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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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2025 Winter/Spring Newsletter

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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

Christmas in Hartford

The Annual Christmas in Hartford was Saturday, December 14th
beginning at 5pm at the Hartford Public Library. Families were
entertained with holidays crafts, hot chocolate and cookies all
waiting for Santa to arrive via the parade at 6pm. Free photos with
Santa at the 9 foot Christmas tree were provided for all families.
The Hartford Royalty assisted with the six different crafts available
for the children. The Ugly Sweater contest had 3 winners at 7pm.
The Hartford Chamber Holiday Extravaganza had 4 winners of
\$50 each from the drawing boxes. Over 200 residents had a
wonderful holiday time. At 7:30pm the Annual Christmas Truck
parade came through town with lighted trucks of all kinds.



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 Winter/Spring 2025

**Book Club
Jan. 15th**

The Women
By Kristin Hannah

Feb. 19th

*The Bookshop At Water's
End*
By Patti Callahan Henry

March 19th

The Last Green Valley
By Mark Sullivan

April 16th

*The Invisible Life Of Addie
Larue*
By V.E. Schwab

**Sci/Fi Fantasy
Book Club**

This book club been put
on hold until April 2025. If
you are interested in this
book club please call the
MEL office and speak to
Sarah (269)588-5103 ex. 4

April 17th

Starter Villain
By John Scalzi



Hartford Public Library Board of Directors

The Hartford Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 7:00PM at the 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)
- *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. Fifty cents
per page for incoming faxes.)
- *Free music and book downloads
- *MEL: An inter-loan library service
- *Laptop lending
- *Hotspot lending
- *Tablet lending

**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
library at 4:00PM.

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

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Director's Corner

Welcome 2025! The Hartford Public Library will be celebrating its hundredth anniversary in 2025. It was in 1925 that the Hartford Public Library had its first permanent residence at 15 Franklin Street, which was donated by Jennie Merriman in her will. Here we are today, in this wonderful facility which was primarily made possible by Bonna Vanderlyn. Plans for a community celebration are being developed. The West Michigan Lego Users Group will again be visiting us with one of their fabulous Lego displays in April. Our Cardio Drumming group is growing. The cardio drumming meets every Monday and Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm. We have extra equipment and anyone is welcome to participate. A Tai Chi class has been added to our events. This class is the first and third Tuesday of each month from 2pm to 3pm and is free for everyone. Our monthly Book Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 2pm. You are welcome to join us even if you have not read the book for discussion. Our new Sci-Fi Book club will begin in April on the third Thursday of the month at 5pm to 6pm. Books are provided for both book clubs through our inter-library loan system. Starting on February 25th from 12N to 1pm join us for Community Connection. Community Connection is an on-going community engagement program aimed at providing a space for open dialogue on topics that unite us. Bring your lunch and we will provide coffee, tea or water.

Hartford Public Library Calendar of Events

January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Library Closed Happy New Year!	2 Family Storytime @ 10:30am Internet Scavenger Hunt 2pm-3pm American Legion @ 6:30pm Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30	3 Family Storytime @ 10:30am Free Movie "Kung Fu Panda 4: @ 2pm	4
6 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	7 Tai Chi 2pm-3pm	8 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	9 Family Gathering Meeting @ 10:30am	10 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	11
13 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	14 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	15 Craft Day @ 12pm Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	16 Family Links Playtime @ 11am	17 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	18
20 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	21 Tai Chi 2pm-3pm Photography Club @ 4pm	22 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	23 Indoor Snowball Games @ 3:30pm	24 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	25
27 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	28	29 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	30	31 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	

February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	4 Tai Chi 2pm-3pm	5 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30	6 Jolly Jumpers 10:30am American Legion @ 6:30pm	7 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	8
10 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	11 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	12 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	13 Family Gathering Meeting @ 10:30am	14 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm Valentine Party 3:30pm-4:30pm	15
17 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	18 Tai Chi 2pm-3pm Photography Club @ 4pm	19 Craft Day @ 12pm Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	20 Family Links Playtime @ 11am	21 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	22
24 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 Community Connection 12pm-1pm Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	26 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	27	28 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	

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March 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	4 Tai Chi 2pm-3pm	5 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	6 Jolly Jumpers @ 10:30am American Legion @ 6:30pm	7 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	8
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17 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	18 Tai Chi 2pm-3pm Photography Club @ 4pm	19 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	20 Family Links Playtime @ 11am Coffee & Canvas @ 6pm \$10 fee & sign up in advance required	21 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	22
24 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 Community Connection 12pm-1pm Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	26 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	27	28 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm	29

April 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Spring Break Activities:	1 Spring Break Activities: Tai Chi 2pm-3pm	2 Chamber Of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Spring Break Activities	3 Jolly Jumpers @ 10:30am American Legion @ 6:30pm Spring Break Activities	4 Spring Break Activities:	5
7 No Bingo No Cardio Drumming Giant Lego Display Lions Club Meeting @ 6pm	8 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm Giant Lego Display	9 No Cardio Drumming Giant Lego Display	10 Family Gathering Meeting @ 10:30am Giant Lego Display	11 Lego Build It! 3pm-4:30pm Giant Lego Display	12 Giant Lego Display
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