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Hartford Public Library Vanderlyn Community Center 2025 Spring/Summer Newsletter

May 2025

Color Our World

The Summer Reading theme for 2025 is “Color Our World”. We are kicking off the summer on Wednesday, **June 25th at 2pm** with a presentation from the Air Zoo on “Curious Colors”. On Thursday, **June 26th at 2pm** is Family Canvas Painting Day. Children will be able to paint their own 11”x14” painting on canvas. We have some fantastic hands-on art programs and some great presenters. On Tuesdays this summer, “Cooking with Families” is being offered in two sessions. Families can either register for the 11am or the 1pm session each Tuesday beginning July 1st. “Cooking with Families” is a six -week program beginning July 1st and ending on August 5th. We require registration in advance so that we have enough food for each session.

Our programs this summer are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The complete schedule is available on our website, Facebook and at the library. Register for your “Reading Bingo Card” this summer. Fill your bingo card and you will qualify for a Roblox or Dollar General gift card.



Book Club

The Hartford Book Club meets the third Wed. of the month at 2PM. The Sci/Fi/Fantasy Book Club meets the third Thurs. of the month at 4pm. If you are interested in participating in a book club, please notify the staff and the book will be supplied through Mel Cat for your use.

Upcoming Books for Spring/Summer 2025

Book Club May 21st

*Light From The Other
Stars*
by Erika Swyler

June 18th

The Summer Pact
By Emily Griffin

July 16th

*All The Colors of the
Dark*
By Chris Whitaker

Aug. 20th

The God of the Woods
By Liz Moore

Sci/Fi Fantasy Book Club May 15th

The Fourth Consort
By Edward Ashton

June 19th

The Tainted Cup
By Robert Jackson
Bennett

July 17th

Service Model
By Adrian Tchaikovsky

Aug. 21th

Piranesi
By Susanna Clark

Hartford Public Library Board of Directors

The Hartford Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Vanderlyn Community Center/Hartford Public Library. Board meetings are open to the public.

President - James Jonatzke
Vice-President - Faith Dowd
Secretary - Linda Hadley

Treasurer - Ellen Friday
Trustee - Anne Blocker
Trustee - Pam Bench

DID YOU KNOW?

The library provides many services for the community.

- *Books and other materials
- *DVD Movie Club
- *12 Public access computers
- *Wi-Fi (wireless internet)
- *Mobile hotspot lending
- *Laptop Lending
- *Children's programs
- *Book Club
- *Copies (20¢ for black and white 50¢ color)
- *Faxes (\$1.00 for first page and 50¢ for each additional page. 50¢ per page for incoming faxes.)
- *Free book downloads.
- *MEL: An inter-loan library service
- *Community Room rental

The Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Hartford Public Library hold their meetings the last Tuesday of each month, except for January & December. The meetings are held in the Vanderlyn Community Center at 4:00PM.

Everyone is welcome to join!
For more information please visit our website:

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Hours

Monday 10am - 7pm

Tuesday 10am - 5pm

Wednesday 10am - 7pm

Thursday 10am - 5pm

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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Director's Corner

The Hartford Public Library is celebrating its 100th anniversary! In 1925 the library had its first permanent residence at 15 Franklin Street, as donated from the estate of Jennie Merriman. Since that time, it remained as the library until September, 2020. Due to the generosity of Bonna Vanderlyn and many other donors, the Hartford Public Library now has a beautiful building at 12 Church Street. The new library opened on September 8, 2020.

The community is invited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Hartford Public Library on **Saturday, July 26, 2025**. There will be outdoor and indoor activities. In the Vanderlyn Community room, we are hosting local authors of southwest Michigan with their books. We are fortunate to have the Monster Truck, “The Shredder” at our event. There will be a drawing for prizes for the children. Also, there will be a Water Slide and a Bounce house, music and a picnic lunch. The event is free and runs 12pm to 2pm.



Hartford Public Library Calendar of Events

May 2025					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Jolly Jumpers Play Group 10:30am FREE Digital Literacy Workshop 10:30pm-1pm	2 Lego Build! 3pm-4:30pm	3
5 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	6	7 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	8 FREE Digital Literacy Workshop 10:30pm-1pm	9 Lego Build! 3pm-4:30pm	10
12 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	13 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	14 Family Craft Day @ 12pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	15 FREE Digital Literacy Workshop 10:30pm-1pm Family Links Playtime @ 11am Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 4pm	16 Lego Build! 3pm-4:30pm	17 VBRGS Program @ 11am– WWI MI Polar Bears Presenter: Nancy Brock
19 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	20	21 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	22 FREE Digital Literacy Workshop 10:30pm-1pm	23 Lego Build! 3pm-4:30pm	24 Library Closed
26 Library Closed Memorial Day	27 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	28 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	29	30	31
June 2025					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	3	4 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	5 American Legion @ 6:30pm	6	7
9 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	10 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	11 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	12	13 Hartford Strawberry Festival 	14 Hartford Strawberry Festival  Library Closed
16 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	17	18 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	19 Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 4pm	20	21 VBRGS Event @ 11am– History of the Potawatomie People In Van Buren County with presenter; Cecil Willson Jr.
23 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	24 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	25 SRP Air Zoo “Curious Colors” @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	26 SRP Family Canvas Painting @ 2pm Advanced sign up required	27	28
30 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	 SRP = Summer Reading Program				

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July 2025					
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	1 Cooking w/ Families 11am or 1pm Advanced sign up required	2 SRP Messy Art Day @ 2pm Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	3 SRP Art Day @ 2pm - Create a 3-D Ocean habitat	4 Library Closed Happy Independence Day!	5 Library Closed
7 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	8 Cooking w/ Families 11am or 1pm Advanced sign up required Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	9 SRP Bubble Dance Party @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	10 SRP “Colors of Our Natural World” with live animals @ 2pm	11	12
14 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	15 Cooking w/ Families 11am or 1pm Advanced sign up required	16 SRP Nerf Games @ 2pm Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	17 SRP Scavenger Hunt & Decorate Sticks @ 2pm Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 4pm	18	19 VBRGS Program @ 11am- <i>AI & Genealogy</i> Presenter: Kate Penney Howard
21 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	22 Cooking w/ Families 11am or 1pm Advanced sign up required	23 SRP Stevens Puppets @ 2pm “Wizard of Oz” Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	24 SRP Lego Challenge @ 2pm		26 100th Year Celebration 12pm-2pm Monster Truck (Shredder), Free Bounce Houses, Free lunch & Local Authors
28 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	29 Cooking w/ Families 11am or 1pm Advanced sign up required Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	30 SRP Science Heroes @ 2pm Adventure of the Missing Color Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	31 SRP History of Japanese Swords- manship @ 2pm Sword Class @ 4pm for ages 11-17. Advanced sign up required.	<div><div>HAPPY</div><div>FOURTH OF JULY</div><div>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</div></div>	
August 2025					
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