



# Hartford City Public Library

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## THREE NEW PARK INSTALLATIONS IN JULY

It was a busy month in the library's back yard Nature Park! The Hartford City Rotary Club partnered with the library to provide funding for a **climbing structure** built by Tom Glidden, whose time was donated by Ivy Tech of Marion. A **covered bridge entrance** to the park was designed and built by Jerry Banter, supported by a grant from Blackford County Community Foundation. Finally, **four murals**, one of which is pictured below along with the climbing structure and park entrance, were created as a community collaboration with Arts Place last summer. (See below for more details.)

Stop by to see all the latest updates!

In 2018, Arts Place Inc. sought support from the Blackford County Community Foundation for a special Mural class as a part of the Arts in the Parks program. Art has the power to engage and unite communities and beautify the landscape. Educating and creating art becomes a source of civic pride and transformation. Professional artist Christine Kuhn led 25 local kids and parents in painting a mural for HCPL's Nature Play Project.

Christine Kuhn is an international muralist and activist specializing in using art to empower non-artists and to promote liberal social change. Christine's work is process-oriented and employs archival, up-cycled, natural, and discarded materials to explore and comment on cultural norms and -isms such as consumerism and materialism, among others.

Christine's work has been exhibited throughout the Southeastern US, in Europe, and in Africa. She has completed over 20 murals in her home state of Kentucky, one in Indiana, five in the Democratic Republic of Congo and one in Vietnam.

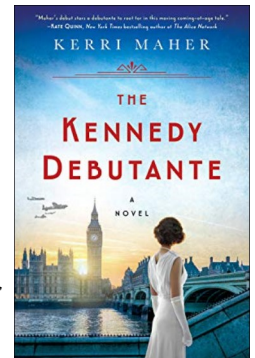
Dave Hahn and Dave Needler installed the murals. Both donated their time to the project.



## FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

Join the Friends Wednesday, August 28, at 5p to discuss  
***The Kennedy Debutante*, Kerri Maher.**

London, 1938. The effervescent "It girl" of London society since her father was named the ambassador, Kathleen "Kick" Kennedy moves in rarefied circles, rubbing satin-covered elbows with some of the twentieth century's most powerful figures. Eager to escape the watchful eye of her strict mother, Rose; the antics of her older brothers, Jack and Joe; and the erratic behavior of her sister Rosemary, Kick is ready to strike out on her own and is soon swept off her feet by Billy Hartington, the future Duke of Devonshire.



But their love is forbidden, as Kick's devout Catholic family and Billy's staunchly Protestant one would never approve their match. And when war breaks like a tidal wave across her world, Billy is ripped from her arms as the Kennedys are forced to return to the States. Kick finds work as a journalist and joins the Red Cross to get back to England, where she will have to decide where her true loyalties lie—with family or with love. . . .

### SUMMER READING WINNERS

Adults winning a \$10 Tasty Spoon gift card were Cindy Knotte, Susan Gerard, and Zera Garrett. Laila Waddell was the teen program winner of an Instax camera and case. Congratulations!

**SUMMER READING WRAP-UP**

This summer we blasted off into outer space during our Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program! Kids aged birth-12 yrs. old read and entered tickets into our weekly and grand prize drawings. Each week, one lucky reader got the chance to choose a prize from our weekly prize drawing and at our End of Summer Reading Party, one reader from each age group won a telescope! We had a party with music by Leonardo to start things off, then a play by the Minnetrista Theatre Preserves; the Windsong Ensemble played some out-of-this-world music for us, and Science Central came to do hands-on space and flight experiments with us! We had splash pad parties, made and launched stomp rockets, and did many crafts. Professor Steve came to wow us with his Space and Flight Show, and afterward we had our End of Summer Reading Party. Everyone enjoyed pizza and lemonade; then we gave away certificates and the grand prizes, and all the kids got to choose a toy from our toy bin.



Who doesn't love to sing and dance when Leonardo comes to town? He had a great space program for the kids!



Minnetrista Theatre Preserves



Windsong Flute Ensemble



**AWESOME LITERARY SOCIETY**

*Word After Word After Word*

Patricia McLaughlin

Thursdays 5-6pm

Movie Night: Thursday, August 29 5:00-6:30

"In *Word After Word After Word*, Ms. Mirabel, a visiting author, enchants a fourth-grade class as she teaches the students about writing and words. She speaks in hushed tones and laughs surprisingly. She wears feathers and pours dirt on the desk. Her lessons reach beyond words on paper. They gently and meaningfully change the way Lucy and her four friends handle the family dramas surfacing in their lives. This is an empowering story about the importance of discovering one's voice."



Making stomp rockets



Lots of stations to try when Science Central comes to town!



Cooling off at the splash pad

WEEKLY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
<p><b><u>Story &amp; Craft</u></b></p> <p>Wednesdays—2 sessions!</p> <p>10:30-11:30 with Maggie the Reading Therapy Dog (morning session only)</p> <p>3:30-4:30</p> <p>Children must be accompanied by an adult.</p>	<p><b><u>The Awesome Literary Society</u></b></p> <p>Thursdays 5:00-6:00</p> <p>Last Thursday of month is Movie or Game Night 5:00-6:30</p> <p>Grades 4-8 (Parental signup required please)</p> <p><i>Word After Word After Word</i></p>	<p><b><u>Teen Art Club</u></b></p> <p>...is on hiatus until further notice.</p>