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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 the computers: 20¢ for black and white and 50¢ for color. You can ask a librarian for a list of current internet policies.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a free program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before they start kindergarten. The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think. So let's get started!

Check out our Facebook page for weather related closings at the library.



We're on the web:  
[www.hartfordpl.michlibrary.org](http://www.hartfordpl.michlibrary.org)

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 Fall/Winter 2025

<b>Book Club</b>	<b>Sci/Fi Fantasy Book Club</b>
<b>September 17th</b> <i>Three Days In June</i> By Anne Tyler	<b>September 18th</b> <i>The Ministry of Time</i> By Kaliae Bradley
<b>October 15th</b> <i>The Clockmaker's Daughter</i> By Kate Morton	<b>October 16th</b> <i>A Night in the Lonesome October</i> By Roger Zelazny
<b>November 19th</b> <i>First Lie Wins</i> By Ashley Elston	<b>November 20th</b> <i>Ascension</i> By Nicholas Binge
<b>December 17th</b> <i>Jane And The Twelve Days of Christmas</i> By Stephanie Barron	<b>December 18th</b> <i>Hogfather</i> By Terry Pratchett

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: [www.hartfordpl.michlibrary.org](http://www.hartfordpl.michlibrary.org)



Hartford Public Library Newsletter

September 2025

Summer Reading 2025

Fun was had by all who participated in the Hartford Public Library's 2025 Summer Reading Program!

This summer, we hosted **6 Cooking with Families** sessions — each offered twice, at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The morning sessions welcomed **68 participants**, while the afternoon sessions brought in **90 participants**.

**Wednesdays in July** featured a variety of art projects and outside presenters. We held 4 programs (one was canceled due to a presenter's car breakdown) with a total attendance of **108 participants**.

**Thursdays in July** were filled with exciting activities, with **5 programs** drawing a total of **152 participants**. That's a **grand total of 418 participants** enjoying our July programs!



Some favorite events included the **Bubble Dance Party**, **Nerf Games**, **Science Heroes**, and a **Swordsmanship demonstration**. We also had **Messy Art Day**, created **Magical Wands**, and hosted a **live animal program** featuring creatures found right here in Michigan. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun — we can't wait to see you next summer!

Director's Corner

On **Saturday, July 26th**, we proudly celebrated the **100th Anniversary of the Hartford Public Library** from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The event was filled with excitement and community spirit! Children and adults alike were thrilled by a special visit from the monster truck "**The Shredder**." The water slide and bounce house were big hits with the kids, while guests enjoyed a **hot dog lunch and cupcakes** in the Community Room. Inside, we featured a special **historical photo display** showing our journey from the original 1925 building to our beautiful new facility, which opened in September 2020. Outdoors, music filled the air, and there was plenty of seating to relax and enjoy the day. Over **150 people attended**, even with the threat of rain — which, thankfully, held off until after the celebration ended.

Looking ahead, **Christmas in Hartford** will be held on **Saturday, December 6, 2025** from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This year's festivities will include the **popular Christmas Red Arrow Truck Convoy** traveling through Hartford. The Hartford Christmas Parade will begin at 6pm at the Hartford High School. After the parade, join us inside for **free photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus**, holiday crafts, cookies, and free books. Outside the library, the **Greater Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce** will be selling hot dogs and hot chocolate while we wait for the convoy to pass by. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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Hours

Mon. & Wed. 10am—7pm

Tues., Thurs. & Fri.  
10am—5pm

Sat. 10am—2pm

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September					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Labor Day Library Closed 	2	3 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Chamber of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30pm	4 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am Hartford American Legion @ 6:30pm	5 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	6
8 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Hartford Lions Club @ 6pm	9 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	10 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	11 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am	12 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	13
15 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	16	17 Book Club @ 2pm The Brick Zone 2pm-4pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	18 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 4pm	19 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	20 VBRGS Program at 11am "Fruit Belt Rail Road"
22 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm  Hartford Lions Club @ 6pm	23	24 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am	26 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	27 Hartford Fall Festival Sept. 27 10am-5pm Sept. 28 10am-4pm
29 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	30 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	 Hello  autumn			
October					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Chamber of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30pm	2 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am Hartford American Legion @ 6:30pm	3 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	4
6 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Hartford Lions Club @ 6pm	7	8 The Brick Zone 2pm-4pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	9 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am  Star Wars Party 3pm-5pm	10 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	11 Free Halloween Costume Giveaway 10am-2pm. Made possible by the Goss family.
13 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	14 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	15 Book Club @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	16 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am  Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club @ 4pm	17 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	18 VBRGS Program @ 11am Benton Harbor Ship Canal
20 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Hartford Lions Club @ 6pm	21	22 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	23 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am	24 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	25 HPL Halloween Carnival 2pm-4pm
27 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	28 Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	29 Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Social Game Hour 10am-11am	30 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am	31 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	

November					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 NO BINGO OR CARDIO DRUMMING Hartford Lions Club @ 6pm	4 General Election Polls open 7am-8pm	5 No Social Game Hour  Cardio Drumming @ 6pm Chamber of Commerce Meeting @ 5:30pm	6 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am Hartford American Legion @ 6:30pm	7 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	8 Holiday Market @ HPS 9am-3pm
10 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	11 Crafty Corner @ 2pm  Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	12 Social Game Hour 10am-11am The Brick Zone 2pm-4pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	13 Family Links Playgroup @ 11am  Coffee & Canvas @ 6pm (Pre-registration Required & \$10 fee)	14 Brick Zone 3pm-4:30pm	15
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24 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	25 Crafty Corner @ 2pm Friends of the Library Meeting @ 4pm	26 Social Game Hour 10am- 11am Library Closes @ 3pm No Cardio Drumming	27 Library Closed Happy Thanksgiving	28 Brick Zone 10am-4:30pm	29
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22 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	23 NO Crafty Corner	24 Library Closed  Merry Christmas!	25 Library Closed  Merry Christmas!	26	27
29 FOTL Bingo @ 2pm Cardio Drumming @ 6pm	30 NO Crafty Corner  Dance Party @ 2pm	31 Social Game Hour 10am-11am Library Holiday Hours 10am-3pm	Jan. 1, 2026  Library Closed Happy New Year!	2 Family Bingo @ 2pm	3