

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