



# FEBRUARY 2020 YOUTH PROGRAMS

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## Take Your Child to the Library

Saturday, Feb 1: 9:30am-2:30pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with a library tour and activities at your local library branch!

## Read with Gizmo

Saturday, Feb 1 & 15: 10:30am-12pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Readers are invited to read to a loving patient therapy dog.

## Read, Sing, Play Storytime

(Mondays) Feb 3, 10, 24: 11am-12pm  
(Fridays) Feb 7, 14, 21, 28: 11am-12pm  
*Downtown Branch*

(Tuesdays) Feb 4, 11, 18, 25: 11am-12pm  
*Albany Branch*

(Wednesdays) Feb 5 & 19: 11am-12pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Friday, Feb 7: 11am-12pm  
*Barbour Branch*

Join us for stories, activities, and music movement.

## Perler Beads

Monday, Feb 3: 4pm-5:30pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Make your own Perler Bead creations! Perler Beads are colorful beads that you can put together in the design combination of your choice. Characters from your favorite cartoon or games can be brought to life!

## Library Lovers Month

Monday, Feb 3: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
*Dwight Branch*

Tuesday, Feb 4: 4pm-5:30pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Tuesday, Feb 18: 3:30pm-4:30pm  
*Barbour Branch*

Stop by your local library branch in February to share reasons you love the library! Decorate a paper heart and add to our display of library love.

## Early Readers Book Club

Monday, Feb 3: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
*Downtown Branch*

1st and 2nd graders are invited to join us for a fun time of reading, snacking and a related craft or activity! (Space is limited. Sign-up required)

## Doll House Furniture

Tuesday, Feb 4 & 25: 3:30pm-4:30pm  
*Barbour Branch*

Come to the Barbour Dreamhouse and help us make furniture for our community built dollhouse! This program is for boys and girls of all ages.

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## **Celebrate Black History Month**

Tuesday, Feb 4: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
*Dwight Branch*

Wednesday, Feb 5: 3:30pm-5pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Thursday, Feb 6: 3:30pm-4:30pm  
*Ropkins Branch*

Saturday, Feb 8: 2pm-3:30pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Tuesday, Feb 11: 3:30pm-5:30pm  
*Barbour Branch*

Wednesday, Feb 12: 3:30pm-5pm  
*Barbour Branch*

Saturday, Feb 29: 10am-11am  
*Albany Branch*

Learn about the African American heritage, notable figures, culture, art, science, and music using library resources and create a craft to take home with you.

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## **Sensational Sensory**

(Wednesdays) Feb 5, 12, 19, 26: 11am-12pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Interactive play-time for children.

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## **After School Adventures**

Wednesday, Feb 5: 4pm-5:30pm  
*Albany Branch*

(Wednesdays) Feb 5, 12, 19, 26: 2pm-3pm  
*Park Branch*

Stop by the Library for an afternoon of fun!

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## **Ozobots**

Wednesday, Feb 5: 4pm-5pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Come learn about coding by playing with our robots!

## **Friday Snack and Movie**

(Fridays) Feb 7, 14, 21, 28: 3:30pm-4:30pm  
*Barbour Branch*

Join us for a Friday afternoon wind-down after a long week. We will decompress with cozy blankets, snacks, and movie picked by the children who come to the program.

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## **4Unity Family Fun Time**

(Saturdays) Feb 8 & 29: 1pm-4pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Come join us for our free family program that includes arts & crafts, painting, crocheting, games, movies and all kinds of fun!!!

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## **Random Acts of Kindness**

Tuesday, Feb 10: 4pm-5:30pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Random Acts of Kindness week is the perfect opportunity to showcase your authentic, if slightly strange, generosity. Make someone's day better with a Random Act of Kindness!

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## **Hogs and Kisses for Valentine's Day**

Tuesday, Feb 11: 4pm-5:30pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Thursday, Feb 13: 3:30pm-4:30pm  
*Ropkins Branch*

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with stories, crafts, and a sweet snack!

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## **Duckling Gets a Cookie**

Tuesday, Feb 11: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
*Dwight Branch*

Celebrate Mo Willems' birthday with a reading of *The Duckling Gets a Cookie!*, play an interactive game, and check out other Mo Willems books.

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## **Double Meh: Anti-Valentine's Day**

Tuesday, Feb 11: 4pm-5pm  
*Barbour Branch*

Are you sick of candy hearts and cheesy bouquets of flowers? Are you tired of sappy love songs and puppy dog eyes? If this Hallmark holiday isn't quite your style, then you're in luck! Come celebrate (or commiserate) everything BUT romance.

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## **Hora de Cuento**

Wednesday, Feb 12 & 26: 11am-12pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Join us and enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome!

Acompáñenos y disfrute de cuentos, rimas, y canciones en inglés y español. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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## **Valentine Red Cup Challenge**

Wednesday, Feb 12: 4pm-5pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Get in the spirit of Valentines Day with some cool challenges. Give a heart cup challenge a try!

## **Tinker with Gears and Pulleys**

Saturday, Feb 15: 2:30pm-3:30pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Understand how gears and pulleys can work together to create your own seamless system.

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## **HPL Graphic Novel**

Tuesday, Feb 18: 4pm-5:30pm  
Wednesday, Feb 19: 3:30-5pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Join us as we go on a virtual visit to the art studio of Jarrett Krosoczka, author/illustrator of the *Lunch Lady* series. Learn techniques to create and illustrate your own graphic novel!

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## **Earth Science: Volcanoes**

Tuesday, Feb 18: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Students will investigate how differences in lava types can explain the differences in the shape and eruption patterns among volcanoes. In the activity, students will experiment with "lava" of different thicknesses to solve the mystery

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## **Bloxels**

Wednesday, Feb 19: 4pm-5pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Kids learn how to design video games using actual physical blocks. Design a level using colored blocks, snap a picture using a special app, and then customize the game with your imagination.

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## Listening Library

Thursday, Feb 20: 5:30pm-6:30pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Support and improve your child's listening, fluency, and speaking through read-along and audio books.

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## Space Science: Train Like an Astronaut

Thursday, Feb 20: 3:30pm-4:30pm  
*Ropkins Branch*

Astronauts need sturdy spacesuits to help protect them from the harsh environment of outer space. But the protective gear could be bulky, limiting an astronaut's ability to move around. Students will use the gloves to do several manual tasks. They will discover how much more difficult it will be to do simple tasks with bulky gloves that are needed for space.

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## Crafternoon

Thursday, Feb 20: 4pm-5:30pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Come enjoy a simple craft and take it home with you!

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## Yoga for Success

Monday, Feb 24: 5:30pm-7pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Simple but powerful yoga postures to bring stability and balance. Ages 7 & Up. Bring your own yoga mat & towel.

(Space is limited. Sign-up required)

## Mardi Gras

Tuesday, Feb 25: 4pm-5:30pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Mardi Gras is February 28th. While making a necklace, learn about "Fat Tuesday" and its history.

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## Boggle is a Word

Tuesday, Feb 25: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
*Dwight Branch*

Get a good grip on word making and word searching strategies, expand vocabulary, practice looking up words using print and online dictionaries.

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## Wigglebots

Wednesday, Feb 26: 3:30pm-5pm  
*Camp Field Branch*

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot! This is a real engineering project! Can you make it dance in circles, or maybe draw?

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## Time for Slime

Wednesday, Feb 26: 4pm-5pm  
*Barbour Branch*

More than just a fun sensory activity, making slime is actually science. Join us at the library to measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home. We try a few different recipes to compare and contrast.

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## Hit the Mark

Wednesday, Feb 26: 4pm-5pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Build your own Projectile Launcher - send ping pong balls flying, marking the trajectory and distance of your shots and targets.

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## It's Ok to Be Different

Thursday, Feb 27: 3:30pm-4:30pm  
*Ropkins Branch*

All of us has something that makes us a little different, whether it's the clothes we wear or the music we listen to. Come to the library and create your very own freak flag to celebrate all the quirks and interests that make you uniquely you!

## Brain Gain 101

Thursday, Feb 27: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
*Dwight Branch*

Getting good at something is easier when you know how your brain makes gains. Join us to get smarter in under an hour!

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## Family Pajama Storytime

Thursday, Feb 27: 5:30pm-6:30pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Join us at our evening family storytime for kids of all ages. Pajamas, blankets, and stuffed animals welcome!

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## Leap Day Fun

Saturday, Feb 29: 2pm-3:30pm  
*Downtown Branch*

Come by the library to celebrate this day that comes only once every 4 years!