

Listed below are Book Places to visit for selecting free children's books. You can also find information on building your child's language skills and literacy. Please visit the Book Place nearest you!

FAIRFIELD COUNTY (6)

BRIDGEPORT

NAME OF SITE: All Our Kin

ADDRESS: 1550 B State Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm

DIRECTIONS: We are located on State Street, park on State Street. Entrance right on street.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Mountain Grove/State Street

TELEPHONE: 475.282.4770

E-MAIL: Jill@allourkin.org

CONTACT PERSON: Jill Keating Herbst or Pamela Rodriguez

For more information, go to www.allourkin.org

NAME OF SITE: The Child & Family Guidance Center

ADDRESS: 180 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday 8am-6pm, Tuesday-Thursday 8am-8pm, Friday 8am-5pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

DIRECTIONS: Main Entrance is on Fairfield Avenue # 180. Building is on the right side of Fairfield Avenue after the Courthouse.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Use Bus # 7 at Fairfield Avenue and Broad Street Bus Stop.

TELEPHONE: 203.394.6529

E-MAIL: sgadson@cfguidance.org

CONTACT PERSON: Shirley Gadson

For more information, go to www.cfguidance.org

NAME OF SITE: The McGivney Community Center

ADDRESS: 338 Stillman Street, Bridgeport, CT 06610

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 1pm-5:30pm

DIRECTIONS: The entrance is on the Stillman Street side of the building. Please ring doorbell. Please always feel free to call first to see if someone is here.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Corner of East Main Street and Stillman Street

TELEPHONE: 203.333.2789

E-MAIL: jdesabella@mcgivney.org

CONTACT PERSON: Joe Desabella

For more information, go to www.mcgivney.org

NAME OF SITE: Skane School

ADDRESS: 2977 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606

DAYS 7 HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-2pm

TELEPHONE: 203.275.1483

E-MAIL: aperez@bridgeportedu.net

CONTACT PERSON: Anita Perez

For more information, go to bridgeport.ct.@schoolwebpages.com

NORWALK

NAME OF SITE: Greater Norwalk Head Start

ADDRESS: 165 Flax Hill Road, Norwalk, CT 06854

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

DIRECTIONS: Entrance on Hillside Place and Bayview Avenue in back of building.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Flax Hill

TELEPHONE: 203-791-5095 ext. 141

E-MAIL: [<VelasquezE@ct-institute.org](mailto:VelasquezE@ct-institute.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Emely Velasquez

STRATFORD

NAME OF SITE: Stratford YMCA

ADDRESS: 3045 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06614

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, Saturday, 9am-12pm

DIRECTIONS: We are located on Main Street in Stratford, the Y has ample parking and is set back from the road. Please use the front doors at the top of the steps, or utilize the ramps on the left or right side of the building.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Main Street at Hillside Avenue or Main Street at Curtis Place

TELEPHONE: 203.375.5844

E-MAIL: ckordiak@cccymca.org

CONTACT PERSON: Chelsea Kordiak or Member Services/From Desk

For more information, go to: www.stratfordymca.org

HARTFORD COUNTY (5)

EAST HARTFORD

NAME OF SITE: Mayberry Family Resource Center

ADDRESS: 101 Great Hill Road, East Hartford, CT 06118

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Enter through side of building near the handicapped parking and ramp. Family Resource Center sign is on the door.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Great Hill Road-Bus 86-86R

TELEPHONE: 860.622.5737

E-MAIL: walker.sl@easthartford.org

CONTACT PERSON: Sharon Walker, FRC Engagement Coordinator

For more information, go to: <http://www.easthartford.org/page.cfm?p=8180>

HARTFORD

NAME OF SITE: Catholic Charities Southside Family Center

ADDRESS: 35 Groton Street, Hartford, CT 06106

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Parking in rear. Front door or building's side entrance (ring bell to be buzzed in).

NEAREST BUS STOP: Main Street & Park Street

TELEPHONE: 860.297.7800

EMAIL: mzayas@ccaoh.org

CONTACT PERSON: Maria Zayas

For more information, go to www.ccaoh.org

NAME OF SITE: RAMBUH Family Center

ADDRESS: 105 Spring Street, Hartford, CT 06105

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Entrance and parking lot are located on Myrtle Street

NEAREST BUS STOP: The Hartford on Asylum Avenue

TELEPHONE: 860.236.4511 x 3654

E-MAIL: scaez@thevillage.org

CONTACT PERSON: Sandra Caez or Sabina Griffith

For more information, go to www.thevillage.org

MANCHESTER

NAME OF SITE: Manchester Public Schools Welcome Center (Temporarily Closed)

ADDRESS: 555 Main Street, Manchester, CT 06040

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 11:30 am; 1:30-3:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Parking lot is in the back of the building, entrance is in front.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Bus runs on Main Street; can stop directly in front of building.

TELEPHONE: 860.645.6041

E-MAIL: eortega@mpspride.org

CONTACT PERSON: Erin Ortega

For more information, go to www.mpspride.org

NEW BRITAIN

NAME OF SITE: Community Health Center, Inc. - New Britain Family Wellness Center

ADDRESS: 85 Lafayette Street, New Britain, CT 06051

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (during class and program times and by appointment). Please call or check website ahead to be sure.

DIRECTIONS: Enter through double doors labeled “Family Wellness Center” at Community Health Center’s smaller parking lot.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Myrtle St. by AutoZone Plaza

TELEPHONE: 860.347.6971 x 3662

E-MAIL: holmesn@chci.com

CONTACT PERSON: Nat Holmes, Program Coordinator
For more information, go to www.familywellness.chci.com

LITCHFIELD COUNTY (1)

TORRINGTON

NAME OF SITE: Family Strides, Inc.

ADDRESS: 350 Main Street, Suite D, Torrington, CT 06790

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:00am-6:00pm,
Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm, Friday 8:00am-12:00pm. Closed on state holidays.

DIRECTIONS: Parking is free in designated lot next to building. Enter through front door. Are located on 1st floor.

NEAREST BUS STOP: In front of building.

TELEPHONE: 860.482.3236

E-MAIL: ldubreuil@familystrides.org or nkilduff@familystrides.org

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Dubreuil or Nicole Kilduff

For more information, go to www.familystrides.org

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (1)

MIDDLETOWN

NAME OF SITE: Community Health Center, Inc. - Middletown Family Wellness Center

ADDRESS: 635 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am- 5 pm (During class and program times and by appointment. Please call or check website ahead to be sure.)

DIRECTIONS: Metered parking outside front door on Main Street. Free parking on surrounding side streets.

NEAREST BUS STOP: MAT bus terminal, 340 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

(Go to middletownareatransit.org for schedules)

TELEPHONE: 860.347.6971 x 3662

E-MAIL: holmesn@chci.com

CONTACT PERSON: Nat Holmes, Program Coordinator

For more information, go to www.familywellness.chci.com

NEW HAVEN COUNTY (10)

BRANFORD

NAME OF SITE: Read to Grow

ADDRESS: 53 School Ground Road, Branford, CT 06405

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday: 10 am-4 pm every day

DIRECTIONS: Office entrance is at River Run Business Park.

NEAREST BUS STOP: CT TRANSIT (S Route from New Haven, starting at Church and George streets in New Haven) – Stop in Branford is at East Main Street & School Ground Road, near Chowder Pot III restaurant on Route 1. It is a 5- to 10-minute walk from bus stop to Read to Grow. (For more info, call CT TRANSIT: 203.624.0151)

TELEPHONE: 203.488.6800

E-MAIL: readtogrow@readtogrow.org

CONTACT PERSON: Linda Sylvester

For more information, go to www.readtogrow.org

DERBY

NAME OF SITE: TEAM, Inc. Family Resource Center

ADDRESS: 30 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Enter building and go to TEAM's reception area on the first floor

NEAREST BUS STOP: In front of 30 Elizabeth Street

TELEPHONE: 203.736.5420 x 205

E-MAIL: mholovach@teaminc.org

CONTACT PERSON: Michele Holovach

For more information, go to www.teaminc.org

EAST HAVEN

NAME OF SITE: Overbrook Early Learning Center

ADDRESS: 54 Gerrish Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm

DIRECTIONS: From Parking lot, walk to front double doors by circle drive.

Press button for entrance. Ask secretary to direct you to Book Place.

NEAREST BUS STOP: F bus- Main Street & Gerrish Avenue, East Haven

TELEPHONE: 203.468.3305

E-MAIL: mvelazquez@east-haven.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Marissa Velazquez, Site Coordinator

For more information, go to: <https://sites.google.com/a/east-haven.k12.ct.us/frc/>

HAMDEN

NAME OF SITE: Keefe Community Center

ADDRESS: 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT 06514

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

DIRECTIONS: There is a Little Free Library in front of Keefe Community Center but that is not the Book Place. Use the George Street parking lot. Enter through the lobby of the George Street parking lot. The front desk staff person will let you in. Go up one flight of stairs or take the elevator to the 1st floor.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Dixwell Avenue and St. Ann Street

TELEPHONE: 203.777.2610 x 1120

E-MAIL: srubino@hamden.com

CONTACT PERSON: Susan Rubino, Coordinator for Hamden Youth Services Bureau

For more information, go to www.hamden.com

NAME OF SITE: Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center (Temporarily Closed)

ADDRESS: 226 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE:

DIRECTIONS: Use side door, Charles Street entrance, for Birth to Three and Child and Family Guidance

NEAREST BUS STOP: Dixwell Avenue, in front of Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center

TELEPHONE: 203.503.3440

E-MAIL:

CONTACT PERSON:

For more information, go to www.cornellscott.org

NAME OF SITE: Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic

ADDRESS: 93 Edwards Street, New Haven, CT 06511

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Wednesday, 9:00am – 5:00pm, Friday, 9:00am – 6pm

DIRECTIONS: Whitney Avenue or State Street to Edwards Street. The front of the building is on the corner of Edwards and Foster streets.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Bus # 224 (State Street); Bus # 223 (Orange Street)

TELEPHONE: 203.772.1270

E-MAIL: kjohnson@cliffordbeers.org

CONTACT PERSON: Cassandra Johnson

For more information, go to www.cliffordbeers.org

NAME OF SITE: Hill Central School Family Resource Center

ADDRESS: 140 Dewitt Street, New Haven, CT 06519

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday & Wednesday, 10:00am-1pm

DIRECTIONS: Main Entrance is on Dewitt Street right next to parking lot. Report to main office to be directed to the Family Resource Center.

NEAREST BUS STOP: M Bus (Columbus & Howard Avenue), K Bus (Howard & Portsea)

TELEPHONE: 475.220.6140

E-MAIL: grecia.marmolejos@new-haven.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Grecia Marmolejos

For more information, go to www.nhps.net

NAME OF SITE: Kensington Square Learning Center

ADDRESS: 1327 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06511

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 9:30am – 4:30 pm

DIRECTIONS:

NEAREST BUS STOP:

TELEPHONE: 203.745.4558

E-MAIL: chandel.gibbs@tcbinc.org

CONTACT PERSON: Chandel Gibbs

WATERBURY

NAME OF SITE: Catholic Charities Child Development Center

ADDRESS: 965 South Main Street, Suite #2, Waterbury, CT 06706

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am – 11:00am

DIRECTIONS: Entrance doors are on the top right side of the building. Ring doorbell and use intercom in order to be let into center.

TELEPHONE: 203.346.1301

E-MAIL: jnieves@ccaoh.org

CONTACT PERSON: Jessica Nieves, Director

WEST HAVEN

NAME OF SITE: West Haven Family Resource Center

ADDRESS: 50 Park Street, West Haven, CT 06516

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Thursday: 10:00am – 1:00pm

No August hours; school is closed for cleaning. For more convenient book “shopping”, call the offices at 203.931.4739 to set up a time to meet along with a staff member.

DIRECTIONS: Please use the main entrance on Park Street at Savin Rock Community School. Parking is available in the main lot or on the street. Ring the bell and tell the office you are there to visit the Book Place.

NEAREST BUS STOP: CT TRANSIT B7 bus stops in West Haven at the corner of East Avenue and Thomas Street. For more info, call CT TRANSIT: 203.624.0151.

TELEPHONE: 203.931.4739

E-MAIL: jeanvitale@whschools.org

CONTACT PERSON: Jean Vitale

For more information, go to www.whschools.org

NEW LONDON COUNTY (5)

GRISWOLD

NAME OF SITE: Griswold Youth Center

ADDRESS: 68 Ashland Street, Jewett City, CT 06351

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday –Friday: 1pm - 5pm

DIRECTIONS: Take Ashland Street off of Main Street, Jewett City. Brick building by the waterfall.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Bus 10 from Griswold Public Schools

TELEPHONE: 860.376.7026

E-MAIL: director@griswoldyfs.com

CONTACT PERSON: Ryan Aubin

GROTON

NAME OF SITE: Groton Human Services

ADDRESS: 2 Fort Hill Road, Groton, CT 06340

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30 pm

DIRECTIONS: Route 1 (Fort Hill Road) to Groton Human Services building

NEAREST BUS STOP: At the driveway of 2 Fort Hill Road

TELEPHONE: 860.441.6760

E-MAIL: mfondulas@groton-ct.gov

CONTACT PERSON: Marjorie Fondulas, Director

NEW LONDON

NAME OF SITE: B. P. Learned Mission

ADDRESS: 40 Shaw Street, New London, CT 06320

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: School year: Monday – Friday, 10:30am – 5:30 pm

Summer hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

DIRECTIONS: Park in parking lot in front of building and buzz in at the front entrance.

NEAREST BUS STOP:

TELEPHONE: 860.442.1798

E-MAIL: colona@childandfamilyagency.org

CONTACT PERSON: Alexandra Colon

For more information, go to www.childandfamilyagency.org

NAME OF SITE: Whale's Tales Book Bank (Temporarily Closed)

ADDRESS:

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE:

DIRECTIONS:

NEAREST BUS STOP:

TELEPHONE:

E-MAIL: tsalcedo@ci.new-london.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Tina Salcedo

For more information, go to www.newlondonyouthaffairs.org

NORWICH

NAME OF SITE: [Madonna Place, Inc.](#)

ADDRESS: 240 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Located in downtown Norwich. Wheelchair accessible entrance at 240 Main Street. Main entrance is right around the corner from 240 Main Street, on Franklin Street. Book Place is in main lobby of the agency.

NEAREST BUS STOP: In front of agency.

TELEPHONE: 860.886.6600

E-MAIL: ngentes@madonnaplace.org

CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Gentes, Executive Director

For more information, go to www.madonnaplace.org

TOLLAND COUNTY (1)

VERNON

NAME OF SITE: [Vernon Family School and Community Partnership Center](#)

ADDRESS: Vernon Public Schools, 30 Park Street, Vernon, CT 06066

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday –Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Parking lot for the building is located on School Street. Enter the building from the back by the parking lot. Please make sure to have photo identification with you.

NEAREST BUS STOP: E. Main Street in front of St. Bernard's Church.

TELEPHONE: 860.870.6000 x 4688

E-MAIL: aaltieri@vernon-ct.gov

CONTACT PERSON: Alison Altieri

For more information, go to www.vernonpublicschools.org/departments/family-engagement WINDHAM COUNTY
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PUTNAM

NAME OF SITE: Putnam Family Resource Center

ADDRESS: 33 Wicker Street, Putnam, CT 06260

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm & 3:30pm-5pm and 3rd Tuesday of the month 5pm-6:30pm

DIRECTIONS: From Kennedy Drive, go straight through 1st light. Take next left onto Bridge Street. At first light turn left onto Wicker Street.

Anyone entering the school building will have to sign in at the main office and receive a badge to come to the FRC.

NEAREST BUS STOP: NE Transit bus will bring people upon request.

TELEPHONE: 860.963.6940

E-MAIL: bryant@putnam.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Patricia Bryant

For more information, go to www.putnam.k12.ct.us/family-resource-center

PLAINFIELD

NAME OF SITE: Plainfield Early Childhood Center

ADDRESS: 651 Norwich Road, Plainfield, CT 06374

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Entrance is in the rear of the building. Enter through the door on the left by the stairs that go down. Press the buzzer for entry.

NEAREST BUS STOP: None

TELEPHONE: 860.564-6403

E-MAIL: beausoleilj@plainfieldschools.org

CONTACT PERSON: Rena Cadro