

Encounters Series: Reparations, A More Perfect Union?



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Join us for a dynamic dialogue on the topic of reparations. We'll delve into the history, politics, and ethical implications of reparations for past wrongs, and explore how or if they could help address systemic injustices today. Come ready to listen, learn, and share your ideas in a thought-provoking and stimulating conversation!

Lunch will be provided after the program.

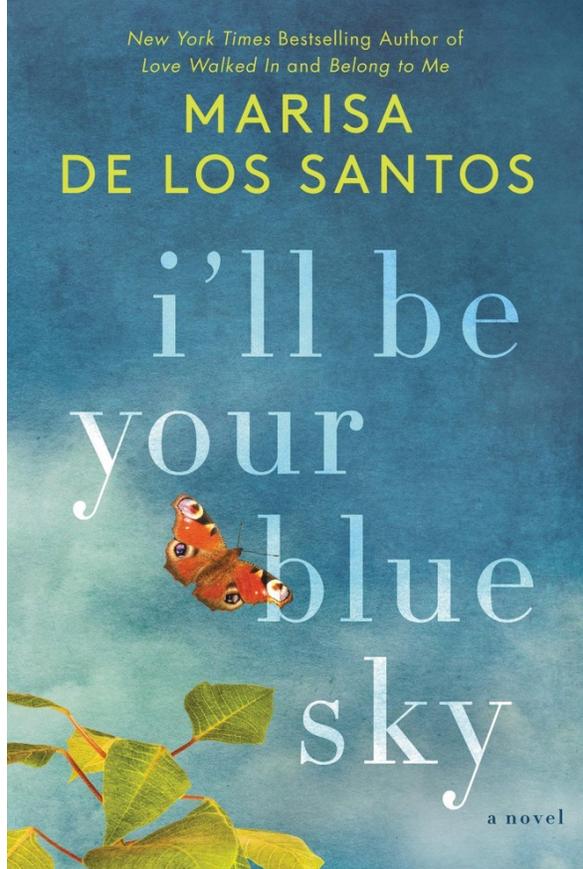
Saturday, April 15 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Albany Library

Register [HERE](#)

This program is part of the Encounters Series, a UConn partner program that brings communities into small group discussions around pressing issues of our times. Learn more about Encounters [HERE](#)

Well, Hello Spring

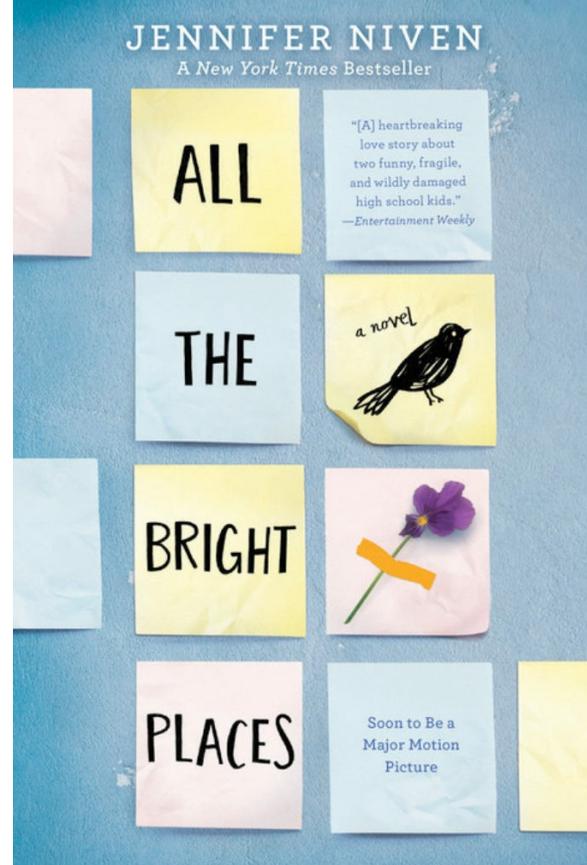


I'll Be Your Blue Sky
Marisa De Los Santos

A captivating, beautifully written novel about family, friendship, secrets, sacrifice, and courage.

"A lovely rumination on the choices we make" *RT Book Reviews* (top pick)

"This tender, genuine, and joyful novel is one to savor." — *Booklist* (starred review)



All The Bright Places
Jennifer Niven
New York Times Bestseller

A heartbreaking love story about two fragile teens that find one another.

"A charming love story about this unlikely and endearing pair of broken teenagers." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"Impressively layered, lived-in, and real." —*Buzzfeed*

Romare Bearden Murals



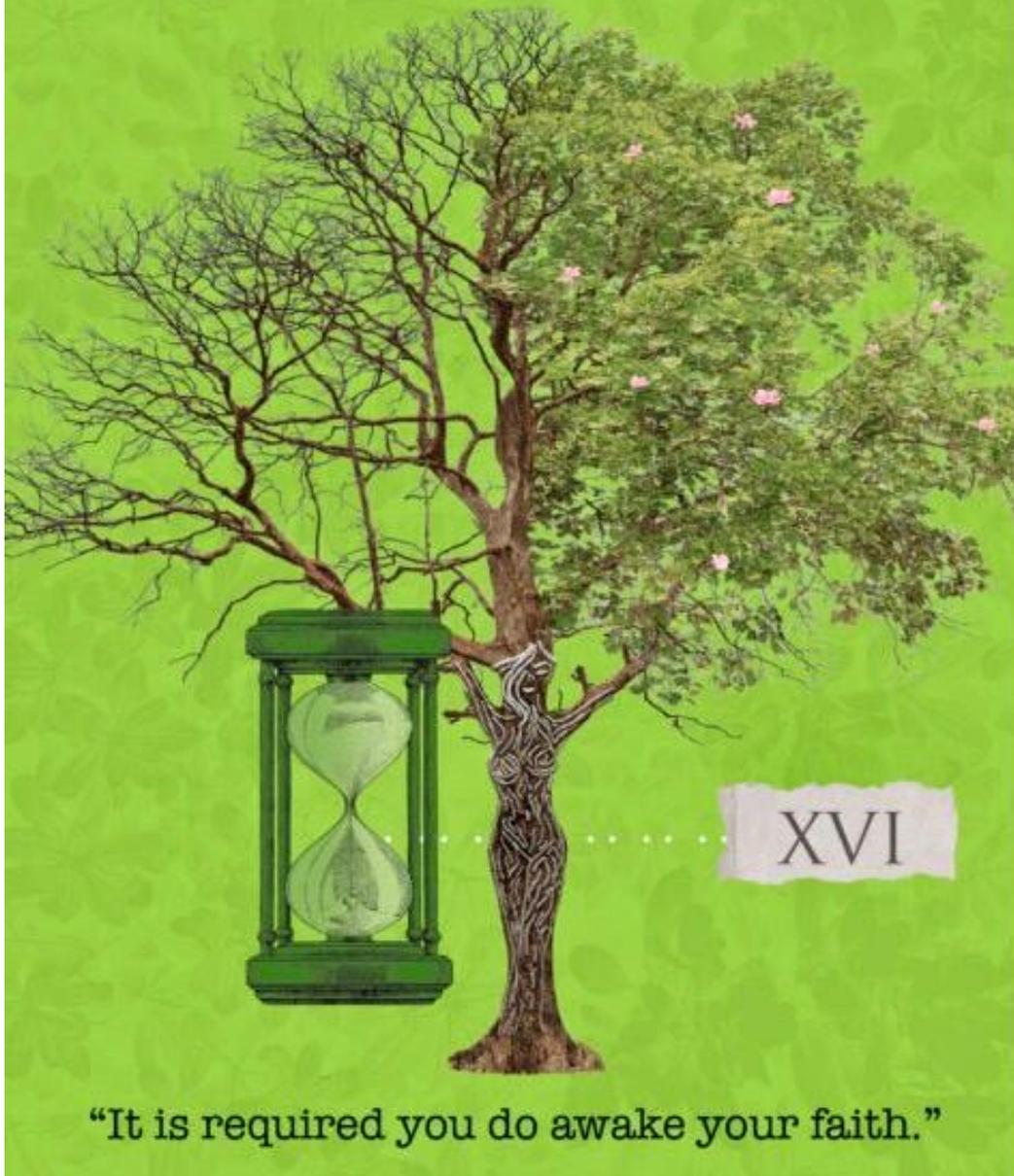
The Romare Bearden murals were carefully removed from the wall of the Downtown Library and are now safely stored in a part of the library untouched by water damage. The vibrant, abstract murals by the Harlem Renaissance artist has been a part of our library since 2014. Once the murals are down, serious construction begins.

A big thank you to Crozier Fine Arts for the safe removal !

*photograph of mural titled *Olympics*

Shakespeare at Hartford Stage

William Shakespeare's **The Winter's Tale**



An awe-filled fable of fury and forgiveness.

April 13 – May 7

It's a comedy. It's a romance. Check out one of Shakespeare's final plays through our partnership with Hartford Stage that makes free theater tickets available to library cardholders.

You can pick up free passes at your favorite branch or reserve them online [HERE](#) beginning Thursday, April 6th.

Make tiny art



“Great things come in small things, for only small things have enough space to contain them.” — Craig D. Lounsbrough

Create Tiny Paintings
Wednesday April 12 4-5 pm
Barbour Library
All ages welcomed!

Easter Egg Hunt at Bushnell Park



Spring stories and basket making to collect candy-filled eggs found in the park

Wednesday, April 5, 2-4 pm
Bushnell Park Pavilion
Carousel
All ages welcomed

Celebrating Mother Earth



In honor of Earth Day we have a series of programs with the Children's Museum culminating in a trip to Roaring Brook Nature Center.

Albany Branch

11am - 12:30 am

Monday, April 10, Tuesday, April 11, Wednesday, April 12,
Thursday, April 13, & Friday, April 14

All ages welcomed.

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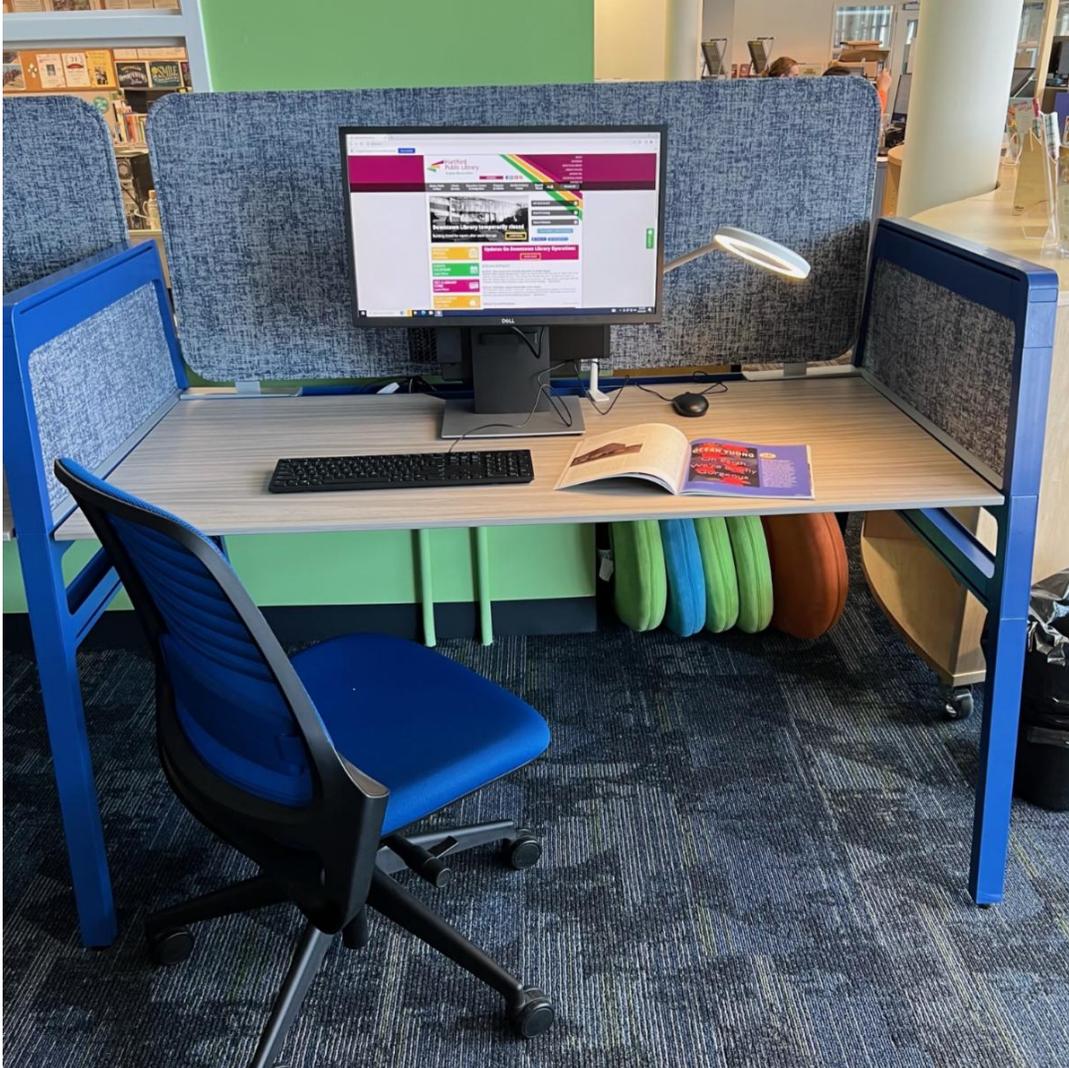
Grand re-opening of Ropkins Library!



Join Mayor Luke Bronin, HPL CEO & President Bridget E. Quinn, State Representative James Sanchez, and Clyde Mark Billington III, who gifted his father's photographic mid-20th century Hartford streetscapes to the Library's Hartford History Center, and celebrate Ropkins' re-opening with us!

Wednesday, April 12
11:30 a.m.
Ropkins Library
1750 Main Street

Computer classes for adults



Computer Training Tailored To Your Needs
(psst... you won't have to ask your grandkids for help anymore)

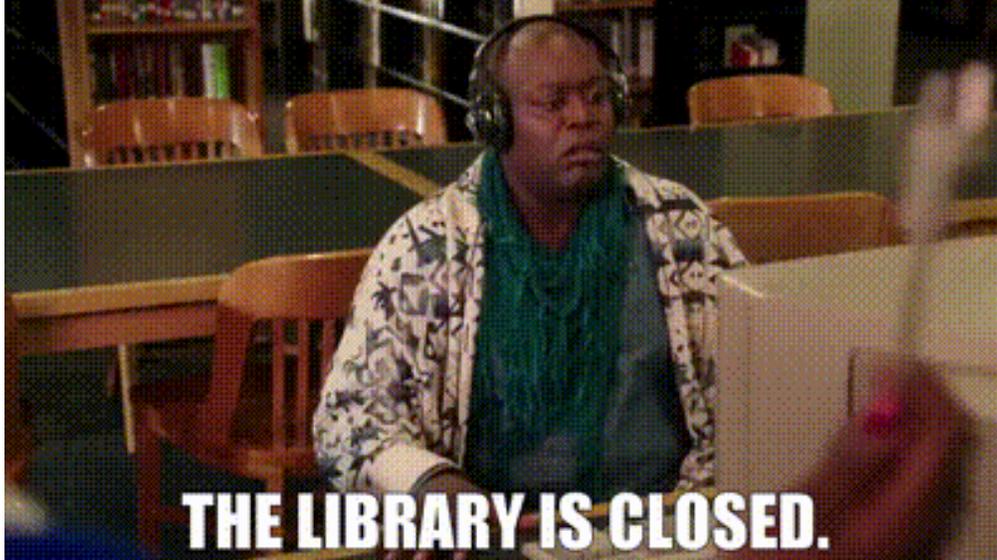
Computer First Steps * Internet Basics * Using Email * Creating a Resume *
* Microsoft Office * Google * and more!

We have classes almost every day of the week at multiple branches.
(Albany, Barbour, Camp Field, Dwight, & Park Street Library@the Lyric)

Call your preferred branch for dates and times of classes and to register!

If you require special accommodations to participate in this program, please call the branch at least two weeks in advance of the program date.

In honor of the holiday, Hartford Public Library is closed this Friday, April 7 and Sunday, April 9. There is no Baby Grand Jazz on Sunday, April 9, at Center Church.



“The thing I realize is, that it's not what you take, it's what you leave.”
— Jennifer Niven, *All the Bright Places*

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