

Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
June 2014

Downtown Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, ages 18 and younger, June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at all library sites.

Lunch at the Ropkins and Mark Twain branches will be served in the school cafeteria at 12:30 pm.

Teens

My Word, My Space: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Open computer time for teens, with assistance available if you wish!

Downtown – Learning Lab, Mondays-Thursdays, June 2-26, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Melting Art: Arts (Downtown)

Ages 10 and up. This is a great program for teens to create works of art out of a canvas, crayons, and a hair dryer. You don't need to bring anything but your imagination!

Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, June 26, 3:30 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments. Don't have anything to do? Engage in a variety of literacy-based challenges sure to boggle and bend your academic brain!

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, June 2-12, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Paws to Read: Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring him/her every first and third Saturday to meet Gizmo (our specially trained Paws for Friendship Therapy Dog) and her handler Jen. Call 860-695-6330 for an appointment time between 12:30-2:00 or just drop in for a session.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, June 7 and 21, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Experiment With Food: Science Education (Downtown)

Ages 7 and up. Food joins hands with science to concoct the most interesting experiments. Participate in hands-on experiments to learn interesting and useful science concepts.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, June 9, 4:30 p.m.

Building Sites: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Be an architect! Let's build bridges and ridges to see which one is stronger!

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Electric Gelatin: Science Education (Downtown)

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Plant Some Seeds & Watch Them Grow: Science Education (Downtown)

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The Science of Fire with the Hartford Fire Department: Education/Life Skills (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Fire fighters, fire engine, and a lot of hot topics! Join us for a meet and greet with the Hartford Fire Department and a Q&A session on the science of fire!

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesday, June 24, 3:00 p.m.

Double Dutch Jump Rope: Health (Downtown)

All ages. Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Jump between two rotating ropes and try some exciting new moves. Learn from a professional Double Dutch instructor.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, June 30, 1:30 p.m.

Children and Families**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs and a craft.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.

Summer Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 10:00 a.m.

What's the Weather? Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages Birth – 24 months with parent or caregiver. What's the weather? Enjoy reading, writing, singing, talking and playing with your child. Join us as we share books, rhymes, songs, movement and finger plays about the changing weather. No registration required.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesdays, June 4 and 18, 10:45-11:30a.m.

DIA— Celebrate Diversity in Action: Heritage (Downtown)

Children & Families. Join us for a heritage evening of sharing and learning about other cultures. Share stories from your native land, learn to count in another language, try another artistic style, and sample some ethnic snacks. The Day of the Child/Day of the Book began in Mexico as El Día de los Niños, was adopted by libraries as El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros, and is now DIA – Diversity In Action! Celebrate with us!

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Wednesday, June 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Every Child Ready to Read Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth-5, with adult friends. An interactive program based on the five practices of the Every Child Ready To Read Initiative – Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, and Playing. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, sing songs, play games and make a craft to take home!

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce houses, giant slide, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Carnival 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation will be available. See Youth Services staff.

Downtown Library, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mad Science!!!: Education (Downtown)

Join us for a spectacular show filled with all things that fizz and boom! 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., following the Kickoff Carnival.

Downtown Library - CCC Room, Saturday, June 7, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth – 5, with adult friends. Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books and music while your child meets other children.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, June 9, 11:00 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Bring your family to the library to hear stories from the best in children's illustrated books, sing songs, share rhymes, and make a craft!

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, June 14 and 21, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Infant/Toddler Story time (Downtown)

Ages: birth-3. Families with children three and under are invited to join the early literacy librarian for a short program of stories, rhymes, and songs before spending some time reading to their children and playing with other young readers.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday, June 21, 10:45 a.m.

Saturday Pajama Story Time: Literacy (Downtown)

All ages. Saturday Pajama Story Time is an afternoon family program. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas and join us for stories and an activity. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the library as a family. Registration not required.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday June 21, 4:00 p.m.

Fizz! Boom! Read!: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, June 20, 10:30 a.m.

Apple Slice Science: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Apples, exposed to the air, usually turn brown. However, when they're coated with lemon juice, the acid in the juice keeps the apples fresh. Create your own happy face snack while you experiment using lemon juice to keep your apples fresh.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, June 23, 10:00 a.m.

Creative Rhythms: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5. Hear the beat, feel the rhythm! Go on a musical and cultural journey through songs and dance as you move your dancing feet!

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, June 30, 10:00 a.m.

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, ages 18 and younger,
June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Homework Help: Education (Albany)

Grades K and up. Join our homework club to receive help with your assignments!

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, June 1 – 12, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. We provide the supplies. You and your child supply the creativity.

Albany Branch, Saturdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Calling all Lego fans! Get wildly creative with fun Lego projects! Bring a friend along.

Albany Branch, Monday, June 2, 4:45 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Play board games with other kids and teens your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life and Disney's Scene It.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, June 3, 4:45 p.m.

Rock Band: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Do you love music? Do you enjoy playing video games? Come compete in our Rock Band video game challenge.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, June 4, 4:45 p.m.

Craft-a-Palooza: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Compete in our craft-a-palooza challenge. Use our supplies to make a crafty masterpiece in 45 minutes or less. Winners will take home a prize.

Albany Branch, Thursday, June 5, 4:45 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, June 6, 3:30 p.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce houses, giant slide, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Carnival 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation to and from the branch will be available. See staff for details.

Downtown Library, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Brush up on your math by using these tasty candies!

Albany Branch, Monday, June 9, 4:45 p.m.

Early Readers' Book Club: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 5-9. Take turns reading from our book of the month and do a fun craft.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, June 10, 4:45 p.m.

Infant and Toddler Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Birth-24 months. Come talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required. Parent/caregivers are expected to stay with children during all story time sessions.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, June 11, 12:30 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Dig through our bin of the month and play with fun toys and early literacy manipulatives.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, June 11, 4:45 p.m.

End of the Year Party: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Come play games, sing karaoke, and enjoy a tasty treat to celebrate the end of the school year.

Albany Branch, Thursday, June 12, 4:45 p.m.

Open Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

All ages. Join us for funny stories, silly songs, and a lot of fun. Open to children of all ages with adult caregivers.

Albany Branch, Friday, June 13, 12:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, June 13, 2:00 p.m.

Apple Slice Science: Education (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Ever wondered what turns an apple brown? Learn all about the science of apples and make a happy face snack.

Albany Branch, Monday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Seek the unknown and stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.

Plant a Seed: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Learn about seed germination by doing a fun science experiment. Plant seeds and track their growth.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.

Melted Crayon Art: Education (Albany)

Ages 9 and up. Create works of art out of canvas, crayons, and a hair dryer. You don't need to bring anything but your imagination.

Albany Branch, Thursday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, June 20, 2:00 p.m.

Right on the Money @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

Albany Branch, Monday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party: Education (Albany)

Ages 7-13. Do a "Manny cereal toss" into a toilet seat, do a clothes relay race, play Wimpy Kid trivia, and chat about your favorite passage from this popular series.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.

Book Builders: Education (Albany)

Ages 9 and up. Learn different ways to make your own book out of everyday materials. Use it as a journal, a diary, or a canvas for a great American novel.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.

Little Clickers: Technology (Albany)

Ages 3-6. Join us for a fun computer class designed especially for toddlers and preschoolers. Help your child learn the basics of using a computer, receive tips on allowing your child to use technology, and learn how to get the most out of online resources.

Albany Branch, Thursday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.

Mineral Bubbles: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we explore the scientific process that turns trapped gases and ground water into a rainbow of crystallized wonders. Learn about geodes and make one to take home.

Albany Branch, Thursday, June 26, 3:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, June 27, 2:00 p.m.

Sprinkles and Watercolors: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Use your sense of sight to observe bright colors. Make a fun sprinkle craft to take home.

Albany Branch, Monday, June 30, 2:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Barbour Branch
261 Barbour Street
Hartford, CT 06120

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400

SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, ages 18 and younger, June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Building Sites: Technology (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Be an architect! Let's build bridges and ridges to see which one is stronger. Then enjoy building a cool structure out of edible food.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, June 3, 3:30 p.m.

Little Clickers: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for a fun computer class designed especially for toddlers and preschoolers. Help your child learn the basics of using a computer, receive tips on allowing your child to use technology, and learn how to get the most out of online resources.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

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A Good Measure of Food and Science: Education (Barbour)

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Barbour Branch, Wednesdays, June 11, 3:30 and June 18, 2:00 p.m.

Moneywise Life-skills: Financial Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Learn some of the fundamentals of personal finance by doing various tasks around the library to earn play money. Use that hard-earned money to make a budget to decide what snacks, toys or prizes to purchase.

Barbour Branch, Thursdays, June 12 and 19, 2:00 p.m.

Celebrating Success: Education (Barbour)

All ages. A successful school year is done and a fun summer to learn begins. Celebrate your successes with food and games as we look forward to a promising & enriching summer.

Barbour Branch, Monday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.

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Barbour Branch, Tuesday, June 17, 10:00 a.m.

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Ages 8 and up. Fire fighters, a fire engine, and a lot of hot topics! Join us for a meet and greet with the Hartford Fire Department and a Q&A session on the science of fire.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, June 17, 3:00 p.m.

Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Life Skills (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Join us for fun financial literacy activities sure to make you money wise!

Barbour Branch, Thursdays, June 12 and 19, 2:00 p.m.

Bridges: Technology (Barbour)

Ages 8-10. Children will learn about different types of bridge structures, learn about John Roebling and his work on the bridges of Pittsburgh and the Brooklyn Bridge. Activity: Build a bridge with marshmallows and toothpicks.

Barbour Branch, Friday, June 20, 2:00 p.m.

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Barbour Branch, Monday, June 23, 1:30 p.m.

Electric Gelatin: Science Education (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Discover the shocking science of static electricity using simple household items.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.

YOUmedia Preview: Technology (Barbour)

Ages Teen & Tweens. Learn about YOUmedia Hartford, the new, fun teen digital learning space at HPL, opening this September in the Downtown Branch! Try a Digital Taster (a quick digital media activity) and tell the staff your ideas! Receive coupons for a free prize when YOUmedia opens!

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.

Mad Science: Education (Barbour)

All Ages. Join our spectacular science workshops! A different program at every branch!

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, June 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Double Dutch Jump Rope: Health (Barbour)

All ages. Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Jump between two rotating ropes and try some exciting new moves. Learn from a professional Double Dutch instructor.

Barbour Branch, June 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Mega Registration!: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 0-18. Celebrate summer learning with **Mega Education®** when they visit the Barbour Branch for a summer registration party!! All youth and teens that have registered for summer learning and attend the party will be eligible to win one of two brand new Android tablets! And ice cream for everyone! Come early to confirm your registration and enter your name in the raffle box! Only youth and teens visiting that day are eligible, so your chances of winning are high! Other prizes also may be awarded.

Barbour Branch, Saturday, June 27, Confirm registration 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social 2:30 pm – 3:30 p.m.



Hartford Public Library
Blue Hills Branch
649 Blue Hills Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For more information on Blue Hills Branch programs, call 860.695.7420

SUMMER LUNCH

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Fireworks: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Check out a cool technique combining Sharpie markers and rubbing alcohol for an explosion of color!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, June 3, 5:00 p.m.

Beatrix Potter Story Hour: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Hop on over as we explore the world of Peter Rabbit. We will share tales of a mischievous bunny and his friends and create a library wall garden.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesdays, June 4 and 11, 10:00 a.m.

Little Clickers: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for a fun computer class designed especially for toddlers and preschoolers. Help your child learn the basics of using a computer, receive tips on allowing your child to use technology, and learn how to get the most out of online resources.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, June 4, 1:30 p.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce houses, giant slide, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Carnival 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation to and from the branch will be available. See staff for details.

Downtown Library, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Forensics: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8-10. Children will learn how to identify fingerprints and how each fingerprint is unique. They will also learn about the history of forensic science. Record your fingerprint and create a crime scene.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, June 10, 5:00 p.m.

Fish Tales: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy hearing tropical fish tales read aloud. Make a wavy, fishy scene, and mount it to take home.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, June 11, 4:00 p.m.

Summer Starts Now!: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. School's out for the summer! Stop by the library for fun with friends.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, June 13, 2:00 p.m.

Milky Rainbow Science: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Some exciting and unusual things happen when you mix a little milk, food coloring, and a drop of liquid soap. Amaze your friends and uncover the scientific secrets of soap!

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.

Designing Minds: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Discover how engineers design bridges to support the weight of people and cars. Then take the challenge and have fun using paper cups, string and drinking straws!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.

Screaming Balloons, Glacier Gak and Quicksand: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 7 and up. Help us put the Fizz, Boom, Pop in summer reading! Explore the science of quicksand by making quicksand goo, make a slimy GAK to study the science of glaciers, and hear a balloon scream. Dive into a world of fun and disgusting science!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.

The Science of Fire with the Hartford Fire Department: Education/Life Skills (Blue Hills)

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Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, June 19, 3:00 p.m.

Books to Film: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. View a movie that started out as a book...amazing isn't it!

Blue Hills Branch, Fridays, June 20 and 27, 2:00 p.m.

smART Sculptures: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Design and engineer amazing paper sculptures.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, June 20, 3:00 p.m.

Imagine a Garden: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5, with parent/caregiver. Join us to discover and explore a fantastic garden, alive with blooming umbrellas, seashells and strawberries that glow like lanterns. Enjoy stories, songs and a fantasy flower craft.

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Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford CT 06114

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Sprinkles and Watercolors: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Children will learn to use their sense of sight to observe colors, identifying them and the differences between them. They will take home a super cute craft made with sprinkles.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:00 a.m.

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Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

All ages. Join the musical group, *Sirius Coyote*, for a free family concert at the Camp Field Branch, sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston Fund.

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Camp Field Branch, Thursday, June 24, 1:30 p.m.

Building Sites: Technology (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Be an architect or engineer! Enjoy building bridges and ridges to see what holds the best. Then build it and eat it! Have fun building an edible structure out of food.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.

Mineral Bubbles: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we explore the scientific process that turns trapped gases and ground water into a rainbow of crystallized wonders. Learn about geodes and make one to take home.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, June 30, 1:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Dwight Branch
7 New Park Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460

SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, ages 18 and younger, June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Homework Club: Education (Dwight)

Kindergarten-grade 5. Yikes! Homework! Need help with homework? Our friendly library staff is here to help. Stop by the library for reading materials for your school reports and special projects too! Homework supplies provided.

Dwight Branch, Monday-Friday, June 2-13, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce houses, giant slide, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Carnival 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation to and from the branch will be available. See staff for details.

Downtown Library, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Fun Fridays: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

All ages. School is done for the week, start your weekend with fun and exciting activities at the library.

Dwight Branch, Fridays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1:00 p.m.

Fizz! Boom! Read! Story Time: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5. Dig into summer reading by stopping by your local library. Listen to *Little Blue Truck* by Alice Schertle and make a little mud-themed craft activity.

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.

Teen Movie Night: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 13 and up. Ooh...the turmoil of being a teen! Get a grip by watching teen movies at your local library. Light refreshments provided, bring a friend and participate in this program!

Dwight Branch, Wednesdays, June 11, 18 and 25, 5:30 p.m.

Twisty Bracelets: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Need something new for summer? Stop by the library and make your own twisty bracelet.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

Mineral Bubbles: Education (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we explore the scientific process that turns trapped gases and ground water into a rainbow of crystallized wonders. Learn about geodes and make one to take home.

Dwight Branch, Monday, June 23, 1:00 p.m.

The Science of Fire with the Hartford Fire Department: Education/Life Skills (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Fire fighters, a fire engine, and a lot of hot topics! Join us for a meet and greet with the Hartford Fire Department and a Q&A session on the science of fire!

Dwight Branch, Thursday, June 26, 3:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Goodwin Branch Programs, call 860.695.7480

SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, ages 18 and younger, June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Homework Club: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments. Don't have anything to do? Engage in a variety of literacy-based challenges sure to boggle and bend your academic brain!

Goodwin Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, June 1-12, 3:45 p.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce houses, giant slide, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Carnival 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation to and from the branch will be available. See staff for details.

Downtown Library, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

What's The Weather? Infant/Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages Birth – 24 months with parent or caregiver. What's the weather? Enjoy reading, writing, and singing, talking and playing with your child. Join us as we share books, rhymes, songs, movement and finger plays about the changing weather. No registration required.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.

Plant Some Seeds & Watch Them Grow: Life Skills (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Learn about seed germination with a fun science experiment for kids. Plant some seeds and follow the growth of the seedlings as they sprout from the soil. Learn how to take proper care of your plants with just the right amount of light, heat and water.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, June 16, 4:00 p.m.

A Good Measure of Food and Science: Science Education (Goodwin)

Ages 7 and up. Food joins hands with science to concoct the most interesting experiments. Participate in hands-on experiments to learn interesting and useful science concepts.

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, June 17, 4:00 p.m.

I'm Melting! @ Goodwin Branch: Arts (Goodwin)

Ages 10 and up. This is a great program for teens to create works of art out of a canvas, crayons, and a hair dryer. You don't need to bring anything but your imagination!

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.

Apple Slice Science: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Apples, exposed to the air, usually turn brown. However, when they're coated with lemon juice, the acid in the juice keeps the apples fresh. Create your own happy face snack while you experiment using lemon juice to keep your apples fresh.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, June 23, 10:00 a.m.

Mineral Bubbles: Science Education (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we explore the scientific process that turns trapped gases and ground water into a rainbow of crystallized wonders. Learn about geodes and make one to take home.

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, June 24, 5:00 p.m.

Sprinkles and Watercolors: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 3 -6, accompanied by an adult. Children will learn to use their sense of sight to observe colors, identify them and the differences between them. Then they will take home a super cute craft made with sprinkles.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.

Double Dutch Jump Rope: Health (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Jump between two rotating ropes and try some exciting new moves. Learn from a professional Double Dutch instructor.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.

Little Clickers: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for a fun computer class designed especially for toddlers and preschoolers. Help your child learn the basics of using a computer, receive tips on allowing your child to use technology, and learn how to get the most out of online resources.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, June 26, 3:00 p.m.

Bridges: Technology (Goodwin)

Ages 8-10. Children will learn about different types of bridge structures, learn about John Roebling and his work on the bridges of Pittsburgh and the Brooklyn Bridge. Activity: Build a bridge with marshmallows and toothpicks.

Goodwin Branch, Friday, June 27, 2:00 p.m.

The Goodwin Branch Library's listen and learn center is available for children ages 3 and up Mondays through Saturdays. No registration is required. Please ask the Librarian for the AWE computers.

Hartford Public Library
Mark Twain Branch
55 Forest Street
Hartford CT 06105

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, ages 18 and younger, June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at all library sites.

Summer Lunch: Health (Mark Twain)

Ages 0-18. Join us for free summer lunch from June 23 - August 15 at the Mark Twain Branch Library. A cold lunch will be served inside the Mark Twain Branch from June 23 - July 3; a hot lunch will be served in the Hartford Public High School cafeteria from July 7 - August 8; a cold lunch will be served inside the Mark Twain Branch from August 11 - August 15.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday - Friday, June 23 - August 15, 12:30 p.m.

Please Note: When lunch is served in the Hartford Public High School cafeteria, youth must arrive 12:30 p.m.-12:50 p.m. to receive a lunch.

Sidewalk Chalk: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for fun summer stories, rhymes, and songs. Then decorate a piece of sidewalk art to take home.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.

3D Printing: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. How can you make jewelry, toys or even a robotic arm from a printer? Join us each week to learn all about 3D printers and learn current technology skills for future success!

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 3:30 p.m.

Manga Club: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join us for our last Manga Club of the year as we go out in style with food, music and fun! Follow us on Instagram @HartfordOtaku.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, June 5, 3:00 p.m.

Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join us as we celebrate our teen book club seniors with stories, food and fun! Thank you to all our seniors for making Voices so inspiring and unforgettable!

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, June 6, 3:00 p.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce houses, giant slide, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Carnival 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation to and from the branch will be available. See staff for details.

Downtown Library, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mineral Bubbles: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we explore the scientific process that turns trapped gases and ground water into a rainbow of crystallized wonders. Learn about geodes and make one to take home.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, June 16, 1:00 p.m.

Electric Gelatin: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Discover the shocking science of static electricity using simple household items.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, June 18, 1:00 p.m.

Pixel Art: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Think of your favorite computer animations from Minecraft, grab some post-its and join us for our 1st Annual Pixel Art Day. Computer themed refreshments and fun!

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

Summer Craft-acular: Art & Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 5 and up. Ribbons, beads, paper, stickers, paint and lots of creativity! We've got what you need for a Super Summer Crafting Day with DIY refreshments!

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.

Reading IT Camp: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Do you love technology AND need help with reading and writing? Join us for fun technology projects that will help improve your reading skills this summer.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, June 23, 1:30 p.m.

DIY Marble Run: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us as we as create an engineering masterpiece with recycled materials!

Mark Twain Branch, Tuesday, June 24, 1:30 p.m.

Mega Registration!: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 0-18. Celebrate summer learning with **Mega Education®** when you visit the Mark Twain Branch for a summer registration party!! All youth and teens that have registered for summer learning and attend the party will be eligible to win one of two brand new Android tablets! And ice cream for everyone! Come early to confirm your registration and enter your name in the raffle box! Only youth and teens visiting that day are eligible, so your chances of winning are high! Other prizes also may be awarded.

Mark Twain Branch, Tuesday, June 24, Confirm registration 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social 2:30 pm – 3:30 p.m.



Ed Tech Camp: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 12 and up. Bring your tablet or smartphone and learn great ways to use apps and websites for your future success!

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, June 25, 1:30 p.m.

Experiment with Food: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Food joins hands with science to concoct the most interesting experiments. Participate in hands-on experiments to learn interesting and useful science concepts.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, June 26, 1:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Park Branch
744 Park Street
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Park Branch programs, call 860.695.7500

SUMMER LUNCH

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Homework Help: Education (Park)

Grade K and up. Need help with your homework? Stop by and get it done.

Park Branch, Mondays-Fridays, June 2-13, 3:00 p.m.

Seasonal Activity Sheets: Education (Park)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about the seasonal theme of the day.

Park Branch, Mondays, June 2 and 9, 3:45 p.m. and June 16, 23 and 30, 1:00 p.m.

Sit and Scoot: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun outside and play relay with your sit down scooter and friends.

Park Branch, Tuesday, June 3, 3:30 p.m.

Style Trix Bracelet: Arts and Entertainment (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Be creative and make a chunky safety pin bracelet that will appeal to your artistic side. It can be as bright or as delicate as you like, and it makes a great gift for yourself or a good friend.

Park Branch, Wednesday, June 4, 3:45 p.m.

Jump Jump: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Have fun with friends jumping rope and saying chants.

Park Branch, Thursday, June 5, 3:30 p.m.

Game Day: Arts and Entertainment (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, and other board games.

Park Branch, Fridays, June 6, 3:00 p.m. and June 20, 1:00 p.m.

Summer Learning Kickoff!!!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 7, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce houses, giant slide, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Carnival 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation to and from the branch will be available. See staff for details.

Downtown Library, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 8 and up. Join us for fun financial literacy activities sure to make you money wise!

Park Branch, Tuesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m.

Building Sites: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Be an architect. Enjoy building bridges and ridges to see which one is stronger. Then enjoy building a cool structure out of edible food.

Park Branch, Wednesday, June 11, 3:45 p.m.

Homework Club Celebration: Education (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Attention Park Street Homework Club kids! Stop by the branch and enjoy a special treat and activity.

Park Branch, Thursday, June 12, 3:30 p.m.

Log Cabin: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Use your skills to build with blocks in celebration of National Log Cabin Month.

Park Branch, Fridays, June 13 and 27, 1:00 p.m.

Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

All ages. Join the musical group, *Sirius Coyote*, for a free family concert at the Park Branch, sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston Fund.

Park Branch, Tuesday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.

Bubblemania: Education (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun learning the science behind making bubbles. Then go outside and enjoy blowing bubbles.

Park Branch, Tuesday, June 17, 1:00 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

Park Branch, Wednesdays, June 18 and 25, 1:00 p.m.

Square Knot or Box Knot Plastic Lace Keychains: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 12 and up. Make a square knot or box knot plastic lace keychain. This is an easy craft for teens with lots of friendship to share.

Park Branch, Thursday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

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Hartford Public Library
Ropkins Branch
1750 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120

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A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, ages 18 and younger,
June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch at the Ropkins Branch will be served in the school cafeteria at 12:30 pm. See Ropkins Branch Staff
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Ropkins Branch, Tuesdays, June 3, 10 and 17, 10:00 a.m.

Experiment with Food: Science Education (Ropkins)

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Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, June 4, 3:00 p.m.

Husky Reads: Health & Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-8. Husky Reads promotes good health and nutrition habits by reading nutrition-focused, health-oriented books to young children. Lessons include reading aloud several similarly themed picture books, doing a related craft or physical activity, and eating a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10:00 a.m.

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Ropkins Branch, Friday, June 27, 1:30 p.m.