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Welcome to Beyond Words 2023!

This is the 8th year for Beyond Words, and tonight we look forward to presenting you with an inspiring evening that celebrates the Library and the communities it serves. First, we have the pleasure of introducing Ayana Mathis, bestselling author and, most recently, an American Academy in Berlin Prize Fellow. She joins HPL Ambassador DUBY McDowell in conversation on our stage to talk about books and the power of storytelling.



We also pay tribute to Luke Bronin tonight, the 67th Mayor of the City of Hartford and Ex Officio member of Hartford Public Library's Board of Directors. This year's recipient of the Caroline M. Hewins Medal, Mayor Bronin was a critical driver in developing the City/Library partnership; a partnership that has become a model for cities across the country showcasing the transformative power of public libraries as civic anchors.



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And we look forward to 2024, when we will celebrate our 250th anniversary and open a restored and renewed downtown Library,

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Bridget E. Quinn, President and CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David S. Barrett".

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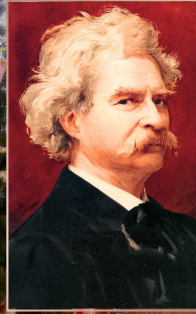


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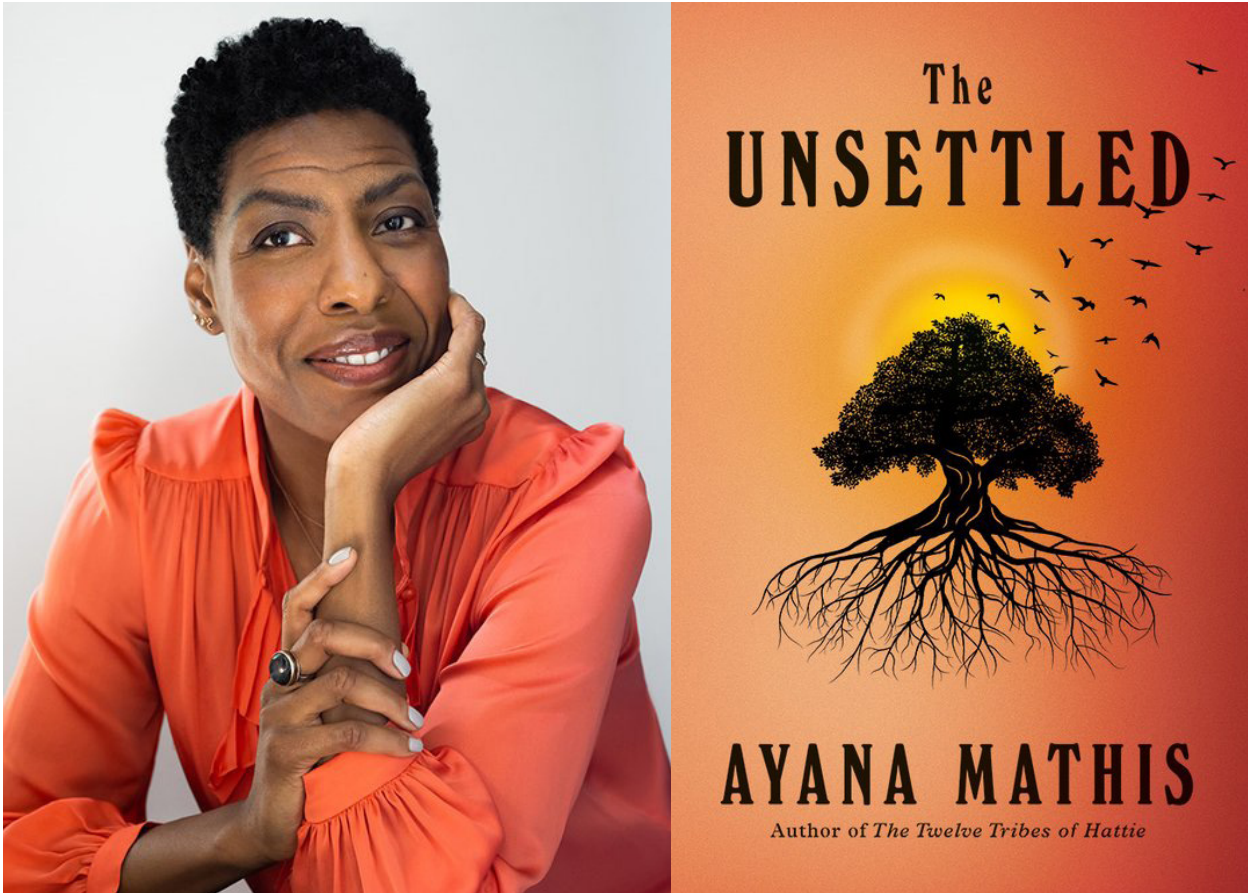


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thanks tonight's author



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ANNIVERSARY

Hartford Public Library has a long and proud history as an anchor of civic life in the City of Hartford. The year 2024 marks the 250th anniversary of HPL's founding as the Library Company in 1774. We are so excited to celebrate this milestone with our community and to kick off the next 250 years with all of you.

Join us as we celebrate with birthday parties throughout the city. Puppets, storytelling, face painting, and so much more happening at all of our locations!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2:30 PM

Albany Library

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 4:00 PM

Barbour Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 3:30 PM

Camp Field Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 4:00 PM

Downtown Library, Center for Contemporary Culture

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 3:00 PM

Dwight Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 4:00 PM

Boundless Library @ Rawson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1:30 PM

Park Street Library @ the Lyric

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 4:00 PM

Ropkins Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 4:00 PM

Boundless Library @ West Middle

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 5:30–7:00 PM (EVENING EVENT)

Downtown Library, Center for Contemporary Culture

Join us for these special events!

JUNE

Parade at Summer Learn Kick Off – Date TBD

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Hartford History Family Scavenger Hunt, more details to come!

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Mayor Bronin has demonstrated unwavering support for HPL in his eight years in office and during his tenure as a member of Library's Board of Directors. Under his leadership, and in partnership with the HPL Board and administration, the City/Library partnership has become a model for cities across the country showcasing the transformative power of public libraries as civic anchors in the community.

THE CAROLINE M. HEWINS MEDAL

The extraordinary civic example and life of Caroline M. Hewins, the revolutionary librarian who helped create Hartford Public Library and who significantly enlarged the very idea of the public library in America, deserves a wider audience. Ms. Hewins believed that everyone should have a library card and access to books. The book itself now has many more forms, but what it represents—learning and opportunity—has never been more important.

The Caroline M. Hewins Medal recognizes an individual who embraces the City of Hartford and its people, who breaks the mold and provides service of a revolutionary kind, who stretches the boundaries of a social or cultural institution with a humanistic approach to public service, and who shows strong guardianship of and advocacy for the basic right of equal access to information and opportunity.

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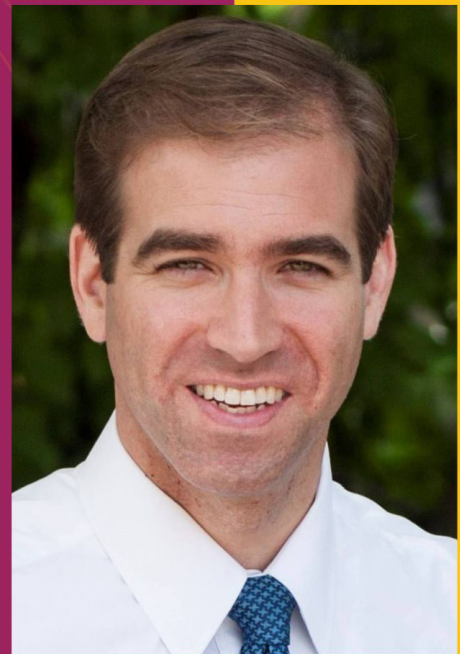
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