

Danbury Public Library

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As an essential city asset, the Danbury Library is committed to being:

- A welcoming destination
- Responsive to the varied needs of our city's diverse community
- A source of inspiration through words and ideas

Located in the heart of downtown Danbury, the Danbury Library is an integral community asset available to all residents. It is a place where people can find a quiet room for study or a venue for the spirited exchange of ideas. Within and outside of the library's walls, the Danbury Library is committed to providing learning opportunities, entertainment, and enrichment for our community.

From learning the alphabet to planning for retirement, the library offers many opportunities for personal growth. As the needs of our community evolve, the library and its staff adapt to connect people with the tools and information necessary to navigate and flourish in all phases of life.

Recent Accomplishments:

- Opened the "Sensory Space," a multi-sensory environment equipped with a range of interactive elements and furniture designed to allow visitors to manage stress and anxiety, work through emotions, explore the senses, and improve focus.
- Partnered with local leaders, organizations, and businesses to host Danbury's first Holi Celebration, a festival of colors, love, and spring.
- Became a hub library to promote services offered by the Connecticut Library for Accessible Books which offers talking book players, braille and audio digital downloads, and printed braille-on-demand through the National Library Service for the Blind.
- Installed a hydroponic tower garden to be used as a teaching tool for gardening and sustainability events and programming.
- Added a fourth Study Pod to provide additional, reservable workspace for small meetings, studying, tutoring, and more.
- Showcased work by local artists on the library's gallery wall.

- Held a community baby shower to connect new families with resources and services available in Danbury.
- Participated in Building Equity-Based Summers training to expand awareness of diverse needs in the community so all have quality access to library services and resources.
- Conducted library tours for local school and community groups, including adult English language learners at UCEDA, and registered students for library cards.
- Served as a foundational member of the planning network for the Collective Impact initiative spearheaded by Danbury Public Schools.

Future Goals:

- Establish a summer camp program with existing city services.
- Explore new avenues for grant supported library services.
- Add interactive instruments for children on the library plaza.
- Reconfigure and update the library technology center and former cafe space.
- Conduct focus groups to update the library's strategic plan.
- Investigate bookmobile or outreach vehicle possibilities to expand the library's reach within the Danbury community.