

# 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 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](http://www.cfguidance.org)

**NAME OF SITE: The 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](mailto:smotti@mcgivney.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Sarah Motti

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

**NAME OF SITE: Skane School**

ADDRESS: 2977 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606

DAYS 7 HOURS OPEN FOR BOOK PLACE: Monday-Friday, 10am-11:30am or call to schedule appointment

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: 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: [odysseyctaa@gmail.com](mailto:odysseyctaa@gmail.com)

CONTACT PERSON: Roxanny Casas

For more information, go to [odysseyct.com](http://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, 8am – 4pm

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

NEAREST BUS STOP: Flax Hill

TELEPHONE: 203-791-5095 ext. 140

E-MAIL: gonzalezc@ct-institute.org

CONTACT PERSON: Cinthya Gonzalez

For more information:

## **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: 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: [mzayas@ccaoh.org](mailto:mzayas@ccaoh.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Maria Zayas

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 – 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](mailto:ncastro@thevillage.org), [scaez@thevillage.org](mailto:scaez@thevillage.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-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: [ncastro@thevillage.org](mailto:ncastro@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:** 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](mailto:holmesn@chci.com)

CONTACT PERSON: Nat Holmes, Program Coordinator

For more information, go to [www.familywellness.chci.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

NEAREST BUS STOP: In front of building.

TELEPHONE: 860.482.3236

E-MAIL: [info@familystrides.org](mailto: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:** 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](http://middletownareatransit.org) for schedules)

TELEPHONE: 860.347.6971 x 3662

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

CONTACT PERSON: Nat Holmes, Program Coordinator

For more information, go to [www.familywellness.chci.com](http://www.familywellness.chci.com)

## **NEW HAVEN COUNTY (11)**

### **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: TEAM 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](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 9am-4pm

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/>

## **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: Use the George Street parking lot. Enter through lobby and “buzz” in. Go up one flight of stairs or take the elevator to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

NEAREST BUS STOP: Dixwell Avenue and St. Ann Street

TELEPHONE: 203.777.2610

E-MAIL: [srubino@hamden.com](mailto:srubino@hamden.com)

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

For more information, go to [www.hamden.com](http://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

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**

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: [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: [smoye@cliffordbeers.org](mailto:smoye@cliffordbeers.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Shayla Moye

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

CONTACT PERSON: Grecia Marmolejos

For more information, go to [www.nhps.net](http://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](mailto:chandel.gibbs@tcbinc.org)

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](mailto:jcaraballo@ccaoh.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Jennifer Caraballo, FRC Coordinator

## **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 – 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](http://www.whschools.org)

## **NEW LONDON COUNTY (3)**

### **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, 9:30am – 5:30 pm.

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**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](http://www.childandfamilyagency.org)

**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](mailto:ngentes@madonnaplace.org)

CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Gentes, Executive Director

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

### **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)

### **PUTNAM**

### **NAME OF SITE: Putnam Family Resource Center**

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](mailto: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)

**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

**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](http://www.windham.k12.ct.us)