

# HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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APRIL HANG OUTS: ALL AGES

## Build it with Strawbees

Design and build with plastic straws and connectors.

Week of 4/1 | Albany & Downtown

Week of 4/15 | Barbour

## Acrostic Poetry

Create acrostic poems about Spring!

Week of 4/1 | Camp Field | Dwight | Park

## National Library Week

We are celebrating National Library Week April 7-13!

Join us for a library scavenger hunt and other fun activities. Week of 4/8 | All Library Locations

## Magnetic Poetry

Words + Magnets = Poetry!

Week of 4/1 | Barbour & Ropkins

Week of 4/15 | Downtown

Week of 4/22 | Dwight

## Can You Find Beekle?

Find the picture book characters hidden in the library!

Week of 4/15 | Camp Field

## Spring Craft Make & Take

Get crafty with our supplies to celebrate Spring!

Week of 4/15 | Park & Dwight

Week of 4/22 | Albany & Camp Field

## Loom It Up

Make a bracelet with looms and elastics!

Week of 4/15 | Albany & Ropkins

## Legos in the Library

Be a master builder with Legos and your imagination!

Week of 4/22 | Ropkins

## Perler Bead Bonanza

Get creative with perler beads!

Week of 4/22 | Downtown | Barbour | Park

## Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

Come celebrate Día de los Niños, a national literacy event to promote diverse books, languages and cultures!

Week of 4/29 | All Library Locations

## Leap Into Learning:

### Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver

## Every Child Ready to Read Story Time

The five practices of the Every Child Ready to Read initiative are talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, and sing songs.

Mon & Fri | 11am – 12pm | Downtown

Tues | 10 -10:30am & 10:30am-11am | Ropkins

Thur | 10 -10:45am & 10:45am-11:15am | Ropkins

Wed | 9:15am - 10 am | Rawson

Wed | 10:30am - 11:30 am | Albany

Wed | April 10 | 9:30am - 10:30 am | Dwight

Wed | April 10 | 11-11:30 am | Camp Field

Thur | 10-10:45 am | Park

## Tots & Tunes

A group for little ones to come together and experience movement and music with songs, finger plays, musical instruments and more.

Wed | 12pm - 12:30pm | Downtown

## Sensational Sensory Wednesdays

Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.

Downtown Library: Wednesdays, 11 am – 12 pm

## App Play

Join us to learn and play with great free educational apps. Get tips on using digital media with your child. Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver.

Thur. April 11 | 2pm - 4:30pm | Camp Field

## Dig & Bloom: Dinner and a Story

Miss Auden will be joining us for this gardening themed Dinner and a Story.

Tues. April 16 | 6pm - 7pm | Downtown

## Book Fiesta! Día Family Reading Celebration

Join us for shared read-alouds of outstanding multi-cultural books, make crafts, and check out books from our special Día Family Bookshelf. Each family will receive a free book while supplies last.

Tues. April 30 | 4:30pm – 5:30pm | Dwight

Tues. April 30 | 5:30pm – 7pm | Camp Field

# APRIL PROGRAMS: AGES 6-12

## Homework Help

Get help with your homework and reading at the library! Mon-Fri | 3pm - 5pm | Albany  
Mon-Fri | 3pm - 4:30pm | Camp Field  
Fri-Sat | 2pm - 4pm | Downtown  
Mon-Fri | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Dwight  
Mon-Fri | 3pm - 4pm | Park  
Mon, Wed, Thur | 3:30pm - 5pm | Ropkins  
Tues | 2pm - 3:30pm | Ropkins

## Skittles Rainbow Science

Create your own rainbow design with this fun Skittles science experiment.

Thurs. April 4 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Ropkins

## Self-Care Corner Calming Glitter Jars

Come talk about stress and make a calming glitter jar to help combat anxiety.

Thur. April 4 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Barbour

## DEAR: Drop Everything and Read!

Celebrate National Library Week with your favorite librarians! We'll make "Drop Everything And Read" buttons, color, enjoy a read-aloud, and have a short awards ceremony for all participants!

Mon. April 8 | 2pm - 3pm | Downtown

Tue. April 9 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Dwight

Thur. April 11 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Ropkins

Thur. April 11 | 4pm - 5pm | Barbour

## Celebrate Holi Festival of Colors

Celebrate Holi, an Indian festival marking the arrival of Spring. Tues. April 9 | 5pm - 7:30pm | Downtown

## Mindful Moments

Take a break and learn how to handle stress with easy relaxation tips using music, paint, and your own body.

Thurs. April 11 | 4pm - 5:30pm | Camp Field

Tues. April 23 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Dwight

## Imagine Nation comes to the Library!

Join us for fun interactive programs with our special guests from the Imagine Nation Museum.

Printmaking: Fri. April 12 | 2pm - 3pm | Downtown

Bubble-ology: Wed. April 17 | 4pm - 5pm | Dwight

Tower of Power: Wed April 24 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Ropkins

## Plastic Egg Roll

Let's experiment with plastic eggs, jelly beans and ramps and learn while having fun!

Fri. April 12 | 2pm - 3pm | Albany

Sat. April 13 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Downtown

Tue. April 16 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Dwight

Thur. April 18 | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Barbour & Ropkins

Thur. April 18 | 4pm - 5pm | Park

## Stained Glass Color Mix Up

Create a "stained glass" window using cellophane, overlapping colors to experiment with color mixing.

Mon. April 15 | 4pm - 5pm | Downtown

Thur. April 18 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Barbour

## Celebrate National Poetry Month!

Emily Dickinson: The Moon Was But a Chin of Gold  
Delve into Emily Dickinson's poetry and explore her use of different writing techniques.

Thur. April 18 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Downtown

## Seed Pods

Make your own Seed Pod and learn some simple ways you can help our planet every day.

Mon. Apr 22 | 4pm - 5pm | Camp Field & Downtown

Tue. April 23 | 4pm - 6pm | Rawson

Thur. April 25 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Barbour

Thur. April 25 | 4pm - 5pm | Park

## Celebrate Earth Day

Create a seed starter out of recycled materials that you can bring home and watch grow.

Mon. April 22 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Dwight

Fri. April 26 | 2pm - 3pm | Albany

## Out of Wonder: Celebration Poetry

Explore Golden Shovel poetry!

Thur. April 25 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Barbour

## Felt Puppet Making

Let's cut, sew & glue to create felt hand puppets!

Sat. April 27 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Downtown

## Día Family Book Club

Join our Día Book Club and discover our treasure trove of bilingual books.

Mon. April 29 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Dwight

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Fun! Wiggle Bots

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot!

Thur. April 4 | 4pm - 5pm | Park

## Biomedical Engineering a Robotic Hand

Make your own robotic hand!

Mon. April 8 | 4pm - 5:30pm | Camp Field

## Ozoblocky, Bots on the move!

Create a program code using Ozoblocky on the ipad, download to the Ozobot and watch it go!

Wed. April 10 | 4pm - 5pm | Downtown

Thur. April 11 | 3pm - 4pm | Barbour

## Lego Maze

Build a Lego maze and watch your marble roll!

Thur. Apr 11 | 4pm - 5pm | Park

Thur. April 25 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Ropkins

**Egg Drop:** Design a container to catch a falling egg.  
Fri. April 12 | 4 - 4:30 pm | Albany

## Crazy 8's Club/STEM Wednesdays

Join us for hands on activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

Wednesdays | 4pm - 5pm | Downtown

## STEM Lab: Zoology Animal Sort

Learn how scientists organize animals into groups based on their unique characteristics

Wed. April 24 | 4pm - 5:30pm | Camp Field