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**Hartford Day Spring
Newspaper
Archives 1877-1972** Follow the link on our website to search the "Hartford Day
Spring Newspaper" 1887-1972. Find obituaries and old
news articles from the past. Enjoy a trip down memory
lane or learn more about the history of our area.

Computer Lab All are welcome to the computer lab at Hartford Public
Library. We have 16 public access computers. It is free
to use the computers and they are open to the public.
Children under 18 years old will need a signed parent permission slip to
use our computers. All of our computers have printing capabilities. There is
a fee for printing from computers: 20¢ for black and white and 50¢ for color.
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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

Smokey Bear's Reading Challenge

The Hartford Public Library is participating in the
Smokey Bear Reading Challenge beginning Jan. 8,
2024 and ending November 28, 2024. This is
Smokey Bear's 80th birthday. Join Smokey in
learning about wildfires and the environment. Read
books, take action and have fun! Remember only
you can prevent forest fires. Take the Smokey
Bear Pledge. Read 5 books on wildfire prevention
to start the program. There are many additional
challenges to complete for prizes throughout the
program.



Book Club

The Hartford Book Club meets every
third Wed. of the month at 2PM to
discuss a book which is selected by the
members. It is very casual and is held
at the Vanderlyn Community Center/
Hartford Public Library. If you are
interested, please notify the staff and
the book will be supplied through
Mel Cat for your use.

**Upcoming Books for
Winter/Spring 2024**

January 17th
The Little Wartime Library
by Kate Thompson

February
The Horsewoman
By James Patterson & Mike Lupica

March 20
The Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd
April 17
The Children Act
by Ian McEwan

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 and adult tablet 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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Director's Corner

The Hartford Public Library ended 2023 with the Christmas in Hartford event on Saturday, December 9th. We had over 400 people for the event. There were free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Christmas crafts, hot chocolate and cookies. The event began with the annual parade which brought Santa to the library.

We had the West Michigan Lego Users group in October with a fantastic Lego display of castles, Viking ships, pirates, knights and battles of the Middle Ages. This was the most spectacular display that we have ever seen.

Our annual Halloween Carnival was also well attended. We added new games to the event, a face painter, lots of candy and prizes. Everyone had a wonderful time. Following the carnival, attendees could parade to Ely Park for the Hispanic celebration: the "Day of the Dead".

The Hartford Public Library invites the Hartford schools and local organizations to partner with us for the benefit of our community. We are here to serve the needs of the community and encourage life long learning, literacy programs for children, assist with technology, programs for adults and all children. We are also offer the Legal Self-Help computer station for legal documents in Michigan. Our Monday free Bingo program at 2pm is open to all seniors.

We welcome program suggestions from the community.



Hartford Public Library Calendar of Events

January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed Happy New Year!	2 Lego Build contest during Library hours	3 Lego Build contest during Library hours Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30	4 Lego Build contest during Library hours American Legion @ 6:30pm	5 Lego Build contest during Library hours	6
8 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	9 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	10 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	11 Storytime @ 10:30am Hartford City Community Meeting 5pm-7pm	12 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	13
15 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	16	17 Book Club @ 2pm Pokémon Party 1-2pm & 4-5pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	18 Storytime @ 10:30am Family Links Playtime @ 11am	19 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	20
22 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	23	24 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 Storytime @ 10:30am	26 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	27
29 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	30	31 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm			

February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Storytime @ 10:30am Free Yoga 5pm-6pm American Legion @ 6:30pm	2 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	3 Boardgame Day 11am-1:30pm Bring your game or play one of ours.
5 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	6	7 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30	8 Storytime @ 10:30am	9 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	10
12 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	13 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	14 Valentine Party 3:30pm-4:30pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	15 Storytime @ 10:30am Family Links Playtime @ 11am Free Yoga 5pm-6pm	16 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	17
19 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	20	21 Graffiti Art Day 10a-12n & 2p-4p Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	22 Storytime @ 10:30am	23 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	24
26 No Bingo No Cardio Drumming	27 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	28 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	29 Storytime @ 10:30am		

Hartford Public Library Calendar of Events

March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party 2pm-3pm Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	2 Boardgame Day 11am-1:30pm Bring your game or play one of ours.
4 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	5	6 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Dragon Party 2pm-4pm	7 Storytime @ 10:30am Free Yoga 5pm-6pm American Legion @ 6:30pm	8 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	9
11 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	12 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	13 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	14 Storytime @ 10:30am	15 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	16 VBRGS Program @ 11am—House of David DVD
18 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	19	20 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	21 Storytime @ 10:30am Family Links Playtime @ 11am Free Yoga 5pm-6pm	22 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	23
25 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	26 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	27 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	28 Storytime @ 10:30am	29 Easter Craft 1pm-2pm Lego Club 1pm-4:pm	30

April 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm Spring Break Activities: Boardgames, STEM Projects and Lego Challenge	2 Spring Break Activities: Boardgames, STEM Projects and Lego Challenge	3 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Spring Break Activities: Boardgames, STEM Projects and Lego Challenge	4 Free Yoga 5pm-6pm American Legion @ 6:30pm Spring Break Activities: Boardgames, STEM Projects and Lego Challenge	5 Spring Break Activities: Boardgames, STEM Projects and Lego Challenge	6 Boardgame Day 11am-1:30pm Bring your game or play one of ours.
8 No Bingo No Cardio Drumming Giant Jurassic Park Lego Display Solar Eclipse Program 2pm-4pm	9 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm Giant Jurassic Park Lego Display	10 No Cardio Drumming Giant Jurassic Park Lego Display	11 Storytime @ 10:30am Giant Jurassic Park Lego Display	12 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm Giant Jurassic Park Lego Display	13 Giant Jurassic Park Lego Display
15 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	16	17 Book Club @ 2pm NASA at My Library 11am-1pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	18 Storytime @ 10:30am Family Links Playtime @ 11am Free Yoga 5pm-6pm	19 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm Space Station Program 3pm-4:30pm	20 VBRGS Program @ 11am— Beginning of Genealogy by Patsy Miller
22 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	23	24 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 Storytime @ 10:30am	26 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	27
29 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	30 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm				