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 (7)**

**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](http://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 & Friday, 9am-5pm, Tuesday - Thursday, 9am-8pm  
**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 x3053  
**E-MAIL:** sgadson@cfguidance.org  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Shirley Gadson  
For more information, go to [www.cffguidance.org](http://www.cffguidance.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: smotti@mcgivney.org
CONTACT PERSON: Sarah Motti
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: Maritime Odyssey Preschool
ADDRESS: 11 Ingalls Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854
DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 10am-4:30pm
DIRECTIONS:
NEAREST BUS STOP: 316 Ely Avenue, Wheels Route 10
TELEPHONE: 475-215-6100
E-MAIL: odysseypreschool@gmail.com
CONTACT PERSON: Gayen Mills-Austin
For more information, go to www.odysseyct.com
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: gonzalezc@ct-institute.org  
CONTACT PERSON: Cinthya Gonzalez

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 (6)  

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: ncastro@thevillage.org, scaez@thevillage.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-4pm
DIRECTIONS: Across the street from Buckley High School parking lot on side of building
NEAREST BUS STOP: Buckley High School Wethersfield Avenue
TELEPHONE: 860.236.4511 ext. 3334
E-MAIL:nastro@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 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 (12)

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

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
CONTACT PERSON: Ola Brown
For more information, go to: www.newoppinc.org
NEW HAVEN

NAME OF SITE: Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center
ADDRESS: 226 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511
DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 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: ila@cornellscott.org
CONTACT PERSON: Laney Alexander
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: Kassandra 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

NAME OF SITE: New Opportunities Inc.
ADDRESS: 232 N. Elm Street, Waterbury, CT 06702
DAYS & HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Tuesday 10:00am – 2:00 pm, Thursday 10:00am – 2:00 pm
DIRECTIONS: Go to the main entrance. Go to the 4th floor. Follow signs to the Book Place. There is on street parking. Parking is also located directly across the street; pass the light on the right hand side. Entrance to the parking lot is on North Main Street.

TELEPHONE: 203.575.9799
E-MAIL: dmartinez@newoppinc.org
CONTACT PERSON: Denise Martinez
For more information, go to: www.newopp.org
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: jeanjvitale@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 as of 10-30-19)
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@madonnaplac.org
CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Gentes, Executive Director
For more information, go to www.madonnaplac.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 (2)

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