

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

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

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 x 3043 – Receptionist is Bi-Lingual in Spanish and English.

E-MAIL: ehernandez@cfguidance.org

CONTACT PERSON: Edna Hernandez

For more information, go to www.cfguidance.org

NAME OF SITE: McGivney Community Center

ADDRESS: 338 Stillman Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608

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

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: smotti@mcgivney.org

CONTACT PERSON: Sarah Motti

For more information, go to www.mcgivney.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 or vkinchen@bridgeportedu.net

CONTACT PERSON: Anita Perez or Vineetra Kinchen

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

STRATFORD

NAME OF SITE: Stratford Parents' Place (Closed for the summer)

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

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: Southside Family Center of Catholic Charities

ADDRESS: 35 Groton Street, Hartford, CT 06106

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

DIRECTIONS: Parking in rear. Front door or building's 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

CONTACT PERSON: Ranie Busgith

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 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

CONTACT PERSON: Nicole Castro

For more information, go to 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

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 –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 1st 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

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: 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

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 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: 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

CONTACT PERSON: Chris Sloss

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: 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:

CONTACT PERSON: Chandel Gibbs

For more information, go to:

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

WEST HAVEN

NAME OF SITE: West Haven 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

CONTACT PERSON: Jean Vitale

For more information, go to 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: Summer: Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 3:30 pm.

School year: Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

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: Whale's Tales Book Bank

ADDRESS: 120 Board Street, New London, CT 06320

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

TOLLAND COUNTY (1)

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

CONTACT PERSON: Alison Altieri

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

WINDHAM COUNTY (3)

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

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: beausoleilj@plainfieldschools.org

CONTACT PERSON: Rena Cadro

WILLIMANTIC

NAME OF SITE: Windham Early Childhood Center (Closed for the summer)

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: acaraganis@windham.k12.ct.us

CONTACT PERSON: Aliko Caraganis

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