FEBRUARY 2020
YOUTH PROGRAMS
HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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.

Sensational Sensory
(Wednesdays) Feb 5, 12, 19, 26: 11am-12pm
Downtown Branch
Interactive play-time for children.

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!

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 a movie picked by the children who come to the program.

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!!!

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!

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.

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.

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!

Valentine Red Cup Challenge
Wednesday, Feb 12: 4pm-5pm
Downtown Branch
Get in the spirit of Valentine's 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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Crafternoon
Thursday, Feb 20: 4pm-5:30pm
Camp Field Branch
Come enjoy a simple craft and take it home with you!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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!

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!

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!