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Monday 10am - 7pm
Tuesday 10am - 5pm
Wednesday 10am - 7pm
Thursday 10am - 5pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
Sunday CLOSED

Hartford Public Library Vanderlyn Community Center 2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter

May 2024

Adventure Begins at Your Library

The Hartford Public Library will host a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 1pm-3pm. Join us for a free, fun-filled *Foam Party*. A *Foam Party* is like a regular party with music, dancing and games. The only difference is that with a foam party, the floor will be covered in fun foam. The foam is hypo-allergenic, dye-free, biodegradable and safe for kids and the environment. We recommend lightweight shorts and shirts. Running through the foam will leave you damp and you can easily dry off in the sun. Swimsuits are suitable for kids who choose to play or sit in the foam pile. Goggles are also good when playing in the foam. This year's summer reading theme is **Adventure Begins at Your Library**. During this event you will be able to sign-up for our Summer Reading Program and/or Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge.



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Director's Corner

Summer Reading 2024 is filled with new programs. Beginning on Tuesday, June 25 we are offering "Cooking with Children & Families" at 2pm. This program comes to us from the MSU Extension service. Our presenter, Krystal Avila will be helping you cook healthy, affordable and delicious meals. This is a hands-on program for children and families. All food and materials are provided free. There are six cooking sessions each Tuesday at 2pm. Sign-up is encouraged so that we have enough food for everyone. Call the library to sign-up your children and/or your family. Along with our theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library", let us celebrate Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday by learning how to prevent forest fires and help the environment. Read 3 books and earn 4 badges to complete the challenge and earn your prize! Badges are earned by completing at least one activity in each section. We have a selection of books about forest fires, fire prevention and fire fighters. Also let's learn about our national parks. We want to encourage participation in reading this summer. It is so important to the education of our children. The lack of reading during the summer months causes a decline in their reading ability. As a reward for reading and recording your books, there will be a field trip to the Potawatomi Zoo at the end of our scheduled programs. There are minimum requirements to qualify for the field trip. Information will be included at the time of sign-up for the summer program.

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 5pm. 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 2024

**Book Club
May 15th**

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell
By Robert Dugoni

June 19th

The Sea of Lost Girls
By Carol Goodman

July 17th

The Sleepwalker
By Chris Bohjalian

August 21st

The Smart One
By Jennifer Close

**Sci/Fi Fantasy
Book Club
May 16th**

Nettle and Bone
By T. Kingfisher

June 20th

Project Hail Mary
By Andy Weir

July 18th

A Darker Shade of Magic
By V.E. Schwab

Aug. 15th

Wool
By Hugh Howey

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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Hartford Public Library Calendar of Events

May 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30	2 American Legion @ 6:30pm Free Yoga 5pm-6pm	3 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	4 Boardgame Day 11am-1:30pm Bring your game or play one of ours.
6 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	7	8 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	9	10 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	11
13 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	14 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	15 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	16 Family Links Playtime @ 11am Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 5pm	17 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	18 VBRGS Program @ 11am- Lost On The Lady Elgin
20 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	21 Coffee & Canvas 6pm-8pm Cost is \$10 & sign up is required	22 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	23	24 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	25 Library Closed
27 Library Closed Memorial Day	28 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	29 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	30	31 Lego Club 3pm-4:30pm	


June 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Boardgame Day 11am-1:30pm Bring your game or play one of ours.
3 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	4	5 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	6 American Legion @ 6:30pm	7 Hartford Strawberry Festival 	8 Hartford Strawberry Festival Library Closed 
10 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	11 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	12 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	13	14 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	15 VBRGS Event @ 11am- Born To Fly: Nancy Harkness Love
17 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	18	19 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	20 Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 5pm	21 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	22 Summer Reading Kick Off Party 1pm-3pm—Free Foam Party with music, dancing and games
24 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 Summer Reading Program @ 2pm Cooking with Children & Families Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	26 Summer Reading Program @ 2pm Crafts & Scavenger Hunt Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	27 Summer Reading Program @ 2pm Fossils and learn about the Grand Canyon	28 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	29


SRP = Summer Reading Program

Hartford Public Library Calendar of Events

July 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	2 SRP @ 2pm Cooking w/children & families	3 SRP @ 2pm Rock & Fish Painting Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	4 Library Closed Happy Independence Day!	5 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	6 Boardgame Day 11am-1:30pm Bring your game or play one of ours.
8 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	9 SRP @ 2pm Cooking w/children & families Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	10 SRP @ 2pm Wind Spinner & Plant Flowers Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	11 SRP @ 2pm Water Rockets , Legos & Kennedy Space Center	12 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	13
15 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	16 SRP @ 2pm Cooking w/children & families	17 SRP @ 2pm Desert Habitat, Mojave Desert & Dino Scavenger Hunt Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	18 SRP @ 1pm Presenter "Backyard Safari" (live animals) Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 5pm	19 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	20 VBRGS Program @ 11am- Unsolved: The Morris Murders, Part 2
22 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	23 SRP @ 2pm Cooking w/children & families	24 SRP @ 2pm Create Jewelry Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 SRP @ 2pm Seashell sculpture	26 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	27
29 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	30 SRP @ 2pm Cooking w/children & families Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	31 SRP @ 2pm 3D Doodler & Scavenger Hunt Cardio Drumming @ 6pm			

August 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SRP @ 11am Live Animal Magic Program American Legion @ 6:30pm	2 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	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 SRP Free Potawatomi Zoo Trip 11am-3pm; for children and families who finished the reading challenge. Sign up required.	7 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	8	9 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	10 Comic Book Fair 11am-3pm
12 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	13 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	14 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	15 Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 5pm	16 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	17 VBRGS Program @ 11am- The Railway Post Office
19 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	20	21 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	22	23 Lego Club 1pm-3pm	24
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