



**EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**ADULT  
PROGRAMS  
& EVENTS**

**SPRING 2020**



## LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

**Friday, April 10:** Good Friday

**Thursday, May 14– 9 AM - 2 PM:** Staff Development Day

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day

## TOPIC TIME TUESDAYS

*Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM*

*Location: Meeting Room 1*

Join us for interesting topics and refreshments. Drop-ins welcome!

**MARCH 3 -** Charlotte Hawkins, Pioneer in African American Education

**MARCH 24 -** Oak Ridge, Tennessee: the Atomic City

**MARCH 31 -** Southport, North Carolina, and Fort Fisher Civil War Battles

**APRIL 7 -** History of Donut Shops

**APRIL 21 -** Royal Canadian Mounties

**APRIL 28 -** 100th Anniversary of Women's Rights to Vote!

## SPRING COOK BOOK CLUB

*Mondays in March & April, 2:00 - 3:00 PM*

No program on March 2 or April 13

*Location: Meeting Room 1*

Join us to make and discuss spring dishes! Come get ideas on what to make. Please register.



## AFTERNOON MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY

*Location: Meeting Room 1*



### HARRIET

*Thursday, March 5, 2:30 PM*

Rated: PG-13, 2 hours 5 minutes

The story of Harriet Tubman, detailing her escape from slavery and the missions she led to free hundreds of slaves.

### JUDY

*Thursday, March 19, 2:30 PM*

Rated: PG-13, 1 hour 49 minutes

Thirty years after starring in "The Wizard of Oz," Judy Garland arrives in London to perform a series of sold-out shows.

### A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

*Thursday, April 2, 2:30 PM*

Rated: PG, 1 hour 49 minutes

After a jaded magazine writer is assigned to profile Mr. Rogers, he learns about empathy, kindness, and decency.

### DOWNTON ABBEY

*Thursday, April 16, 2:30 PM*

Rated: PG, 2 hours, 3 minutes

A royal visit from the king and queen of England soon unleashes scandal, romance and intrigue.

### FORD V. FERRARI

*Thursday, May 7, 2:30 PM*

Rated: PG-13, 2 hours, 32 minutes

Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles build a revolutionary vehicle for the Ford Motor Co. to compete against Enzo Ferrari in France.

### KNIVES OUT

*Thursday, May 21, 2:30 PM*

Rated: PG-13, 2 hours, 10 minutes

When crime novelist Harlan Thrombey dies, Detective Blanc investigates his family and staff to uncover the truth.

## WOMEN'S ART: A HISTORY

*Thursday, March 5, 6:00 - 7:00 PM*

*Location: Meeting Room 1*

In honor of Women's History Month, Bill Hosley will present on the history of art created by Connecticut women. Please feel free to bring a piece of art created by a family member or friend for show during the presentation. Suitable for adults and older teens.

## CUT THE CORD

*Saturday, March 7, 10:30 - 11:30 AM*

*Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 - 7:00 PM*

*Location: Meeting Room 1*

Instead of overpaying for a massive selection of channels you never watch, discover how easy it is to choose the services you want!

Register for a reminder.



## CONTAINER GARDENING INSIDE AND OUT

*Monday, March 9, 6:30 - 7:30 PM*

*Location: Creative Commons*

Growing plants in pots required different strategies than growing plants in the ground. Gregory Bugbee of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will discuss choosing the right potting soil and pots, selecting the proper plants, fertilizing and watering, starting plants from seeds and cuttings.

## BRING WILDLIFE TO YOUR YARD WITH NATIVE PLANTS

*Saturday, April 4, 3:00 - 4:00 PM*

*Location: Meeting Room 1*

Planting native plants will provide food for plant-eating insects such as caterpillars (there are hundreds of different kinds), as well as provide food for the birds and other animals that feed on those insects. Jane Seymour, an educator from Connecticut D.E.E.P. will present.

## FINANCIAL LITERACY 101

*Monday, April 6, 6:30 - 7:45 PM*

*Location: Meeting Room 1*

Money does not come with instructions! If you want to learn how to save, budget, invest or establish better credit, come to this workshop! Cheryl Ross of the American Eagle Federal Credit Union will present and be available to answer questions.

## CHINESE MUSIC, MARTIAL ARTS AND DANCE

*Saturday, April 18, 2:00 - 3:00 PM*

*Location: Meeting Room 1*

Come enjoy the vibrant performing arts of China! From Chinese martial arts to classical dance, folk dance and Chinese traditional musical instruments, this dynamic ensemble will inspire and enliven your spirit. Phoenix Performing Arts Connecticut members are professional artists, committed to spread the knowledge of their art forms to communities all over Connecticut.





## **EVERYONE COUNTS IN EAST HARTFORD**

Fill out your Census form at the library! Stop by anytime during opening hours to fill out your Census form on our public computers.

### **SUNDAY HOURS**

Monday – Saturday not convenient? Stop by on Sundays during peak Census season. We will be open from 1 – 5 on March 22 & 29, April 5, 19, & 26 (closed Easter Sunday, April 12) thanks to funding from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. For each Sunday library visit, receive a ticket to a drawing to win great prizes!

### **CENSUS DAY FIESTA @ THE EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY SATURDAY, MARCH 28, ALL DAY**

Join us for a day-long celebration of programs, crafts, face-painting, and airbrush tattoos....and fill out your Census form while you're here! The Census Day Fiesta is made possible through funding from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

**\* Evan Gottfried: Family Music for Kids of All Ages - 11:00 AM, Meeting Room 1**

Families with young children are invited for a morning of music, bubbles, and games with singer-songwriter Evan Gottfried. Best suited for children ages birth to five.

**\* Paper Lanterns - 2:00 PM, Children's Program Room**

Come learn how to make a paper lantern from Fangzheng Xin. Mr. Xin is a visiting exchange teacher from China and is teaching Chinese at EHHS. No registration required. For all ages.

**\* Mariachi concert with Fiesta del Norte - 3:00PM, Fireplace Area**

East Hartford-based band Fiesta del Norte will fill the library with music at this all ages concert.

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### **VITA TAX PREPARATION**

Thursday, March 12, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 8, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: Meeting Room 1



**Free tax preparation services for families with household incomes up to \$55,000.**

Looking for free help in filing your taxes? VITA volunteers will be at the East Hartford Public Library to assist you. Bring your tax documents. **Registration required by calling 211.**

## POETS LAUREATE CELEBRATE SUSAN ALLISON

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: Meeting Room 1

Poets laureate and performers from across Connecticut come together to celebrate the poetry of Susan. Presenter: Stephan Allison and several poets.

## HEALING BOWLS

Thursday, May 7, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: Meeting Room 1

Come join us for a quiet evening of meditation and healing with Brian and Marcey Hickey, who will lead us on an hour-long journey through the playing of Himalayan bowls, gong, and other instruments. Please bring a mat or towel to lie upon the floor during the program. A few antigravity chairs will be provided. This program is best suited for adults and older teens. Register for a reminder.

## TAI CHI DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, May 16, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Library Lawn

Learn Tai Chi from Instructor Fangzheng Xin, a Chinese exchange teacher with Teachers of Critical Language. Mr. Xin teaches Mandarin Chinese at EHHS during the 2019 - 2020 school year. Tai Chi is an exercise of gentle movements combined with deep breathing that can help reduce stress. For everyone ages 5 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Need help?

**BOOK - A - LIBRARIAN!**



Get one-on-one help with computers, ebook readers, tablets, and library databases. Call 860-290-4331 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## CHECK OUT OUR DIGITAL RESOURCES!

These digital resources can be accessed with an East Hartford library card, via our website <https://www.easthartfordct.gov/library/pages/digital-services>.

Training is available by contacting the Reference Department at 860-290-4331.

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Propel East Hartford is a stream of programs and services for people who want to make a difference in East Hartford.

We will offer programs that foster community involvement and pride. Propel East Hartford was created by the community, for the community.

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## **TECH HELP FOR COMMUNITY BUILDERS**

*By appointment*

Are you interested in creating a neighborhood group on Facebook? Do you need help setting up and managing an e-mail list for your nonprofit or community agency? Have you thought about using Instagram to celebrate civic pride? Come with a specific problem to solve, or just explore how tech tools can help you make a difference in your community and build connections with your neighbors. Make an appointment with a library staff member by calling the reference desk: 860-290-4331.

## **EVERY VOTE COUNTS IN EAST HARTFORD: CENSUS 2020**

*Wednesday, March 25 6:30 PM, Meeting Room 2A*

Census 2020 is happening now! Get all your questions answered, and learn how you can help the Census outreach efforts in East Hartford. It is important that ALL members of our community participate in the 2020 Census so that East Hartford doesn't miss out on federal and state funding for critical programs and services that support our residents. Let's make sure that EVERYONE COUNTS IN EAST HARTFORD. Register for a reminder, or just drop in.

## **PEER CONSULTING (GROUP REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**

*Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 pm, Meeting Room 2A*

Do you work with a community group or non-profit agency facing a stumbling block? Are you looking for advice from peers? This structured peer consulting process may be for you! To learn more about peer consulting and how you can register your group to participate, please contact Sarah Kline Morgan, library director: [smorgan@easthartfordct.gov](mailto:smorgan@easthartfordct.gov) or 860.290.4340. We will hold a group session on Wednesday, April 22, but may schedule other sessions based on group availability and interest.

## **BECOME A GREEN AMBASSADOR!**

*Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 pm, Meeting Room 2A*

Are you looking for an opportunity to help the environment and give back to your Town? We're exploring the creation of a Green Ambassadors group that would collaborate with our Public Works department to promote "green" living in East Hartford. Topics might include community outreach and education about recycling, protecting our wetlands and watercourses, tree care, and more! To provide your input and learn more, please register for this organizational meeting. The group will also discuss and upcoming grant opportunity to fund a special project.



# (RE)ACTIVE ARTS @ THE MAKERSPACE

Every Monday 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Stop by the Makerspace on Mondays to explore your creativity on your own or as part of a group project. For all ages unless otherwise noted.



**MARCH 2: DRAGON AND UNICORN MOVIE MAKING-** Come dressed up and make a fun movie with unicorns and dragons. Don't wear green!

**MARCH 9: SCULPEY FLOWER POTS-** Make a flower pot out of Sculpey clay.

**MARCH 16:** NO SPECIAL PROJECT

**MARCH 23:** NO SPECIAL PROJECT

**MARCH 30: PAINT NIGHT (11 & up)-** Come create some original art at our Makerspace! Unlike other paint nights offered, each painting will be unique. You don't need to be a professional artist to join the fun! **Registration required to paint.**

**APRIL 6: PRINCESS AND SUPER HERO MOVIE MAKING-** Come dressed up as your favorite princess or super hero and make a fun movie. Don't wear green!

**APRIL 13: PAINT NIGHT (11 & up)-** Come create some original art at our Makerspace! Each painting will be unique. **Registration required to paint.**

**APRIL 20:** NO SPECIAL PROJECT

**APRIL 27: SCULPEY KEYCHAINS-** Make a keychain out of Sculpey clay

**MAY 4: MAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> - STAR WARS GREEN SCREEN-** Celebrate May the 4<sup>th</sup> by taking fun Star Wars pictures in front of our green screen! Don't wear green!

**MAY 11: PAINT NIGHT (11 & up)-** Come create some original art at our Makerspace! Each painting will be unique. **Registration required to paint.**

**MAY 18: SCULPEY ACTION FIGURES –** Make an action figure out of Sculpey Clay!

**MAY 25: LIBRARY CLOSED**

## MAKERSPACE OPEN HOURS

Tuesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Fridays, 2:00 - 4:30 PM

Our Makerspace has 3D printers, a Carvey desktop CNC machine, sewing machines, an embroidery machine, a Silhouette Cameo 3 and more available. Join us during open hours to explore our resources and work on your own projects.

## MAKERSPACE INSTRUCTION

Interested in using our Makerspace equipment but not sure how to get started? Sign up for a one-on-one appointment with a Makerspace librarian! For more information or to make an appointment– call Rebecca at 860-290-4331 or email [makerspace@easthartfordct.gov](mailto:makerspace@easthartfordct.gov)



# MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS

## METAL STAMPING

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Join us to make a personalized necklace or charm for yourself or a loved one!



## AUGMENTED REALITY

Friday, March 6, 2:00 - 4:30 PM

Learn about the augmented reality we will be adding to our April Alice in Wonderland Escape Room and how to create your own!

## INTRO TO MACHINE EMBROIDERY

Monday, March 23, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Monday, April 20, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Come and learn the basics of machine embroidery. No experience necessary. The library will provide the materials needed.

## UPCYCLED MAGAZINE COASTERS

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Create colorful woven coasters using recycled magazine pages.

Ages 11 & up welcome.



## REPLACEMENT PARTS: KNOBS, SWITCHES & MORE

Friday, April 3, 2:00 - 4:30 PM

Is your washer missing a knob? Is something in your house missing a switch? Drop in the library to design and new part and have it 3D printed!

## RECYCLED PAPER BEADS

Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Celebrate Earth Day by creating unique beads from recycled paper. Assemble your beads into necklaces, bracelets, and more! All supplies provided. Ages 11 & up welcome.

## GLASS RINGS & MAGNETS

Thursday, April 9, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Paint on the back of glass gems to make your own sparkling accessories.



## TREE OF LIFE PENDANTS

Saturday, April 11 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Come and learn how to make a tree of life necklace out of stones and wire. **Please register, space is limited.**



## STELLAR PAPER FOLDING\*

Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Come learn how to make stars out of folded paper and turn them into earrings. Also make folded paper boxes!



## PAPER BOXES & BOWS

Thursday, May 7, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Have presents to decorate, or just love decorating everything? Come and make bows from recycled books and magazines and learn how to make small paper boxes too!



# MOTHER'S DAY GIFT & CARD MAKING

Wednesday, May 6, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Mother's Day is May 10th!

Dive into our art supplies to create a unique handmade card for someone special in your life. Ages 11 & up welcome.



# MAKER FAIR

Saturday, March 21, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

For all ages, register for a reminder.



Celebrate creativity and innovation at the library! Join us for an afternoon of Maker activities and demonstrations. We will have projects set up in our Creative Commons and all throughout the building. Check out our 3D printers and other Maker technology, make crafts and jewelry, explore LEGO robotics, and more!



Open Mic is a place for people to gather and present in a fun and welcoming environment! Perform or present for up to 10 minutes. All are welcome. Refreshments provided. Hosted by singer-songwriter Ashley Hamel.

# ESCAPE WONDERLAND

## AN ALICE IN WONDERLAND ESCAPE ROOM



You've popped over to Wonderland for a tea party with the Mad Hatter, and have had a wonderful time! Unfortunately, he's forgotten how to get you back to your world... You have an hour to escape or you will be trapped in this tea party forever!



An Escape Room is a popular immersive puzzle game where a group of participants are in a room and must solve a series of clues and puzzles including augmented reality in order to find the answer or solution to "escape" and win.



Tickets will be \$30 per group (up to six people), with proceeds to benefit the Library Makerspace. Details will be posted on the library website- <https://easthartfordct.gov/library>.

## TEEN & ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

This program is for adults with special needs, and is for registered participants only.

**Friday, March 13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Meeting Room 1**

Join us for board games! This is an after hours program.

**Friday, May 1, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Meeting Room 1**

Create Mother's Day cards for someone special in your life. All supplies provided. This is an after hours program.

The Library is partnering with the Recreation Department to host the Teen & Adult Social Club. Experienced staff will provide a program with supervision and activities in addition to facilitating group interaction and fostering positive behaviors. Staff are trained in the field of special education and are able to provide the necessary skills to facilitate the program.

**For more information, contact East Hartford Parks & Recreation 860-291-7160.**

# EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

## **Pete Wlochowski Exhibit: Birds**

March 1-May 31 2020

Local Artist Pete Wlochowski will display his work, which focuses on birds, at the East Hartford Public Library from March 1 through May 31. This exhibit is free and open to the public during the library's open hours in the library atrium. Suitable for all ages.

## **"Rise Up, Sisters" Banner Exhibit.**

March 2-12 2020

Provided by the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, this banner exhibit details the role that Connecticut women played in the suffrage movement to obtain the right for women to vote. This popular two-week exhibit is free and open to the public during the library's open hours in the Creative Commons. Suitable for all ages.

## **Maps and Postcards of Yesteryear East Hartford**

March-May 2020

In conjunction with the Historical Society of East Hartford, the library is hosting an exhibit of maps and postcards of East Hartford that showcase the town's rich history. Come see how the town has evolved over the years with items from the Historical Society's and Library's collections. Suitable for all ages.

## **PASSPORT TO CONNECTICUT LIBRARIES**

**APRIL 1 - 30**

During the month of April, East Hartford Public Library will be participating in the Passport to Connecticut Libraries Program. Come in and get a passport! Visit as many participating libraries as you can, gather stamps and prizes along the way. The Connecticut Library Association will collect the completed passports and raffle off a total of four \$150 gift cards, one for adults and one for children in each Category.



*Category One:* Each participant who visits at least five libraries will earn a raffle ticket.

*Category Two:* Each library will select the adult and child who have visited the most libraries for submission to the Public Libraries Section. There will be a final "all libraries" raffle among the contestants who have visited the most libraries.





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**MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 8 PM**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9 AM - 5 PM**  
**SUNDAY CLOSED**

**SPECIAL SUNDAY HOURS**  
**MARCH 22, 29, APRIL 5, 19, 26: 1 PM - 5 PM**

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