JUNE 2023 YOUTH CALENDAR

3-2-1 Hartford Blast Off! Summer Learning to the Moon, Mars and Beyond! June 17 - Aug 19, 2023!
Join the City-Wide Summer Reading Challenge for fun in the sun and amazing prizes all summer long!

Summer Kickoff Events
Saturday, June 10, 12-3pm @ Ropkins Branch!
Studio 860, Ice Cream, Facepainting, STARLAB, VR & more!

Register for a summer of fun at bit.ly/HPL2023 Summer Lunch at HPL is back!!!
Ages 0-19. Monday - Friday, June 26 - Aug 11, 12:30 - 1:30pm.
Albany Branch, Barbour Branch, Camp Field Branch, Dwight Branch, Park Branch

Get School Choice information and application assistance at all our Kickoff Events!

Programs for Youth and Families
Find out more about our June programs on our website: https://programs.hplct.org/events

Early Literacy
Family Storytime - Center Church
Ages 0-5 with parent/caregiver. Monday, June 19, 11:00am. Join us for stories, activities and music movement.

Children’s Room Book Bags - Delivery Service
Ages 0-12. Tuesday June 6, 13, 20, 27
12-12:25pm. (360 Main Street), 12:30- 1:00pm (Gold Street near Bushnell Towers)
Families who usually visit the Downtown Library may order books for their children via this form: https://bit.ly/ChildrensRoomBooks

Sensory Storytime - Albany Branch
Ages 0-5 with Siblings & Caregivers. Monday, June 26, 10:30am.
Visit the library for a sensory storytime great for children with different sensory needs!

Leap into Learning
Juneteenth Virtual Read Aloud - Zoom!
Lil Providers and Families. Monday, June 12, 6:30-7:30pm.
Monday, June 19th is Juneteenth! Prepare with a pre-holiday celebration. Participants will receive gift bags filled with goodiesto honor this holiday!

Family Storytime - South Church
Ages 0-5 with parent/caregiver. Monday, June 19, 11:00am. Join us for stories, activities and music movement.

Summer Breeze Storytime
Camp Field Branch
Ages 3-5 with siblings/caregivers. Wednesday, June 21, 11:00am.
Join Ms. Katherine for songs, stories and a craft.

Read to a Librarian - Barbour Branch
Ages 3-19. Thursday, 4:30-5:30pm.
Come to practice your reading with Ms. Fe or a stuffed animal. Bring your own book or use one from the library!

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School Choice
Visit any Hartford Public Library branch for School Choice information and application assistance.
For more information contact:
Phone: 860-461-5106
Email: schoolchoiceoffice@hplct.org
**STEM**

**Dino Fossils**
Boundless Library @ Rawson
All ages. **Tuesday**, June 6, 4:00pm.
Learn a little about fossils and then create a fossil of your very own!

**Garden Check-up - Barbour Branch**
All ages. 10:00am.
Starting June 20th, join Ms. Fe every weekday at the Mt. Moriah community garden for a check-up: harvest veggies and flowers, pull weeds, and taste some things we’ve grown!

**Loco for Legos - Barbour Branch**
Ages 3-19. **Monday**, June 5, 26, 4:00pm.
Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour Branch to create something unique with Legos!

**Shoot Into Space - Ropkins Branch**
All ages. **Monday**, June 19, 26, 2:00pm.
Enjoy playing space related memory game, puzzles, matching, mazes and more.

**Space Bingo - Ropkins Branch**
All ages. **Tuesday**, June 20, 27, 2:00pm.
Stop by and learn about the planets while playing bingo. Prizes will be given out.

**Space Music - South Church**
All ages. **Wednesday**, June 21, 2:00pm.
Learn about NASA’s Space music program and create a spacey painting!

**Barbour’s Virtual Reality**
Ages 13-19. **Thursday**, June 8, 4:30pm.
Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour Branch for a fun afternoon of virtual reality!

**GeoSpace - Ropkins Branch**
All ages. **Thursday**, June 22, 2:00pm.
Explore the constellation with a geoboard and rubber bands.

**Sensational STEM - Barbour Branch**
Ages 6-19. **Tuesday**, June 27, 4:00pm.
Swing by Barbour to grow your own rainbow with Ms. Fe!

**Barbour’s Juneteenth Celebration! - Barbour Branch**
All ages. **Wednesday**, June 21, 11:00am - 5:30pm.
Join Ms. Fe for a fun day of celebrating Juneteenth featuring: a puppet show, bucket drumming, jewelry making, an ice cream social, face painting and more!

**A Bagful of Board Games - Dwight Branch**
All ages. **Friday**, June 30, 1:30pm.
Celebrate the very special dad in your life at the Bushnell Dollard Pavilion with stories, a special activity, music and free carousel rides!

**Arts & Entertainment**

**Barbour Craft & Create**
All ages. **Wednesday**, 4:00pm.
Unlock your inner creativity each week with Ms. Fe! **June 7**: Macrame Key Chains
**June 28**: Egg Carton Bird Feeders

**DIY Stress Balls**
Boundless Library @ Rawson
Ages 6-12. **Tuesday**, June 13, 4:00pm.
Stop by the Rawson branch to de-stress and make your own stress ball.

**Taste Testers - Barbour Branch**
Ages 6-19. **Tuesday**, June 13, 4:00pm.
Drop by the Barbour branch for a “breakfast for snack” treat of pancakes and toppings!

**Schools Out Ice Cream and Shout!**
South Church
All ages. **Friday**, June 16, 2:00pm.
Join us for an ice cream social to celebrate the beginning of summer vacation!

**Peg People - Dwight Branch**
All ages. **Monday**, June 19, 1:30pm.
Create Peg People with fancy clothes!

**Henna - Camp Field Branch**
All ages. **Tuesday**, June 27, 1:30pm.
Learn about the ancient art of Henna and get your own design on your hands or arm.

**Father’s Day Celebration-Bushnell Park**
All ages. **Thursday**, June 22, 4:30pm.
Celebrate the very special dad in your life at the Bushnell Dollard Pavilion with stories, a special activity, music and free carousel rides!

**Creative Collage - Dwight Branch**
Ages 7 and up. **Tuesday**, June 6, 3:30pm.
Express yourself through a collage!

**All Kinds of Bookmarks**
**Dwight Branch**
Ages 7 and up. **Thursday**, June 8, 3:00pm.
Make a unique bookmark with origami paper, printed template or metal shepherd’s hook.

**Summer Stars - South Church**
Ages 6-19. **Wednesday**, June 14, 4:00pm.
Create a summer calendar to keep track of your reading and all the fun events!

**Summer Crafternoon**
**Camp Field Branch**
All ages. **Wednesday & Thursday**, June 21, 22, 28, 29, 2:00pm.
Come to Camp Field to stay cool and get crafty with a different project each day.

**Space Fun - Albany Branch**
Ages 6 and up. **Tuesday**, June 20, 4:00pm.
**June 20**: Space Slime
**June 27**: Space Scavenger Hunt

**Color It! - Ropkins Branch**
All ages. **Tuesday**, June 29, 2:00pm.
Enjoy coloring space theme pictures.

**Perler Bead Toys - Dwight Branch**
Ages 7 and up. **Tuesday**, June 13, 3:30pm.
Make vision boards with Ms. Fe and manifest the rest of your year!

**Family Game Night - Park Branch**
All ages. **Thursday**, June 6, 4:00pm.

**Teen Time @ Barbour**
Ages 13-19. **Thursday**, June 15, 4:00pm.
Join Ms. Fe in a friendly board game competition.

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**Foodshare - Barbour Branch**
All ages. **Thursday**, June 8, 22, 3:00pm.
**June 22**: Jewelry Making with Jackie Bright (ages 6-12)
The Barbour Branch might be closed today but we still have services for you! Stop by at 3:00 and pick up your own free bag of shelf stable groceries and learn about community resources.

**Quilling for Beginners - Dwight Branch**
All ages. **Thursday**, June 29, 1:30pm.
Learn the art of quilling by rolling thin strips of special paper into flowers, leaves and much more.

**Board Game Bonanza - Barbour Branch**
Ages 6-19. **Thursday**, June 29, 4:00pm.
Come to Barbour to face off with your friends or Ms. Fe in a friendly board game competition.
Virtual Reality PVP - Albany Branch
Ages 10 - 19. June 7, 14, 21 & 28
Wednesday, 4:00pm
Challenge your friends in games like Creed and Rec Room

Game Design Workshop
Albany Branch
Ages 10 - 19. June 8, 15, 22 & 29
Thursday, 3:30 pm
Join us every Thursday and explore game design

Color and Movie - Albany Branch
Fridays
Let’s do some coloring while watching a move together!

Virtual Reality Exploration
Albany Branch
Ages 10 - 19. June 12, 19 & 26
Monday, 3:30 - 5 pm
Explore new VR games to play

YouMedia

Sundays at the Stadium
Trinity Health Stadium
All ages. Sunday, June 18, 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Take your summer reading to the field. Enjoy a book on the Hartford Athletic turf and participate in a free soccer clinic! Register with QR code below.

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Teen Tuesday - Albany Branch
Ages 13 - 19
June 13 - Green Screen Video Production
June 20 - DaVinci Resolve Video Editing
June 27 - Virtual Reality - Creed Tournament