



# FEBRUARY '21 ADULT PROGRAMS

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## American Sign Language Beginner Classes

Mondays, February 1st, 8th, 22nd & March 1st, 8th, 15th: 7:00-8:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

Interested in learning another language? Join our 6 week ASL classes and learn the basics. All skill levels are welcome. Registration is required. Seating is limited.

## Programa Virtual PECS

Miércoles, Febrero 3, 10, 17: 3:00-4:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

Que es PECS? Un programa diseñado para ayudar a padres y adultos a lidiar con el comportamiento típico de los niños de una manera positiva!

Coordinadora del programa: Graciela Rivera

Facilitadora del programa: Elina Torres

Para Registrarte: Llama al 860-500-8492 o por correo electrónico: [grivera@hplct.org](mailto:grivera@hplct.org)

## Beginner Crochet

Tuesdays, February 2nd, 9th: 7:00-8:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

This class is currently not taking new registrations. It is a continuation of January's class for existing members.

## Beginner Knitting

Tuesdays, February 9th, 16th, 23: 10:00-11:00 AM

Virtual, Zoom

Participants will learn how to knit basic stitches, make a headband or neck scarf, and keep your heart healthy.

## Poetry, Kisses, & Gifts from Your Librarian, Oh My!

Thursday, February 11th: 3:00-4:00 PM

Barbour Library (261 Barbour St)

Join us outside the Barbour Library to have a poem recited to you and receive chocolate Hershey kisses from your librarian. You may reciprocate with a poem or song about kindness, compassion, friendship or love, just don't make your librarian blush! The Library on Wheels will be present to give away free new books of Eric Jerome Dickey to commemorate his death, and additional free romance titles and other books of interest. Bags of groceries donated by Foodshare and 25 new children's winter coats donated by Lawrence International will be given away. Also, new youth books, take and make crafts, and craft supply bags will be offered for free. Disposable and cloth masks will be handed out. The School Choice Coordinator, a Hartford Behavioral Health representative, and the library social worker intern will be present to provide assistance at this outreach.



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## Valentine's Cookie Pops

Thursday, February 18th: 2:00-3:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

Make a treat for your sweetie or a treat for you! This Valentine's week adults can make, decorate, and enjoy their very own cookie pops

## Encounters: Origins of Hip Hop

Thursday, February 18th: 6:00-8:00 PM

Hartford History Center

Virtual, Zoom

When was the first time you got down on the dance floor, sprayed paint on an outdoor wall, or listened to rap on the radio? Maybe hip hop has never really been part of your life. Hip Hop is a global arts movement that was started by Black and Puerto Rican youth in the early 1970s in the South Bronx as a response to the criminalization of youth, the lack of quality education supports, and the burning down of dilapidated housing neglected by property owners and the New York City government. These young people took their situation and flipped it into dance, visual arts, and music, which they shared at community block parties to tell their stories and express their realities. Join us to explore the origins of hip hop culture through short readings, small-group discussion, and engagement with cultural specialists.

## Welcoming Returning Citizens

Monday, February 23rd: 6-7:30pm

Virtual, Zoom

This event intends to open doors for returning citizens as they embark on their journey to reintegrate into our beloved communities. Returning citizens will share their stories of life post-incarceration, will raise awareness of returning citizen's needs while reducing the stigma attributed to the re-entry population. The event also provides an opportunity to connect returning citizens to additional resources and channels of community support.

## Ways to Cultivate Hope - In Person

Wednesday, February 24th: 11:00-12:00 PM

CCC, Downtown

Join us for a small in-person gathering to learn ways to creatively cultivate hope and do an art related activity.

## Ways to Cultivate Hope - Virtual

Thursday, February 25th: 7:00-8:00 PM

Virtual, Zoom

Join us to learn ways to creatively cultivate hope. Share a quote, poem, song, or book that inspires hope for you.



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## Hartford Reads in Color

Sunday, February 28th: 4:00-5:30 PM

Virtual, Zoom

Hartford Reads in Color is a book club committed to delving into the narratives and rich diverse voices of communities of color. From the intellectually astute, to the uncouth and wretched, we are reading with no limits. Focused on shedding light on literature across the diaspora while also educating the community of the various authors and stories that sound and look like them. This group meets every last Sunday of the month. Registration is required. Seating is limited.

### February pick:

Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah

## Noname's Book Club

Virtual, Zoom

Hartford Public Library is a partner of Noname's Book Club, an online/irl community dedicated to uplifting POC voices. They do this by highlighting two books each month written by authors of color. From cult classics to the words of emergent authors, Noname's Book Club highlights books that speak on human conditions in critical and original ways.

### February Picks:

Here I Stand by Paul Robeson.

#### Teen book pick:

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice  
by Phillip Hoose

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## BABY GRAND JAZZ 2021

Every Sunday January 3rd - April 25th 2021

3:00-4:00 PM

Virtual, Facebook Live and YouTube Live

Hartford Public Library features local and regional musical artists as a part of our dynamic concert series. Tune in every Sunday at 3pm for new and familiar talent!

## 2021 PERFORMERS

February 7th: Medusa

February 14th: John Kordalewski trio

February 21st: Charu Surl and Friends

February 28th: Ray Gonzalez & Big Read Kickoff

March 7th: Dan Liparini

March 14th: Kyoko Oyobe

March 21st: Jimmy Gavagan

March 28th: New England Jazz Ensemble

April 11th: Jonathan Barber and Vision Ahead

April 18th: People of Goodwill

April 25th: Trombeatz



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