

Downtown Library
500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103
860.695.6330 hplct.org

Children & Families

Pajama Storytime: Early Literacy

Ages 3-6 with adults. Bring your pajamas and your favorite toy for a fun evening of stories, music, and craft.

Wednesday, April 27, 5:30 p.m.

Hartford ABC Scavenger Hunt: Early Literacy

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Where are the letters of the alphabet in Hartford? Everywhere! On street signs, at school, in the store and on the bus! Pick up a Hartford ABC Scavenger Hunt game sheet at any Hartford Public Library branch, help your child find letters outside or inside and write down a different word for each letter. Bring your completed game sheet to the library for a grand prize raffle ticket!

Every Day, April 1-29

Kindergarten Readiness Writing Center: Early Literacy

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Encourage your preschooler to develop their writing skills, knowledge about print, and fine motor skills by visiting our Kindergarten Readiness Writing Center. There's a pretend play post office and a multitude of writing tools and papers to explore. Bring your completed writing sheet to the library for a grand prize raffle ticket!

Every Day, April 1-29

Music & Movement: Early Literacy

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Get ready for kindergarten with a fun music & movement activity to help sharpen your child's early literacy skills and get ready for kindergarten!

Friday, April 1, 11:00 a.m.

First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy

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

Mondays, April 4, 11, 25, 11:00 a.m.

Spring Blossoms Story Time: Early Literacy

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.

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Readiness with CCMC: All About Safety:

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Learn all about safety from our friends at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) and how it applies to kindergarten readiness.

Friday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.

Bilingual Skype Visit with Lulu Delacre: Early Literacy

All ages. Join us for a virtual visit in English and Spanish with award-winning children's author and illustrator, Lulu Delacre! Ms. Delacre will share stories and songs, read her new book ¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! / Olinguito, from A to Z! and answer questions from Hartford youth and families.

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Healthy Foods A to Z

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Sample healthy fruits and vegetables with a Community Nutrition Educator from UConn. Learn what foods help your brain and body succeed in kindergarten!

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Kindergarten Readiness Workshop: Early Literacy

Join us for a fun and informational workshop all about helping your child get ready for kindergarten. Enjoy refreshments, learn about the importance of kindergarten attendance, and receive tips to help your child succeed. Please call your branch to register.

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

S.T.E.M. Storytime: Early Literacy

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for a S.T.E.M.-themed storytime! We'll explore basic science, technology, engineering, and math ideas through stories, songs, and rhymes.

Friday, April 15, 11:00 a.m. & Saturday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.

Hispanic Health Council (HHC) Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Life Skills

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to learn about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast every morning before school.

Monday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.

Smiles for Everyone

Join us for a program offered by The Hartford Public Schools Dental Department and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to kindergarten readiness.

Friday, April 22, 11:00 a.m.

Word Play Storytime: Early Literacy

Ages 0-5 with adult caregivers. This program mixes vocabulary, cultural literacy, and creative play focusing on letters, numbers, colors, shapes and feelings to build literacy and improve school readiness skills.

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Students

Homework Club: Education

Ages 5 and up. Spring into your studies with Homework Club! Drop in after school for a study snack and homework supplies to get you started.

Monday-Thursday, April 4-28, 3:30 p.m.

Paws to Read: Literacy

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.

Saturdays, April 2 and 16, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Junior Maker LEGO Club: Education

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun afternoon of building with LEGO bricks. Check out books on architecture, bridges, and more for inspiration. We'll supply the blocks -- just bring your imagination!

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Wednesday, April 6, 4:00 p.m.

Animal Poetry Party: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Poetry Month with poems, puppets, and play all about animals! Sing some silly songs and make a craft to take home.

Wednesday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.

STEM Skills Build-a-thon: Education

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

Thursday, April 14, 2:00 p.m.

Mani Party: Art

Ages 7-12. Do you enjoy having your nails done? Come read a book of your choice to one of the youth librarians in the Children's Room while you get your nails done. Please call 860-695-6330 to register.

Saturday, April 16, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Poetry with a Beat: Education

Ages 6-12 with adult friends. Hear poetry's rhymes and rhythms

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Earth Day: Life Skills

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the importance of working to save our planet and some simple ways you can help every day. We will also be making Seed Pods – neat packages of flower seeds and soil that are easy to grow.

Wednesday, April 20, 4:00 p.m.

Albany Branch

1250 Albany Avenue Hartford, CT 06112

860.695.7380 hplct.org

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Friday, April 15, 1:00 p.m.

Library Open House: Early Literacy

All ages. Come visit your local library for National Library Week! Join us for a tour of the space, get your very own library card, and learn about all of the amazing programs and resources we offer.

Saturday, April 16, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Paws to Read: Early Literacy

All ages. Come to the library to read with a very special guest. A furry dog friend will be on site and ready to be read to!

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Students

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Get Money Wise Board Game Bonanza: Financial Literacy

Ages 5 and up. Spend your afternoon playing games that make you financially fit! Try out Making Cents, ATM Action, Pop to Win, and Launch It! A Money Game. Healthy snacks provided for brain power!

Monday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.

Poetry Tuesdays: Literacy

Ages 8 and up. April is Poetry Month and we are celebrating by focusing on some of our favorite poets, including Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, and Jack Prelutsky, just to name a few. If you have a favorite poet of your own, feel free to bring in some of their poetry to share!



Programs for Children and Families
April 2016
April is "Kindergarten Readiness Month"

Albany Branch
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Jewelry Craft Session: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 7 to 12. Get your creativity on and use our wide array of beautiful beads to craft your own necklaces and bracelets that you can wear yourself or give as a gift.

Thursday, April 14, 2:00 p.m.

Lego Club: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 5 to 12. Get creative with our Lego kit! Design, build, and explore on your own or with a friend.

Wednesdays, April 6 and 20, 4:30 p.m.

Scrabble Day: Education

Ages 8 and up: Come to the library to celebrate Scrabble Day! Challenge your friends to see who the Scrabble master is and test your vocabulary with other literary games such as Boggle.

Wednesday, April 13, 2:00 p.m.

Money Wise Piggy Banks: Education

Ages 6 to 12. It's never too early to start saving money! Learn how to be financially savvy while decorating your very own piggy bank.

Monday, April 18, 4:30 p.m.

Art Power Hour: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 8 and up. Join us for our second session of Art Power Hour, a new monthly series that will focus on a different art project every month. In April, we will be making mixed media collages.

Wednesday, April 27, 4:30 p.m.

Earth Day Celebration: Education

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the importance of working to save our planet and some simple ways you can help every day. We will also be making Seed Pods – neat packages of flower seeds and soil that are easy to grow.

Friday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.

Barbour Branch
281 Barbour St. Hartford, CT 06120
860.695.7400 hplct.org

Children and Families

Library tour/Library card registration day!: Life skills

All ages. Get to know your library with a quick tour and walk out with a library card and “I love my library sticker”.

Monday-Friday, April 1-29, 12:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Readiness Writing Center: Early Literacy

Ages 2-5 with parents/caregivers. Encourage your pre-schooler to develop their writing skills, knowledge about print and fine motor skills by visiting our new Writing Center. There’s a pretend play post office and a multitude of writing tools and papers to explore. Bring your completed writing sheet to the library for a grand prize raffle ticket!

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Every Day, April 1-29

Get Money Wise: Grocery Game Plan: Financial Literacy

Families welcome. Planning a weeks’ worth of meals while staying on budget can be tough! Families will work together to create a weeks’ worth of dinner plans within budget and receive tips on how to do so. Dinner provided.

Wednesday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.

STEM Storytime: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 2-5, with adult caregivers. Join us for a STEM-themed storytime! We’ll explore basic science, technology, engineering, and math ideas through stories, songs, and rhymes. All participants will receive a grand prize raffle ticket.

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Thursday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.

Skype author visit: Literacy

All ages. Join us for an exciting bilingual Skype visit with award-winning children’s author and illustrator Lulu Delacre.

Tuesday, April 12, 2:00 p.m.

Rainy Storytime: Early Literacy

Ages 3 to 5. Spring has finally arrived and so have the April showers! Children will have fun with this one! Specially! with stories about ducklings and geese.

***Please call the branch to register.**

Tuesday, April 19 and Thursday April 28, 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

Parents and caregiver. Join us for a fun and informational workshop all about helping your child get ready for kindergarten. Enjoy refreshments, learn about the importance of kindergarten attendance, and receive tips to help your child succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

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Music & Movement: Early literacy

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Students

Homework Club-Education

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.

Monday-Friday, April 1- 29, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment

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

Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 3:00 p.m.

Reading is funny!: Literacy

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate April Fool's by reading wacky riddles & tricky tongue-twisters out loud. See how many you can figure out!

Friday, April 1, 4:00 p.m.

Life as I know it...: Life Skills

Ages 12 and up. Life as I Know it...: 52 Get to Know You Questions! You catch the ball and whatever your right thumb is touching you answer!

Monday, April 4, 4:00 p.m.

Spy night: Arts and Entertainment

Ages 6 and up. An amazing spy program for the school age. Complete with mustache disguises and laser beam mazes!

Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.

Earth day: Education

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the importance of working to save our planet and some simple ways you can help every day. We will also be making Seed Pods – neat packages of flower seeds and soil that are easy to grow.

Thursday, April 21, 4:00 p.m.

Poetry creation station: Early and Family Literacy

Age 5 and up. Listen and laugh to the humorous poetry of Jack Prelutsky and then write a poem of your own at our Poetry Creation Station.. Snacks provided.

Thursday, April 28 4:00 p.m.

Blue Hills Branch
649 Blue Hills Ave. Hartford, CT 06112
860.695.7420 hplct.org

Children and Families

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Rain Drops on Roses Story Hour: Early Literacy

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for a story hour of seasonal stories, songs, fingerplays and more! Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling (860)695-7420.

Wednesdays, April 6 and 20, 10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, April 26, 5:00 p.m.

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Students

Homework Club: Education

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!

Mondays-Thursdays, April 4-28, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Children's Book Day: Literature

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate Children's Book Day with special stories and a book making session.

Monday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.

Zentangle Art: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Zentangle method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing & fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.

Tuesday, April 5, 5:00 p.m.

Get Money Wise: Board Game Bonanza: Financial Literacy

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National Geographic Kids Almanac Trivia: Education

Ages 8 and up. Check it out! See how much you really know about everything you've ever wanted to know.

Thursday, April 7, 4:30 p.m.

World of Watercolors: Art & Science

Ages 8 and up. Experiment with a variety of watercolor techniques. Create a unique nature painting using one or all techniques learned!

Monday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.

Get Money Wise: The Price is Right College Edition: Financial Literacy

Ages 12 and up. Be a contestant in our very own library game show! Have fun making educated guesses on the various costs associated with college in our own rendition of the popular television game. Refreshments provided and contestants rewarded.

Friday, April 15, 2:00 p.m.

D.E.A.R. Ramona: Literature

Ages 8 and up. Drop Everything and Read! Engage in a month-long national celebration of reading with a special book talk focused on Beverly Cleary's books featuring Ramona Geraldine Quimby. Stop in for a copy of a book featuring Ramona, read it, and brace yourself for a fun and lively discussion!

Tuesday, April 19, 5:00 p.m.

Earth Day: Education

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the importance of working to save our planet and some simple ways you can help every day. We will also be making Seed Pods – neat packages of flower seeds and soil that are easy to grow.

Thursday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.

Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114
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Unique Words: Literacy

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Wed., April 20, 3:30 p.m.

Poetry Out Loud: Literacy

All ages. We are celebrating National Poetry Month with an intergenerational poetry slam. Select a poem to read out loud, alone or with a group. Discover the world through the eyes of poets!

Mon., April 25, 3:30 p.m.

Dwight Branch

7 New Park Ave. Hartford CT 06106

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All month long

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Tuesday, April 5, 4:00 p.m.

Fun Friday: Arts & Entertainment

All ages. School is out for the next week, so it's time to start your vacation off by unwinding at the library and watching a fun movie. You'll have all week to pick which one we'll play!

Friday, April 8, 3:00 p.m.

Get Money Wise - Board Game Bonanza: Financial Literacy

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Friday, April 15, 3:00 p.m.



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Dwight Branch
7 New Park Ave. Hartford CT 06106
860.695.7460 hplct.org

Patriot's Day: Education

Not to be confused with the famous football team, Patriot's Day is celebrated all over New England as a day to remember the deeds of the brave men and women who fought against the British during the Revolutionary War. Learn about the famous figures who made the founding of this country possible.

Monday April 18, 4:00 p.m.

Earth Day: Education

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Friday, April 22, 3:00 p.m.

Poetry Creation Station: Education (Dwight)

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Monday, April 25, 4:00 p.m.

Maker Kit Madness: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we play around with an awesome Maker Kit that will test the limits of your imagination! At the end of the day, you'll have a totally unique craft to take home with you.

Tuesday, April 26, 4:00 p.m.

Arbor Day: Education (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Arbor Day is a very special day where we celebrate the importance of trees. Since they do so much for us, we're going to show our appreciation for them by making beautiful leaf crafts to take home.

Friday, April 29, 3:00 p.m.

Goodwin Branch

460 New Britain Ave. Hartford CT 06106

860.695.7480

Children and Families

Kindergarten Writing Center: Early Literacy

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Music & Movement: Early Literacy

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Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 p.m.

Wordplay Storytime: Early Literacy

Ages 0-5 with adult caregivers. This program mixes vocabulary, cultural literacy, and creative play focusing on letters, numbers, colors, shapes and feelings to build literacy and improve school readiness skills.

Wednesday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.

DIY Photo Booth: Literacy

All ages. Strike a pose, with your favorite book! Join us as we celebrate National Library Week with lights, camera and fun photo props!

Wednesday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.

Library Tour/Library Card Registration: Early Literacy

Join us for a tour of Goodwin and sign up for your very own Library Card, if you don't have one already! Also, get a raffle ticket to put in our box!

Wednesday, April 20, 10:00 a.m.

STEM Storytime: Early Literacy

Ages 2-5, with adult caregivers. Join us for a STEM-themed storytime! We'll explore basic science, technology, engineering, and math ideas through stories, songs, and rhymes. All participants will receive a grand prize raffle ticket.

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Goodwin Branch
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Students

Gaming Day: Arts & Entertainment

All ages. Join us for all kinds of games: video games on the big screen, air hockey, foosball and board games!

Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3:45 p.m.

STEAM Discovery Center: Education

Ages 5 and up. Visit our new discovery center for hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math activities. Each week, find new activities about the environment, computer programming, natural patterns and more!

Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 29, 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Poetry Garden: Literacy

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy poetry readings all about colors from Hailstones & Halibut Bones by Mary O’Neill then join us to create a magical garden blooming with poems about your favorite color!

Wednesday, April 6, 4:00 p.m.

Get Money Wise: Board Game Bonanza: Financial Literacy

Ages 5 and up. Spend your afternoon playing games that make you financially fit! Try out Making Cents, ATM Action, Pop to Win, and Launch It! A Money Game. Healthy snacks provided for brain power!

Thursday, April 7, 4:00 p.m.

Nutmeg Book Awards Celebration!

Ages 7-12. There’s still time to read and vote for your favorite book for the 2016 Nutmeg Book Awards, a book award chosen by children in Connecticut! Join us to watch book trailers on our big movie screen and enjoy book-themed treats and activities. Cast your vote at the library by Friday, April 29!

Monday, April 11, 3:00 p.m.

Poetry Out Loud: Literacy

All ages. We are celebrating National Poetry Month with an inter-generational poetry slam. Select a poem to read out loud, alone or with a group. Discover the world through the eyes of poets!

Tuesday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.

Get Money Wise: The Price is Right College Edition: Financial Literacy

Ages 12 and up. Be a contestant in our very own library game show! Have fun making educated guesses on the various costs associated with college in our own rendition of the popular television game. Refreshments provided and contestants rewarded.

Thursday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 20, 4:00 p.m.

Mark Twain Branch

55 Forest St. Hartford CT 06105

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Monday, April 4 – Friday, April 29, 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop: Early Literacy

Age birth - 5 with adult caregiver. Join us for a free workshop detailing what your child needs to be ready for success in Kindergarten and beyond. Social, emotional and communication development and attendance will be discussed.

Monday, April 4, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday Stories; Get Money Wise Story Hour

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for an interactive, hands-on story hour intended to get your little ones thinking about smart money choices early on!

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m.

STEM Storytime and Playgroup: Early/Family Literacy ,STEM

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Kids and Adults Yoga Class: Music , Movement, Early Literacy

Age birth - 5 with adult . Tour the library, sign up for a library card & enjoy a fun musical yoga class for kids and adults. Snack provided.

Monday, April 18, 12:30 p.m.

Word Play Storytime: Early and Family Literacy

Age birth-5 with adult caregiver. This family-focused program mixes vocabulary, cultural literacy, and creative play focusing on letters, numbers, colors, shapes and feelings to build literacy and improve school readiness skills.

Monday, April 25, 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Health Council (HHC) Healthy Eating Puppet Show:

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Wednesday, April 27, 1:30 p.m.

Healthy Foods A to Z

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Students

Homework Help: Education

Ages 5 and up. Need a quiet space to study and do your homework? Drop by after school for homework or research help and enjoy a snack here at the library. Homework supplies provided.

Monday -Thursday, April 4 - 28, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Drop-In Crafting: Arts & Entertainment

Age 10 and up. Stop by for our ongoing series of hands-on crafts projects. Paper folding will be our focus in April. You will make origami, a paper butterfly, paper bunting and more.

Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 4:00 p.m.



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Tuesday, April 5, 12, and 19, 4:00 p.m.

Every Day is Earth Day: Literacy and Arts & Entertainment

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate Earth Day with a story and a craft made of recycled materials. You will learn to create a beautiful rose out of an ordinary plastic bag and then make your own bouquet to take home.

Friday, April 22, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Doodle, Draw & Design: Arts & Entertainment

Age 8 and up. Use markers, pens, pencils and paint to express your creativity. We have the tools, you bring the inspiration. Add to our community mural or create an art project of your own.

Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 3:00 p.m.

Building Crew: STEM Education

Age 5 and up. Work with other kids to build a masterpiece. Construct a working marble run, Lego structure or try Wedgits, a fun and challenging multidimensional building set.

Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, 3:30 p.m.

Park Branch
744 Park Street Hartford CT 06106
860.695.7500

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Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

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Monday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

S.T.E.M. Storytime: Early Literacy

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Get Money Wise: Grocery Game Plan

Families welcome. Planning a weeks’ worth of meals while staying on budget can be tough! Families will work together to create a weeks’ worth of dinner plans within budget and receive tips on how to do so. Dinner provided.

Monday, April 25 4:00 p.m.

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D.E.A.R. Ramona: Literature

Ages 8 and up. Drop Everything and Read! Engage in a month-long national celebration of reading with a special book talk focused on Beverly Cleary’s books featuring Ramona Geraldine Quimby. Stop in for a copy of a book featuring Ramona, read it, and brace yourself for a fun and lively discussion!

Thursday, April 7, 4:00 P.M.

Animal Poetry Party: Education

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Poetry Month with poems, puppets, and play all about animals! Sing some silly songs and make a craft to take home.

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Zombiefest:

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Ropkins Branch

1750 Main St. Hartford CT 06120

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Students

Seasonal Activity Sheets: Literacy

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about Spring, Earth day and rabbit.

Monday, April 4, 4:30 p.m., April 11, 1:00 p.m.

Hands On!: Literacy

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics blocks and letters and many more literacy toys.

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Wednesday, April 6, 4:30 p.m.

BINGO!: Literacy

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy the traditional game by learning nature, color and shapes, or alphabet.

Fridays, April 8, 29, 4:30 p.m., April 15, 1:00 p.m.

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Stampede: Education

Ages 6 and up. Use stamps to create a picture or a story of your choice.

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Our Planet: Life Skills

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Earth by discussion on ways to help our earth through books, craft and activity sheet.

Wednesday, April 20, 4:30 p.m.

El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros: Literacy

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Children's Day/ Book Day with One of Juan Bobo and the Pig story and a craft.

Monday, April 25, 4:30 p.m.

Coming Home Crayons: Literacy

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy the story The Day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt and a craft afterward.

Wednesday, April 27, 4:30 p.m.

Blooming Tree: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 7 and up. Create a flowery tree by using tissue paper.

Thursday, April 28, 4:30 p.m.