civil War. Two of the ship's cannon now sit atop a hill at Trinity College, its anchor is near the entrance to the University of Hartford, its figurehead is in the State Capitol and its bell is on Constitution Plaza.

Important Notice: Holiday Closings

All Hartford Public Libraries will close at 5 pm on New Year's Eve (Monday, December 31) and will be closed on New Year's Day (Tuesday, January 1). Happy New Year from all of us at HPL!



Upcoming

Book Chat: Michelle Obama's *Becoming* Saturday, December 29, 1:00 – 3:30 pm: Albany Library

Hartford L.I.T. (Literary Integrated Trailblazers) will hold a special Book Chat to discuss Michelle Obama's widely praised and hugely successful memoir, *Becoming*. The group will be discussing the book, the woman behind it and how we are "becoming" in our own lives. Hartford L.I.T. is a diverse group of local authors, entrepreneurs and artists. 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 an introduction to the festival by Leslie Manselle, traditional African drumming and dancing by Sankofa Cultural Arts & Sistah Nandi, stilt-walking demonstration by Mellissa Craig, story-telling with Andre Keitt, jewelry and henna workshop with Jackie Bright, drumming with Inara Ramin & Piragramac Cultural Arts, a soul food dinner and more. Free and open to the public.



HPL Joins in the Fun of First Night Hartford Monday, December 31, 3-5 pm Downtown Library

Have fun making a New Year's Eve craft in HPL's Children's Department (3rd floor). For a complete list of First Night activities,



go to the [First Night 2018 website](#).

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

Tickets for Hartford Stage's *The Engagement Party* Available January 3

Hartford Public Library, in partnership with Hartford Stage, will offer free passes to library card holders to the stage's new show, *The Engagement Party*. Passes will be available at the Downtown Library and all six branch libraries starting Thursday, January 3. For more information, go to the [HPL website](#).



New Servsafe Food Handler Programs Start in January

HPL's award winning ServSafe courses can help you secure a job in the growing food service industry. Food Handler courses will be held at the Barbour Branch from Jan. 7 - March 29 and at the Downtown Library from Jan. 8 - March 29. A Food Manager course will be held at the Downtown Library from Jan. 8 - March 29. For more

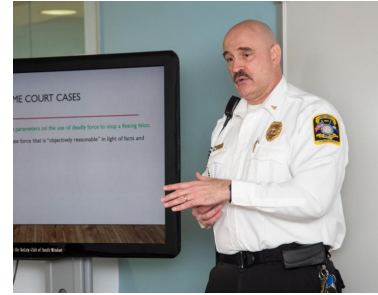


information see the [flyer](#).

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, [Security Training](#).



"Woven Threads, Woven Lives" goes on the Road

On Thursday, December 20, textile artist Sandy Fromson brought her loom to the Creative Cocktail Hour at Real Art Ways (RAW) to bring more people into her "Woven Threads, Woven Lives" community weaving project, a partnership between Sandy and HPL. A steady stream of guests took their turn at the loom, including RAW Executive Director Will K. Wilkins. The project's next stop will be the Albany Library in January.

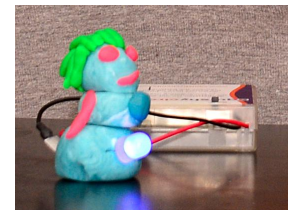


Activities

Circuit Clay

Friday, December 28, 3:30 - 5 pm: Camp Field Library

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



Math Station Mania

Friday, December 28, 4-5 pm: Park Library

Have fun with math by throwing and adding numbers to see who the winner is .

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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. During the event, Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) representatives will be assisting families with the choice magnet & district school applications.

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