

Read to Grow Book Places

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

BRIDGEPORT

NAME OF SITE: All Our Kin

ADDRESS: 1550 B State Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Tuesday 9:00am – 4:00pm

DIRECTIONS: State Street away from Fairfield Avenue Exit from I-95. Pass the Chavez Bakery on the right and park on the left side of the street. Park in front of 1550B State Street. Same side of street as the Park City Prep Charter School. Also park on either side of the street or rear parking lot. Use Bus # 5 or 7 by Seeley Avenue.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Use Bus # 5 or # 7 by Seeley Avenue & State Street Bus Stop.

TELEPHONE: 475.282.4770

E-MAIL: ephillips@allourkin.org

CONTACT PERSON: Erica Phillips

For more information, go to www.allourkin.org

NAME OF SITE: Bridgeport Parent Center

ADDRESS: 900 Boston Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06610

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Take Boston Avenue towards Stratford. Parent Center is located at corner of Summerfield and Boston Ave. It has a purple awning with the # 900 on it.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Take Bus # 17 to Boston Avenue – Stop before Harding High School. One block north of Old Mill Bridgeport Public Library Annex

TELEPHONE: 203.275.1757

E-MAIL: lpavlich@bridgeportedu.org

CONTACT PERSON: Lisa Pavlich Kuhn, Co-Coordinator

For more information, go to www.bridgeportedu.net

NAME OF SITE: Cesar Batalla Family Resource Center

ADDRESS: 606 Howard Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605

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

DIRECTIONS: Exit I-95 South Fairfield Avenue. Turn right, at stop light bear right onto State Street. Turn right onto Howard Avenue 1/4 mile on right. Parking in school parking lot.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Bus # 17 Intersection of State and Howard

TELEPHONE: 203.579.8526

E-MAIL: adubow@bridgeportedu.net

CONTACT PERSON: Agnes Dubow, Resource Coordinator

For more information, go to www.bridgeportedu.com

NAME OF SITE: Child and Family Guidance Center

ADDRESS: 180 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

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

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 – Receptionist is Bi-Lingual in Spanish and English.

E-MAIL: amccarthy@cfguidance.org

CONTACT PERSON: Ann McCarthy- Director of Development

For more information, go to www.cfguidance.org

NAME OF SITE: Skane School - Consultation Center

ADDRESS: 2977 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606

DAYS 7 HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday- Friday-9:00 am – 2:30 pm

TELEPHONE: 203.275.1332

E-MAIL: aperez@bridgeportedu.org

CONTACT PERSON: Anita Perez

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

NORWALK

NAME OF SITE: Naramake Family Resource Center

ADDRESS: 16 King Street, Norwalk, CT 06851

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: M-F 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

DIRECTIONS: Please enter the main entrance, sign in at the Main Office on your left. Go to the right on the hallway...2 doors down.

NEAREST BUS STOPS: Use Strawberry Hill Bus Wheels Bus Rt. 7 Stop # 308 Bus Line NH(Norwalk High School) Stop # 384 down the street CL (Coastal Line Bus Stop # 307 intersection of Strawberry Hill and Westport Ave. 5 Blocks from Naramake

TELEPHONE: 203.899.2900- School Office Ext # 139 for Resource Center

EMAIL: schrielm@norwalkps.org

CONTACT PERSON: Mariel Schriel, Director of Resource Center

For more information, go to www.norwalkps.org : [Norwalk Family Resource Centers Face Book page](#)

NAME OF SITE: Tracey School Family Center

ADDRESS: 20 Camp Street, Norwalk, CT 06851

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday and Wednesday, 8:00am – 3:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Park in the main parking lot and use the school side door to come in

NEAREST BUS STOP: Bus #3: Union and Main Street Stop, Bus #4: Park and North Street Stop

TELEPHONE: 203.899.2960- School Office

EMAIL: rangelt@norwalkps.org

CONTACT PERSON: Theresa Rangel, School Principal

For more information, go to www.norwalkps.org

STRATFORD

NAME OF SITE: Stratford Parents' Place

ADDRESS: 719 Birdseye Street, Stratford, CT 06615

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Wednesday 1:00pm – 2:00pm and/or Thursdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Main Street South to Birdseye Street (Bus # 10 or 16). Johnson House of Stratford Academy on left. SPP is located on right side of building towards back of building. Entrance is marked.

NEAREST BUS STOP: End of Birdseye Street at corner of Main Street South End. Short walk to the School.

TELEPHONE: 203.381.6992

E-MAIL: johnsonst@stratfordk12.org

CONTACT PERSON: Stacey Johnson

For more information, go to www.stratfordk12.org

HARTFORD COUNTY

EAST HARTFORD

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Franklin H. Mayberry School

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

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm

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: bleszinski.m@easthartford.org

CONTACT PERSON: Marianne Bleszinski, Site Coordinator

For more information, go to www.easthartford.org

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Early Childhood Learning Center at Hockanum School

ADDRESS: 191 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday: 8:30am – 2:30pm. Closed during school vacations and all holidays.

DIRECTIONS: Enter through double doors behind the flag pole at the front of the school building.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Bus stop in front of building.

TELEPHONE: 860.622.5455

E-MAIL: bengtson.la@easthartford.org

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Bengtson, FRC Coordinator

For more information, go to www.easthartford.org

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 – 4:00pm

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

NEAREST BUS STOP: Main Street & Park Street (CT Transit Bus #53)

TELEPHONE: 860.297.7800

EMAIL: jcruz@ccaoh.org or vrivas@ccaoh.org

CONTACT PERSON: Joel Cruz or Veronica Rivas

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 – 6:00pm

NEAREST BUS STOP: CT Transit buses 60, 62, 64, 66, 72, 74, 76 stop at Union Station, approximately 4 blocks from Spring Street. For more info, call CT Transit 860.525.9181

TELEPHONE: 860.236.4511 x 3885

E-MAIL: sgriffith@villageforchildren.org

CONTACT PERSON: Sabina Griffith, Family Service Coordinator

For more information, go to www.thevillage.org

NAME OF SITE: The Village South (Temporarily relocated to RAMBUH Family Center)

ADDRESS: 331 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: This location is temporarily closed.

NEAREST BUS STOP: CT Transit bus 53 or bus 55 stops at the intersection between Wethersfield Avenue and Elliot District For more info, call CT Transit 860.525.9181

TELEPHONE: 860.236.4511 x 3885

E-MAIL: lhawkins@villageforchildren.org

CONTACT PERSON: Sabina Griffith, Family Service Coordinator

For more information, go to www.thevillage.org

MANCHESTER

NAME OF SITE: Manchester Public Schools, Office of Family & Community Partnership

ADDRESS: 153 Spruce Street, Manchester, CT 06040

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

DIRECTIONS: Park in the school parking lot across the street. Located on the 2nd floor of the East Side Neighborhood Resource Center.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Main Street and Oak Street

TELEPHONE: 860.647.3313

E-MAIL: eortega@mpspride.org

CONTACT PERSON: Erin Ortega

For more information, go to www.mpspride.org

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Bowers Elementary School

ADDRESS: 141 Princeton Street, Manchester, CT 06042

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Go up the walkway located on Princeton Street. Walk past the Bowers Elementary School sign and go to the front door. Press buzzer on the right to enter. Book Place is located on lower level.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Main Street near Fire Department and 7-Eleven or Middle Turnpike East near Manchester Police Department

TELEPHONE: 860.647.3313

E-MAIL: lturnq@mpspride.org

CONTACT PERSON: Latasha E. Turnquest, Director of Family Resource Centers

For more information, go to www.mpspride.org

NEW BRITAIN

NAME OF SITE: New Britain Family Wellness Center

ADDRESS: 85 Lafayette Street, New Britain, CT 06050

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm (during program hours). 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@chc1.com

CONTACT PERSON: Nat Holmes, Program Coordinator

For more information, go to www.familywellness.chc1.com

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

MIDDLETOWN

NAME OF SITE: Middletown Family Wellness Center

ADDRESS: 635 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 8:30am- 5pm (during program hours) 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@chc1.com

CONTACT PERSON: Nat Holmes, Program Coordinator

For more information, go to www.familywellness.chc1.com

NEW HAVEN COUNTY

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: Valley Family Resource Center at TEAM, Inc.

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 or 203.736.5420 x 204

E-MAIL: mholovach@teaminc.org or awilliams@teaminc.org

CONTACT PERSON: Michele Holovach or Ayanna Williams

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 10am-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/>

MERIDEN

NAME OF SITE: New Opportunities of Greater Meriden

ADDRESS: 74 Cambridge Street, Meriden, CT 06450

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-12pm: Thursday 4pm-6pm

DIRECTIONS:

NEAREST BUS STOP: Bus B3-Yale Acres

TELEPHONE: 203.639.5060 Ext. 10

E-MAIL:

CONTACT PERSON: Ola Brown

For more information, go to: www/newoppinc.org

NEW HAVEN

NAME OF SITE: Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, Birth to Three ESP

ADDRESS: 226 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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: lalexander@cornellscott.org

CONTACT PERSON: Laney Alexander

For more information, go to www.cornellscott.org

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Brennan-Rogers School

ADDRESS: 200 Wilmot Road, New Haven, CT 06515

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Enter the Family Resource Center through the main entrance of the school on Wilmot Street. You will be directed to the FRC from the main office.

NEAREST BUS STOP: CT TRANSIT BUS B1-S C State University-Brookside

TELEPHONE: 203.946.6171

EMAIL: lensleygay@new-haven.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Lensley Gay, Site Coordinator

For more information, go to www.nhps.net

NAME OF SITE: Clifford Beers Clinic

ADDRESS: 93 Edwards Street, New Haven, CT 06511

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday - Thursday, 8:00am – 8:00pm, Friday, 8:00am – 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: CT TRANSIT J Bus: Whitney Avenue and Edward Street; Q Bus: State Street and Edwards Street; M Bus: Orange and Edwards streets. For more info, call CT TRANSIT: 203.624.0151.

TELEPHONE: 203.772.1270

E-MAIL: gmota@cliffordbeers.org

CONTACT PERSON: Gissell Mota

For more information, go to www.cliffordbeers.org

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Hill Central School

ADDRESS: 140 Dewitt Street, New Haven, CT 06519

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Tuesday & Thursday, 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: lysie.rodriquez@new-haven.k-12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Lysie Rodriguez, Site Coordinator

For more information, go to www.nhps.net

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Augusta Lewis Troup School

ADDRESS: 259 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday - 11am-2:30pm, Tuesday- 8:30am – 11am, Wednesday – Friday 8:30am – 2:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Enter through back door, the parking lot side which is located on Elm Street

TELEPHONE: 203.475.3000

E-MAIL: tamra.green@new-haven.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Tamra Green

For more information, go to www.nhps.net

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: jcaraballo@ccaoh.org

CONTACT PERSON: Jennifer Caraballo, FRC Coordinator

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Reed School

ADDRESS: 33 Griggs Street, Waterbury, CT 06704

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Mon – Wed 8:45am – 9:45am, Fri 1:00pm – 2:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Just off the left of the Reed School Cafetorium, Suite 101

NEAREST BUS STOP: Across the street from school, off of North Main Street

TELEPHONE: 203.574.8180, ext. 101

E-MAIL: eracine@waterbury.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Ernie Racine, FRC Coordinator

For more information, go to www.waterbury.k12.ct.us

WEST HAVEN

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Savin Rock Community School

ADDRESS: 50 Park Street, West Haven, CT 06516

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday- Friday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

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: frc@whschools.org

CONTACT PERSON: Jean Vitale

For more information, go to www.whschools.org

NEW LONDON COUNTY

NEW LONDON

NAME OF SITE: B. P. Learned Mission

ADDRESS: 40 Shaw Street, New London, CT 06320

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Tuesday 10:30am – 1:30pm, Thursday 10:30am – 1:30pm

DIRECTIONS: Park in parking lot in front of building, buzz in at 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: New London Youth Affairs - Whale's Tales Book Bank

ADDRESS: 120 Board Street, New London, CT 06320

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

DIRECTIONS: Parking is easiest behind the Martin Center building, which can be accessed on Mercer Street. The driveway is across from the Jennings Elementary School. Enter through the green doors at the back of the building and go up one set of stairs through the double doors and turn right. Whale's Tales Book Bank is down the hall on the left just past the elevator.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Take SEAT (Southeast Area Transit) bus 12 or 13. For more info, call SEAT Bus: 860.886.2631 or go to www.seatbus.com

TELEPHONE: 860.447.0459

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

CONTACT PERSON: Tina Salcedo

For more information, go to www.newlondonyouthaffairs.org

WINDHAM COUNTY

PUTNAM

NAME OF SITE: Family Resource Center at Putnam Elementary School

ADDRESS: 33 Wicker Street, Putnam, CT 06260

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 2:00pm, 3rd Tuesday of every month, 5:00pm – 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 on demand.

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

WILLIMANTIC

NAME OF SITE: Windham Early Childhood Center

ADDRESS: 322 Prospect Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Thursday, 8:30am – 3:00pm, Friday 8:30am – 11:00am (during the summer)

DIRECTIONS: Use Prospect St. entrance between playgrounds. Sign in at front desk.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Valley St. & High St. / WRTD bus.

TELEPHONE: 860.465.2592

E-MAIL: cshea@windham.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Charlene Shea

For more information, go to www.windham.k12.ct.us