**Dial- a- Story**

Call 860-695-6288
and chose from 4 options each week!
New stories/songs go live
each Tuesday between 3:00-5:00 pm.

- **English Stories** - Press 1
- **Spanish Stories** - Press 2
- **Urdu/Hindi Stories** - Press 3
- **English songs, rhymes, and fingerplays** - Press 4
- **Comments and Suggestions** - Press 0

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**HPL Winter Reading Challenge: Books Like Us**

Winter is for warm blankets and good books!
From January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021, the Hartford Public Library will participate in Beanstack's 4th Annual Winter Reading Challenge, "Books Like Us", sponsored by Simon and Schuster and the Hartford Public Library. All children ages 6-12 are welcome to participate. Find more information here: bit.ly/HPLBooksLikeUs

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**Early Reader Winter Reading Contest**

Grades 1 & 2. January 1 - March 31, 2021. Check out books or Ebooks from HPL, and get a raffle ticket for every 3 books you read with your child. Prizes for each age group will be awarded at our virtual finale event, Art Club with Ms. Katherine: "If Dominican Were a Color", on Tuesday, March 30, 4:00pm. Register in our Early Reader Winter Reading Contest Libguide

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**Facebook Programs @HartfordPublicLibrary**

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 1pm join a HPL Youth Librarian on Facebook for a special video program. These programs will be posted on Instagram @hplct and YouTube channel @HPLCT within 24 hours.

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**Zoom Programs (cont.)**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**
- Storytime Videos

**Wednesdays**
- STEM Videos

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Zoom Programs
Join your library friends for fun programs online! Find the registration links for all our February programs on our website at www.bit.ly/hplchildren to register.

Virtual Learning Movement Break
Ages 4-12
(Monday) Feb. 1: 11am
Take a little break from sitting still and join Ms. Vickie to shake it off, dance it off, and laugh it off!

Black History Family Story Time
with Ms. Lina
Ages 0-5 with parents/caregivers
(Mondays) Feb. 1 & 8: 11am
Join us for storytime with songs, rhymes, and stories featuring picture books by African American writers

Crafts with Ms. Rubina
Ages 6-12
(Mondays) Feb. 1, 8 & 22: 3:30pm
Paper Toys - Learn the art of Origami/paper folding to create toys such as a waterbomb, a dog, a boat and a butterfly.
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Rubina to pick up your kit while supplies last.

Relaxation Room: Kindness Rocks
Ages 6-12
(Wednesday) Feb. 3: 2pm
Join Ms. Katherine for relaxing meditation activities and make a kindness rock to remind you of the importance of practicing kindness every day.
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.

STEM with Ms. Rubina
Ages 6-12
(Wednesdays) Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24: 3:30pm
Feb. 3: Shape Shifters - Let’s make tangram pictures of animals, objects and people.
Feb. 10: Geometric Shape Medley - Can you use geometric shapes to make pictures? Let’s try it together!
Feb. 17: Make it Real in 3D - Discover how you can make a polyhedron with a template and some simple folds.
Feb. 24: It’s just an Illusion! - Challenge your senses with some awesome optical illusions and find out how this phenomenon works.
**Zoom Programs (cont.)**

**Talk African-American History with Kendall and Ms. Lina**
*Ages 6-12*

*(Wednesdays)* Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24: 4:30pm

There are so many people and events in history that have shaped the world and who we are today. Join Kendall, explore some notable historical figures who have changed the world as we know it.

**Songs and Stories with Ms. Katryna**
*Ages 0-5*

*(Thursdays)* Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25: 11am

Families can join us for a storytime as well as songs with Ms. Katryna and her musical instruments!

**Social Justice Storytime with Ms. Lina: Change Begins with Me**
*Ages 4-8*

*(Thursdays)* Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25: 3:30pm

Join us as we explore social justice issues in children’s literature and discuss positive ways to make a difference in our community.

**School Choice Application Assistance**
*All Ages*

*(Fridays)* Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26: 1:30pm

*(Saturdays)* Feb. 13, 20 & 27: 2pm

Join us virtually in February for School Choice assistance!

**Junior Jeopardy with Kendall**
*Ages 6-12*

*(Fridays)* Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26: 3:30-4:45pm

Join Kendall for a fun Black History Jeopardy trivia. Test your knowledge about the contributions of African-Americans to our nation.

**Take Your Child to the Library Day - Virtual -**
*Ages 6-12*

*(Saturday)* Feb 6: 10am-2:30pm

Join the Children’s Room for a family storytime in English, Spanish, and Urdu and enjoy a fun afternoon Animal Show with the West Hartford Children’s Museum at 2:00 pm

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Zoom Programs (cont.)

Art Club with Ms. Katherine
Ages 6-12
(Tuesdays) Feb 9, 16 & 23: 4pm
Join Ms. Katherine to make beautiful works of art.
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.
  - Feb. 9: Sweet Hearts - Join us for another sweet edible art activity, all about Valentines Day!
  - Feb. 16: Black History Art Club: The Colors of My Imagination - Our artist spotlight is on Christian Robinson, a famous children's book illustrator and author, who as a child used art to help him with difficult times. We will read his latest book, Milo Imagines the World and create colorful art!
  - Feb. 23: Black History Art Club: Carter Reads the Newspaper - Learn all about the Father of Black History Month, Carter G. Woodson and make a poetry portrait to remember this important man!

Happy Chinese New Year: Dragon Puppets
Ages 6-12
(Wednesday) Feb 10: 2pm
Join us to learn about Chinese new year and make a loooong dragon puppet!
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.

Rhyme Time with Ms. Lina
Ages 0-5 with parents/caregivers
(Fridays) Feb 12 & 19: 11am
Introduce your child to the wonderful world of songs, rhymes, and fingerplays!

ValenSlime
All Ages
(Thursday) Feb. 12: 4pm
Join Ms. Vickie from the Barbour Branch Library on Google Meet once a month for Valentine’s Day SLIME!!
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Vickie to pick up your kit while supplies last.

Winter Birds
Ages 6-12
(Wednesday) Feb. 17: 4pm
Join us to learn about winter birds and make a bird feeder from natural materials.
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.

Mask Keepers for Kids
Ages 5-12
(Wednesday) Feb. 17: 4pm
Make a necklace to attach your face mask to so you never lose it! All craft kits come with a reusable mask.
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Vickie to pick up your kit while supplies last.

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Zoom Programs (cont.)

Super Bookstronauts! Book Club for Tweens with Ms. Lina
Ages 8-12
(Monday) Feb. 22: 4pm
Celebrate African-American Heritage Literature with Ms. Lina! We will discuss our novel of the month "Black Panther" by Ronald L. Smith.
*After you register, contact Ms. Lina to pick up your book while supplies last.

STEM Kitchen
Ages 6-12
(Wednesday) Feb. 24: 2pm
There is so much Science and Math right in your kitchen! Join Ms. Katherine to make a STEM Kitchen kit for hours of indoor play and discovery!
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.

Paint Like Basquiat
All Ages
(Wednesday) Feb. 24: 4pm
Learn about legendary Afro-Latin artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, early hip-hop and street art history, and make your own self-portrait!
*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Vickie to pick up your kit while supplies last.

Virtual Teen Programs: Nintendo on Twitch for Teens
Ages 13-19
(Mondays) Feb. 1, 8 & 25: 4pm
Join Vickie and Boomer on Twitch @YouMediaHpl every Monday to watch (and join if you have a device!) a livestream of games on the Nintendo Switch such as Mario Kart 8, Animal Crossing, and Among Us!