

Hartford Public Library  
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Children, Teens, and Families  
May 2014

Downtown Library  
500 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

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, May 1-29, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Middle School Book Club: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us in the Children's Library for a lively discussion on the book, *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. Refreshments will be provided.

*Downtown – Children's Library*, Thursday, May 22, 4:30 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, May 1-29, 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, May 3 and 17, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Dyeing Daisies: Science (Downtown)**

Ages 6 and up. April showers bring May flowers. Explore the science of color and make colorful daisies just in time for Mother's Day.

*Downtown – Children's Library*, Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.

**Mother's Day Celebration: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss the role of mothers in the modern day home, read a book, and make a craft for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

*Downtown – Children's Library*, Thursday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.

**My Four Groovy Buttons: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 5-6. Join us in celebrating the musical styling of Pete the Cat. Follow Pete around on his adventures, make your very own Pete the Cat, and enjoy a Pete-approved treat.

*Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, May 15, 4:30 p.m.*

**Pass the Poetry Platter Please: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 10 and up. The nature of poetry is essentially to evoke pleasure. Come share tips to enhance your pleasure in reading and listening to this literary genre.

*Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, May 27, 4:30 p.m.*

**Children and Families****Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

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

*Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, May 3, 10, and 31, 11:00 a.m.*

**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, Mondays, May 5 and 12, 11:00 a.m.*

**Spring Blossoms 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, May 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:00 a.m.*

**Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages Birth–24 months with parent or caregiver. 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.

*Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesdays, May 7 and 21, 10:45-11:30a.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 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, May 9, 10:30 a.m.*

**Alphabet Express: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 2 and up, with adult friends. Take a trip with your 2 year old in our alphabet train. Enjoy your ride with songs, stories, and a craft.

*Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, May 16 10:00 a.m.*

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5 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, May 26, 10:00 a.m.*

**Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

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

*Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.*

Albany Branch  
1250 Albany Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

**Homework Help: Education (Albany)**

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

*Albany Branch*, Mondays-Thursdays, May 1–29, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

**May the Force Be With You: Education (Albany)**

Ages 6 and up. Come celebrate Star Wars Day by reading stories, making a light saber, and drinking a Yoda soda.

*Albany Branch*, Thursday, May 1, 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, May 2, 2:30 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, May 3, 10, 17 and 31, 1:00 p.m. - 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, May 5, 4:45 p.m.

**Mother's Day Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Get ready for Mother's Day by making a special gift for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

*Albany Branch*, Tuesday, May 6, 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.

*Albany Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 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, May 7, 4:45 p.m.

**Teen Board Game Club: Education (Albany)**

Ages 12 and up. Get together with other teens and play some of Board Game Geek's top 100 board games.

*Albany Branch*, Thursday, May 8, 5:00 p.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

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

*Albany Branch*, Friday, May 9, 3:30 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*, Monday, May 12, 4:45 p.m.

**Wild Wonder Jeopardy: Education (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Test your knowledge of the natural world with a game of Jeopardy.

*Albany Branch*, Tuesday, May 13, 4:45 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*, Wednesday, May 14, 2:30 p.m.

**Teen Book Bash and Smash: Education (Albany)**

Ages 13 and up. Enjoy a slice of pizza and tell us about some of your favorite (or not-so-favorite) books. Walk out with a bunch of cool book recommendations.

*Albany Branch*, Thursday, May 15, 5:00 p.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

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

*Albany Branch*, Fridays, May 16, 23 and 30, 3:30 p.m.

**Early Reader's Book Club: Early Literacy (Albany)**

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

*Albany Branch*, Monday, May 19, 4:45 p.m.

**Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Make a necklace or bracelet for yourself or a friend.

*Albany Branch*, Tuesday, May 20, 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 Scene It.

*Albany Branch*, Wednesday, May 21, 4:45 p.m.

**My Four Groovy Buttons: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3 and up. Celebrate the musical stylings of Pete the Cat. Follow Pete around on his adventures, make your own Pete the Cat, and enjoy a Pete-approved treat.

*Albany Branch*, Thursday, May 22, 6:00 p.m.

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3-5. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs, and a craft.

*Albany Branch*, Friday, May 23, 12:30 p.m.

**Middle School Book Club: Education (Albany)**

Ages 10 and up. Join us for a lively discussion of the book, *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. Refreshments will be served.

***Albany Branch***, Tuesday, May 27, 4:45 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***, Wednesday, May 28, 4:45 p.m.

**Rock Band: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Do you love music? Do you enjoy playing video games? Come compete in our Rock Band video game challenge.

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, May 29, 4:45 p.m.

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

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400

**Homework Club: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy a snack and complete your homework assignment with us.

***Barbour Branch***, Mondays-Thursdays, May 1-29, 3:00--4:00 p.m.

**Find Your Funny Bone: Education (Barbour)**

All ages. You're sure to find your funny bone when you share our selection of jokes. Let us hear your favorites.

***Barbour Branch***, Saturday, May 3, 2:00 p.m.

**Stage Pride: Arts and Entertainment (Barbour)**

Ages 9 and up. Barbour Branch Reader's Theater invites you to participate in fun-filled short skits from multicultural folklore. Get your scripts beforehand to practice your part. There are prizes in store for good performance.

***Barbour Branch***, Tuesday, May 6, 4:15 p.m.

**My Four Groovy Buttons: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5. Join us in celebrating the musical styling of Pete the Cat. Follow Pete around on his adventures, make your very own Pete the Cat, and enjoy a Pete-approved treat.

***Barbour Branch***, Wednesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.

**Dyeing Daisies: Science (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. April showers bring May flowers; make special colorful daisies just in time for Mother's Day.

***Barbour Branch***, Wednesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Pass the Poetry Platter Please: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 10 and up. The nature of poetry is essentially to evoke pleasure. Come share tips to enhance your pleasure in reading and listening to this literary genre.

***Barbour Branch***, Thursday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.

**Mother's Day: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss the role of mothers in the modern day home, read a book, and make a craft for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

***Barbour Branch***, Friday, May 9, 4:30 p.m.

**Wild Wonder Jeopardy: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 8 and up. Test your knowledge of the natural world with a game of Jeopardy.

***Barbour Branch***, Tuesday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs and a craft.

*Barbour Branch*, Tuesday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.

**Middle School Book Club: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a lively discussion on the book, *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. Refreshments will be provided.

*Barbour Branch*, Thursday, May 15, 4:30 p.m.

**The Fact is...: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Come discover some interesting facts about the 50 states of our home country. Play 50 States bingo to win a prize.

*Barbour Branch*, Tuesday, May 20, 4:30 p.m.

**"May the Force (Fourth) Be With You": Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Star Wars Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy activity sheets and books on Star Wars, make a light saber and drink a Yoda soda.

*Barbour Branch*, Thursday, May 22, 4:30 p.m.

**A Page from My Life: Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 8 and up. Continue to build your personal memoir for 2014. Add a page every month to save what has been significant or interesting in your life. Binders, paper, writing tools and embellishment materials are provided.

*Barbour Branch*, Friday, May 23, 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

**Literacy Lounge: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 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!

*Blue Hills Branch*, Mondays-Thursdays, May 1-29, 3:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.

**Game On!: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Scrabble, Connect-4, Checkers, and more! Be sure to bring your best game!

*Blue Hills Branch*, Fridays, May 2 and 16, 2:00 p.m.

**Cinco de Mayo: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. On May 5, 1862, the Mexican army defeated the French army at the Battle of Puebla. This battle signified defeat of a European colonial power and a victory for the Mexican people, who celebrate the victory as Cinco de Mayo. Learn about the Mexican culture through its art as you make a fresco painting.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Monday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

**Wild Wonder Jeopardy: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Test your knowledge of the natural world with a game of Jeopardy.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Tuesday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs and a craft.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**May the Force (Fourth) be with You: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Star Wars Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy activity sheets and books on *Star Wars*, make a light saber and drink a Yoda soda.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Mother's Day Craft Corner: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Stop by our craft corner just in time to make a lovely gift for that special lady in your life.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Thursday, May 8, 3:00 p.m.

**My Mother Kept a Garden: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Take an eco-friendly approach this Mother's Day. Learn to create a unique and earth-friendly gift for a special lady in your life.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Monday, May 12, 4:00 p.m.

**Gesture Drawing: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Take note of the movements in nature. Learn about and create nature-inspired gesture drawings with charcoal, ink, and watercolor paints.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Tuesday, May 13, 5:00 p.m.

**Pig Boy: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month as we take turns reading *Pig Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawaii*, written and illustrated by Gerald McDermott. Create a vibrantly colored lei necklace to celebrate Hawaiian culture.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Wednesday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.

**My First Ebook: Technology (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Join us to learn new technologies in a fun, friendly space as we make a collaborative poetry e-book using pictures, words and sounds.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Thursday, May 15, 4:00 p.m.

**Kilauea: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Explore the eruptive beginnings of the Hawaiian Islands. Use scientific inquiry to design and build a one-of-a-kind exploding mountain!

*Blue Hills Branch*, Tuesday, May 20, 5:00 p.m.

**Memorial Day: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Share your patriotic spirit as we remember those who have served our nation.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Thursday, May 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Nature Prints: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy the warm rays of the sun as we step outside to create a print with sun-sensitive paper.

*Blue Hills Branch*, Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 p.m.

**Make Your Own: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Measure, pour, stir, play! Learn to make your own play-dough for an afternoon of homemade fun!

*Blue Hills Branch*, Thursday, May 29, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library  
Camp Field Branch  
30 Campfield Avenue  
Hartford CT 06114

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

**Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)**

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!

*Camp Field Branch*, Mondays -Thursdays, May 1 - 29, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**National Teacher Day: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Let's recognize and celebrate what teachers do for us by making a book or a tissue flower pen to give to them in appreciation for their work.

*Camp Field Branch*, Tuesday, May 6, 3:30 p.m.

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs and a craft.

*Camp Field Branch*, Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 10:00 a.m.

**May the Force (Fourth) Be With You: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Star Wars Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy activity sheets and books on *Star Wars*, make a light saber and drink a Yoda soda.

*Camp Field Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 3:30 p.m.

**Mother's Day: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss the role of mothers in the modern day home, read a book, and make a card for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

*Camp Field Branch*, Thursday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

**Wild Wonder Jeopardy: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 8 and up. Test your knowledge of the natural world with a game of Jeopardy.

*Camp Field Branch*, Monday, May 12, 3:30 p.m.

**Dyeing Daisies: Science (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. April showers bring May flowers. Explore the science of color and make colorful daisies just in time for Mother's Day.

*Camp Field Branch*, Wednesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m.

**Pass the Poetry Platter Please: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 10 and up. The nature of poetry is essentially to evoke pleasure. Come share tips to enhance your pleasure in reading and listening to this literary genre.

*Camp Field Branch*, Monday, May 19, 3:30 p.m.

**Count Down To Summer Education: (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Run a countdown to the first day of summer.

*Camp Field Branch*, Wednesday, May 21, 3:30 p.m.

**Middle School Book Club: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a lively discussion of the book, *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. Refreshments will be provided.

*Camp Field Branch*, Wednesday, May 28, 4:30 p.m.

**My Four Groovy Buttons: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5. Join us in celebrating the musical styling of Pete the Cat. Follow Pete around on his adventures, make your very own Pete the Cat, and enjoy a Pete-approved treat.

*Camp Field Branch*, Thursday, May 29, 3:30 p.m.

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

For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460

**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*, Fridays, May 2-30, 4:00 p.m.

**Mother Goose Story time: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3-5. Enjoy "Mother Goose Day" by listening to Mother Goose stories and rhymes. Groups, please register in advance: 860-695-7462.

*Dwight Branch*, Wednesdays, May 7-28, 10:00 a.m.

**Cinco de Mayo: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. On May 5, 1862, the Mexican army defeated the French army at the Battle of Puebla. This battle signified defeat of a European colonial power and a victory for the Mexican people, who celebrate the victory as Cinco de Mayo. Learn about the Mexican Sunflower, plant a seed and watch it grow in the Library.

*Dwight Branch*, Monday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

**Dyeing Daisies: Science (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. April showers bring May flowers; make special colorful daisies just in time for Mother's Day.

*Dwight Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Kids Art Studio: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Practice your brush strokes and color combinations on a pre-painted canvas. Easels, paint brushes, and acrylic paints will be provided. Limited space; registration is required.

*Dwight Branch*, Wednesday, May 14, 4:00 p.m.

**Nurses: Careers (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and make a nurse pin to give to a friendly nurse or health care professional.

*Dwight Branch*, Thursday, May 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Masterpiece Theater: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy a delightful movie that captures the spirit of imagination.

*Dwight Branch*, Friday, May 30, 3:30 p.m.

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

For information on Goodwin Branch Programs, call 860.695.7480

**Wild Wonder Jeopardy: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 8 and up. Test your knowledge of the natural world with a game of Jeopardy.

*Goodwin Branch*, Tuesday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.

**Dyeing Daisies: Science (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. April showers bring May flowers. Explore the science of color and make colorful daisies just in time for Mother's Day.

*Goodwin Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Mother's Day: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss the role of mothers in the modern day home, read a book, and make a card for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

*Goodwin Branch*, Thursday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)**

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

*Goodwin Branch*, Saturday, May 10, 3:00 p.m.

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs and a craft.

*Goodwin Branch*, Monday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.

**Count Down To Summer: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Run a countdown to the first day of summer.

*Goodwin Branch*, Monday, May 19, 3:45 p.m.

**Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Design a necklace, bracelet, or anklet for yourself or a friend.

*Goodwin Branch*, Wednesday, May 21, 4:00 p.m.

**Middle School Book Club: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us at Goodwin for a lively discussion of the book, *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. Refreshments will be provided.

*Goodwin Branch*, Thursday, May 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)**

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

*Goodwin Branch*, Friday, May 23, 2:00 p.m.

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

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

**Magical Flowers: Arts and Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate May Day with beautiful paper flower decorations to welcome the flowers of spring.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Thursday, May 1, 4:00 p.m.

**Alphabet Walk: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Letters, letters everywhere! Visit the library with your child to discover all the letters of the alphabet with a fun interactive ABC game.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Friday, May 2, 10:00 a.m.

**Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Join our new teen book club to share favorite books and connect with other book lovers. Check out our teen book club tumblr, <http://www.tumblr.com/blog/whatdoesthebooksay> and recommend books to add.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Friday, May 2, 3:00 p.m.

**Lotería: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us to play a traditional Mexican game, *Lotería*, and enjoy tasty traditional corn foods in celebration of Cinco de Mayo!

*Mark Twain Branch*, Monday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs and a craft.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.

**Speak UP: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 10 and up. How does the government work? How can you connect with government officials? Join us to learn how you can make a difference in the issues that affect your life as a young person in the 21st century.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Wednesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Hartford Otaku Manga Club: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Calling all manga fans! Choose a manga name and join us for dramatic readings, conversation and fun activities while exploring Asian languages and cultures. Follow us on Instagram at @Hartford Otaku.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 3:00 p.m.

**Mother Love: Arts and Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Create a unique art journal to hold memories of the women who have loved and guided you in life.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Friday, May 9, 3:00 p.m.

**Common Core Tour: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 7 and up. Discover the many amazing stories the library has about cool scientific discoveries, people who changed history and the many different animals that live in our world with a fun library scavenger hunt.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Mondays, May 12 and 19, 4:00 p.m.

**Kinder Science: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-6, with parent/caregiver. Introduce the world of science to your child through play, exploration, and picture books.

*Mark Twain Branch*, Wednesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.

**Make and Take Inventions: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us for an afternoon of creative inspiration using different materials including duct tape, recyclables, magnets and wire, to make an original tool, your own invention!

*Mark Twain Branch*, Wednesday, May 14, 4:00 p.m.

**Story Island: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us as we sail the seas in search of adventure! Meet the mysterious and unusual characters that live on Story Island where the sun shines even in the rain and the purple parrot always has a tall glass of pink lemonade. The only way to Story Island is at the library, let's go!

*Mark Twain Branch*, Wednesday, May 21 and 28, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library  
Park Branch  
744 Park Street  
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Park Branch programs, call 860.695.7500

**Mother Goose: Literacy (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy "Mother Goose Day" by reading Mother Goose stories and rhymes.

***Park Branch***, Thursday, May 1, 3:45 p.m.

**Bingo: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 7 and up. Stop by the library for a fun afternoon of Bingo. Prizes will be included.

***Park Branch***, Fridays, May 2 and 23, 3:30 p.m.

**Homework Club: Education (Park)**

Grade K and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments.

***Park Branch***, Monday-Friday, May 5 - 30, 3:00 p.m.

**Paper World: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Explore a world of possibilities on paper with seasonal word searches, mazes, unscrambles and coloring sheets of the day.

***Park Branch***, Mondays, May 5, 12 and 19, 3:45 p.m.

**May the Force (Fourth) Be With You: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Star Wars Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy activity sheets and books on *Star Wars*, make a light saber and drink a Yoda soda.

***Park Branch***, Tuesday, May 6, 3:45 p.m.

**Bin Day: Early Literacy (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

***Park Branch***, Wednesdays, May 7, 21 and 28, 3:45 p.m.; May 14, 1:00 p.m.

**Mother's Day: Education (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss the role of mothers in the modern day home, read a book, and make a card for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

***Park Branch***, Thursday, May 8, 3:45 p.m.

**Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

All ages. Come have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games with kids and teens your age and make new friends.

***Park Branch***, Fridays, May 9 and 30, 3:30 p.m.

**Colorful Flowers: Education (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Learn the parts of the flower and make a flowery craft.

***Park Branch***, Tuesday, May 13, 3:45 p.m.

**Yummy Cookies: Education (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate National Chocolate Chip Day with a math activity and a cookie treat.

***Park Branch***, Thursday, May 15, 3:45 p.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy viewing the seasonal movie of the day.

***Park Branch***, Friday, May 16, 3:30 p.m.

**Buggy: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Use crayon rubbings to explore the wonderful world of insects and bugs you see outside, such as the butterfly, the bee, and the spider.

***Park Branch***, Tuesday, May 20, 3:45 p.m.

**Family Science: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Meet friends from the Science Center and participate in a science education program that gives parents and children an opportunity to work and learn together. Hands-on activities that use easy-to-find, inexpensive materials enable families to explore the ways in which science plays a role in daily life. You will learn and have fun by asking questions, making discoveries, and conducting experiments.

***Park Branch***, Tuesday, May 21, 3:00 p.m.

**Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages: 7 and up. We are calling LEGO fans of all ages! Join us for free play as we get wildly creative with fun LEGO projects! Bring a friend along.

***Park Branch***, Thursday, May 22, 3:45 p.m.

**Colorful Butterflies: Education (Park)**

Ages: 5 and up. Explore the world of the butterfly and make a craft.

***Park Branch***, Tuesday, May 27, 3:45 p.m.

**My Four Groovy Buttons: Early Literacy (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us in celebrating the musical styling of Pete the Cat. Follow Pete around on his adventures, make your very own Pete the Cat, and enjoy a Pete-approved treat.

***Park Branch***, Thursday, May 29, 3:45 p.m.

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**Game On!: Life Skills (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Scrabble, Connect-4, Checkers, and more! Be sure to bring your best game!

***Ropkins Branch***, Fridays, May 2 & 16, 3:00 p.m.

**My Four Groovy Buttons: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 3-5. Join us in celebrating the musical styling of Pete the Cat. Follow Pete around on his adventures, make your very own Pete the Cat, and enjoy a Pete-approved treat.

***Ropkins Branch***, Monday, May 5, 12 and 19, 10:00 a.m.

**Cinco de Mayo: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. On May 5, 1862, the Mexican army defeated the French army at the Battle of Puebla. This battle signified defeat of a European colonial power and a victory for the Mexican people, who celebrate the victory as Cinco de Mayo. Learn about the Mexican culture through its art as you make a fresco painting.

***Ropkins Branch***, Monday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

**National Teacher Day: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Let's recognize and celebrate what teachers do for us by making a book or a tissue flower pen to give to them in appreciation for their work.

***Ropkins Branch***, Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 p.m.

**Nature's Paintbrush: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Join us as we explore the colors and designs found in nature with stories, songs and a craft.

***Ropkins Branch***, Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 10:00 a.m.

**May the Force (Fourth) be with You: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Star Wars Day is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy activity sheets and books on *Star Wars*, make a light saber and drink a Yoda soda.

***Ropkins Branch***, Wednesday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Mother's Day Craft Corner: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Stop by our craft corner just in time to make a lovely gift for that special lady in your life.

***Ropkins Branch***, Friday, May 9, 3:00 p.m.

**My Mother Kept a Garden: Life Skills (Ropkins)**

Ages 5 and up. Take an eco-friendly approach this Mother's Day. Learn to create a unique and earth-friendly gift for a special lady in your life.

***Ropkins Branch***, Monday, May 12, 4:00 p.m.

**Gesture Drawing: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Take note of the movements in nature. Learn about and create nature inspired gesture drawings with charcoal, ink, and watercolor paints.

***Ropkins Branch***, Tuesday, May 13, 4:00 p.m.

**Pig Boy: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month as we take turns reading *Pig Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawaii*, written and illustrated by Gerald McDermott. Create a vibrantly colored lei necklace to celebrate Hawaiian culture.

***Ropkins Branch***, Wednesday, May 14, 3:00 p.m.

**Kilauea: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 8 and up. Explore the eruptive beginnings of the Hawaiian Islands. Use scientific inquiry to design and build a one-of-a-kind exploding mountain!

***Ropkins Branch***, Tuesday, May 20, 4:00 p.m.

**Memorial Day: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Share your patriotic spirit as we remember those who have served our nation.

***Ropkins Branch***, Thursday, May 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Nature Prints: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy the warm rays of the sun as we step outside to create a print with sun-sensitive paper.

***Ropkins Branch***, Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 p.m.

**Make Your Own: Life Skills (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Measure, pour, stir, play! Learn to make your own play-dough for an afternoon of homemade fun!

***Ropkins Branch***, Thursday, May 29, 4:00 p.m.