

# FEBRUARY 2021

## VIRTUAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Facebook Program Videos @HartfordPublicLibrary

Join a HPL Youth Librarian on Facebook for a special video program in the afternoon.

**Tuesday & Thursday | Storytime Videos**  
**Wednesday | STEM Videos**



### Virtual Teen Programs Nintendo on Twitch for Teens

Ages 13-19. Monday, Feb 1, 8, 22, 4:00pm. Join Vickie and Boomer on Twitch @YouMediaHpl every Monday to watch (and join if you have a device!) a livestream of games on the Nintendo Switch such as Mario Kart 8, Animal Crossing, and Among Us!

### Early Reader Winter Reading Contest

Grade 1 & 2. January 1 - March 31, 2021.

Check out books or ebooks from HPL, and get a raffle ticket for every 3 books you read with your child. Prizes for each age group will be awarded at our virtual finale event, Art Club with Miss Katherine: If Dominican Were a Color, on Tuesday, March 30, 4:00pm. Register in our Early Reader Winter Reading Contest libguide.

### Take Your Child to the Library Day - Virtual

Saturday, February 6, 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-3:00pm  
All Ages. Join the Children's Room for family storytimes in English, Urdu, and Spanish at 10:00am-1:00pm and a fun afternoon Animal Show with the West Hartford Children's Museum at 2:00pm



## Virtual Programs on Zoom or Google Meet

We will post registration links for all our February programs on our website: [bit.ly/hplchildren](https://bit.ly/hplchildren)

## Read, Sing, & Play for ages 0-5

### Black History Family Story Time with Ms. Lina

Ages 0-5 with parent/caregiver. Monday, Feb 1, 8, 11:00am. Join us for storytime with songs, rhymes, and stories featuring picture books by African American writers.

### Read, Sing, Play Story Time with Ms. Lina

Ages 0-5 with parents/caregivers. Monday, Feb 22, 11:00am. Join us for stories, activities, and music movement.



### Music and Stories with Ms. Katryna

Ages 0-5. Thursday, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:00am. Families can join for a storytime as well as songs with Ms. Katryna and her musical instruments!



### Story Time Tuesdays with Ms. Rubina.

Ages 0-5. Tuesday, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, 11:00am. Join Ms. Rubina to enjoy the best in Picture Books, songs & rhymes.



### Rhyme Time with Ms. Lina

Ages 0-5 with parents/caregivers. Friday, Feb 12, 19, 11:00am. Introduce your child to the wonderful world of songs, rhymes, and fingerplays!



## Afterschool with HPL

### HPL Winter Reading Challenge: Books Like Us

Winter is for warm blankets and good books! From January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021, the Hartford Public Library will participate in Beanstack's Fourth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, "Books Like Us", sponsored by Simon and Schuster and the Hartford Public Library. All children ages 6-12 are welcome to participate. Find more information here: [bit.ly/HPLWinterReading](https://bit.ly/HPLWinterReading)



## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Relaxation Room: Kindness Rocks

Ages 6-12. Wednesday, Feb 3, 2:00pm.

Join Miss Katherine for relaxing meditation activities and make a kindness rock to remind you of the importance of practicing kindness every day. \*Program kit available. After you register, contact Miss Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.



### Crafts with Ms. Rubina: Paper Toys

Ages 6-12. Monday, Feb 1, 8, 22 & Thursday Feb 18, 3:30pm. Learn the art of Origami/ paper folding to create toys such as a waterbomb, a dog, a boat and a Butterfly. \*Program kit available. After you register, contact Ms. Rubina to pick up your kit while supplies last.



### Art Club with Miss Katherine : Sweet Hearts

Ages 6-18. Tuesday, Feb 9, 4:00 pm.

Join Miss Katherine for another sweet edible art activity, all about Valentines Day!

\*Program kit available. After you register, contact Miss Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.

## Happy Chinese New Year: Dragon Puppets

Ages 6-12. Wednesday, Feb 10, 2:00pm

Join us to learn about Chinese New Year and make a loooong dragon puppet! **\*Program kit available.**

**After you register, contact Miss Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.**



## ValenSLIME

Friday, Feb 12, 4:00pm

Join Vickie from the Barbour Branch Library on Google Meet once a month for Valentine's Day Slime!! **\*Program kit available.**

**After you register, contact Vickie to pick up your kit while supplies last.**



## Mask Keepers

Wednesday, Feb 17, 4:00pm

Make a necklace to attach your mask to so you never lose it! All craft kits come with a reusable mask.

**\*Program kit available. After you register, contact Vickie to pick up your kit while supplies last.**



## STEM



### STEM with Ms. Rubina

Ages 6-12, Wednesday, 3:30pm

**Feb 3:** Shape Shifters - Tangrams

**Feb 10:** A Geometric Shape Medley

**Feb 17:** Make it Real in 3-D

**Feb 24:** It's Just an Illusion

**\*Program kits available. After you register, contact Ms. Rubina to pick up your kit while supplies last.**

## Winter Birds

Ages 6-12. Wednesday, Feb 17, 2:00pm

Join us to learn about winter birds and make a bird feeder from natural materials. **\*Program kit available.**

**After you register, contact Miss Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.**



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Talk African American History with Kendall and Miss Lina

Wednesday, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, 4:30pm

There are so many people and events in history that have shaped the world and who we are today. Join Kendall, explore some notable historical black figures who have changed the world as we know it.

## Junior Jeopardy with Kendall

Ages 6-12. Friday, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30pm

Join Kendall for a fun Black History Jeopardy trivia.

Test your knowledge about the contributions of African Americans to our nation.



## Super Bookstronauts! Book Club for Tweens with Ms Lina

Ages 8-12. Monday, Feb. 22, 4:00pm. Celebrate African American Heritage Literature with Ms. Lina! We will discuss our novel of the month- Black Panther, by Ronald L. Smith. **\*After you register, contact Ms. Lina to pick up your book while supplies last.**



## Black History Art Club:

Ages 6-12. Tuesday, 4:00pm



**Feb 16: The Colors of My Imagination:** Our featured artist is Christian Robinson. We will read his latest book, Milo Imagines the World, based on his real-life as a child with an incarcerated parent and make color art!

**Feb 23: Carter Reads the Newspaper :** Meet the Father of Black History Month, Carter G. Woodson and make a poetry portrait to remember this important man! **\*Program kits available. After you register, contact Miss Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.**

## Make Art Like Basquiat

Wednesday, Feb 24, 4:00pm

Learn about legendary afrolatine artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, early hip-hop and street art history, and make your own self-portrait! **\*Program kit available. After you register, contact Vickie to pick up your kit while supplies last.**



## STEM Kitchen

Ages 6-12. Wednesday, Feb 24, 2:00pm

There is so much Science and Math right in your kitchen! Join Miss Katherine to make a STEM Kitchen kit for hours of indoor play and discovery! **\*Program kit available. After you register, contact Miss Katherine to pick up your kit while supplies last.**

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Social Justice Storytime: Change Begins with Me

Ages 4-8. Thursday, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, 3:30pm. Join us as we explore social justice issues in children's literature and discuss positive ways to make a difference in our community.

# SCHOOL CHOICE

## School Choice Application Assistance

Families with school-age children. Friday & Saturday, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:30pm & Feb 13, 20, 27, 2:00pm. Join us virtually in February for school choice assistance!

