

# 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 (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

For more information, go to [www.allourkin.org](http://www.allourkin.org)

#### NAME OF SITE: The Family Resource Center at Cesar Batalla School

ADDRESS: 606 Howard Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday & Wednesday, 9am-12pm

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:

CONTACT PERSON: Maria Toro

For more information, go to [www.bridgeportedu.com](http://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: [ndunphy@cfguidance.org](mailto:ndunphy@cfguidance.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Noraleen Dunphy

For more information, go to [www.cfguidance.org](http://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, Tuesday, Friday: 9am-2:30pm

TELEPHONE: 203.275.1483 or 203.275.1258

E-MAIL: [aperez@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:aperez@bridgeportedu.net) or [vkinchen@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:vkinchen@bridgeportedu.net)

CONTACT PERSON: Anita Perez or Vineetra Kinchen

For more information, go to [bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com](http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com)

**NORWALK**

**NAME OF SITE: The Family Resource Center at Naramake School**

ADDRESS: 16 King Street, Norwalk, CT 06851

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm

DIRECTIONS: Please enter the main entrance, sign n 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- Ext # 139

EMAIL: [grastyv@norwalkps.org](mailto:grastyv@norwalkps.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Vernita Grasty

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

**STRATFORD**

**NAME OF SITE: Stratford Parents' Place**

ADDRESS: 719 Birdseye Street, Stratford, CT 06615

DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 9am – 1pm and by appointment

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](http://www.stratfordk12.org)

## HARTFORD COUNTY (6)

### 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 8:00am – 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 – 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: [rbusgith@ccaoh.org](mailto:rbusgith@ccaoh.org) or [vrivas@ccaoh.org](mailto:vrivas@ccaoh.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Rajranie Busgith or Veronica Rivas

For more information, go to [www.ccaoh.org](http://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](mailto:sgriffith@villageforchildren.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Sabina Griffith, Family Service Coordinator

For more information, go to [www.thevillage.org](http://www.thevillage.org)

**NAME OF SITE: The Village Annex**

ADDRESS: 331 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

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

NEAREST BUS STOP: The bus stops on Wethersfield Avenue in front of the building and across the street in front of Buckley High School.

TELEPHONE: 860.236.4511 ext. 3334

E-MAIL: [www.thevillage.org](http://www.thevillage.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Nicole Castro

For more information, go to [www.thevillage.org](http://www.thevillage.org)

**MANCHESTER**

**NAME OF SITE: Manchester Public Schools Welcome Center**

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.

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

TELEPHONE: 860.645.6041

E-MAIL: [eortega@mpspride.org](mailto:eortega@mpspride.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Erin Ortega

For more information, go to [www.mpspride.org](http://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](http://www.familywellness.chc1.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 –Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Closed on state holidays.

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

NEAREST BUS STOP: In front of building.

TELEPHONE: 860.482.3236

E-MAIL: info@familystrides.org

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Dubreuil or Nicole Kilduff

For more information, go to [www.familystrides.org](http://www.familystrides.org)

## **MIDDLESEX COUNTY (1)**

### **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](http://middletownareatransit.org) for schedules)

TELEPHONE: 860.347.6971 x 3662

E-MAIL: [holmesn@chc1.com](mailto:holmesn@chc1.com)

CONTACT PERSON: Nat Holmes, Program Coordinator

For more information, go to [www.familywellness.chc1.com](http://www.familywellness.chc1.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](mailto:readtogrow@readtogrow.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Linda Sylvester

For more information, go to [www.readtogrow.org](http://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

E-MAIL: [mholovach@teaminc.org](mailto:mholovach@teaminc.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Michele Holovach

For more information, go to [www.teaminc.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lalexander@cornellscott.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Laney Alexander

For more information, go to [www.cornellscott.org](http://www.cornellscott.org)

**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: [frontdesk@cliffordbeers.org](mailto:frontdesk@cliffordbeers.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Chris Sloss

For more information, go to [www.cliffordbeers.org](http://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: 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](mailto:grecia.marmolejos@new-haven.k12.ct.us)

CONTACT PERSON: Grecia Marmolejos

For more information, go to [www.nhps.net](http://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](mailto: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, Rm 103B

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

TELEPHONE: 203.574.8180, ext. 102

E-MAIL: [amartinez@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:amartinez@waterbury.k12.ct.us)

CONTACT PERSON: Alexandra Isaac Martinez

For more information, go to [www.waterbury.k12.ct.us](http://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-Thursday: 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](mailto:frc@whschools.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Jean Vitale

For more information, go to [www.whschools.org](http://www.whschools.org)

**NEW LONDON COUNTY (2)**

**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](mailto:colona@childandfamilyagency.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Alexandra Colon  
For more information, go to [www.childandfamilyagency.org](http://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](http://www.seatbus.com)

TELEPHONE: 860.447.0459

E-MAIL: [tsalcedo@ci.new-london.ct.us](mailto:tsalcedo@ci.new-london.ct.us)

CONTACT PERSON: Tina Salcedo

For more information, go to [www.newlondonyouthaffairs.org](http://www.newlondonyouthaffairs.org)

## **TOLLAND COUNTY (1)**

### **TOLLAND**

**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 a photo identification.

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](mailto:aaltieri@vernon-ct.gov)

CONTACT PERSON: Alison Altieri

For more information, go to [www.vernonpublicschools.org/departments/family-engagement](http://www.vernonpublicschools.org/departments/family-engagement)

## WINDHAM COUNTY (3)

### PLAINFIELD

#### NAME OF SITE: The Family Resource Center at The 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: beausoleij@plainfieldschools.org

CONTACT PERSON: Rena Cadro

### 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, 8am-4pm

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](http://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 – Friday, 9:15am – 2:45pm (following school calendar)

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](mailto:cshea@windham.k12.ct.us)

CONTACT PERSON: Charlene Shea

For more information, go to [www.windham.k12.ct.us](http://www.windham.k12.ct.us)