

Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

<p>Legos in the Library We have Legos and a challenge for you. What will you create? Do you have what it takes to be a master builder? <i>Week of 8/20—Park</i></p> <p>Upcycled Paper Butterflies Question: What do you call a group of butterflies? A: A kaleidoscope! Learn how to make butterflies out of upcycled magazines or books! <i>Week of 8/20—Ropkins</i></p>	<p>Neighborhood Nature Scavenger Hunt Wherever you are, the community of living and nonliving parts of nature around you is called an ecosystem. Explore and identify the ecosystem around your neighborhood library! <i>Week of 8/13—Barbour, Ropkins, & Dwight</i> <i>Week of 8/20 & 8/27—Downtown</i></p> <p>Engineering Table—Cup Towers How tall a structure can you build with our cups? <i>Week of 8/20—Barbour & Dwight</i></p>	<p>Summer Craft Make and Take Get creative with our art supplies. <i>Week of 8/6—Dwight</i> <i>Week of 8/20 & 8/27—Albany</i></p> <p>Loom It Up Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain creation. <i>Week of 8/6—Barbour</i></p>
<p>Build with Strawbees Calling all jr. engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out! <i>Week of 8/27—Park</i></p> <p>Perler Bead Bonanza We have a ton of perler beads and boards for you to create with. <i>Week of 8/13—Park</i> <i>Week of 8/27—Camp Field & Barbour</i></p>	<p>Nature Photo-Thon Act like a Nat'l Geographic photographer! Spend the week snapping pictures on your phone of everything in nature. At the end of the week, bring your photos to the library to share & identify. <i>Week of 8/13—Camp Field</i></p> <p>Magnetic Sculptures Discover the powers of magnetism & create something cool. <i>Week of 8/20—Camp Field</i> <i>Week of 8/27—Ropkins</i></p>	<p>hARTford Scavenger Hunt Discover ART all around Hartford this summer, in the library, in your neighborhood or made by you! Write or draw your answers and share online with #hARTford. <i>Week of 8/6—Downtown, Camp Field, Albany, Ropkins, & Park</i> <i>Week of 8/13—Downtown & Albany</i></p> <p>Yarn Week Want to learn to knit or crochet? We have all the materials you need, just stop by. <i>Week of 8/27—Dwight</i></p>

Fun Programs for the Whole Family



Country Quilt Llama Farm

Is Your Mama a Llama? NO? Well, you can still come and meet Debbi and her llama!

Wed | Aug 15 | 2:00-2:45 Downtown | 3:30-4:15 Albany

Hip Hop Dance Classes

Studio 860 will teach you the latest dance moves. All classes are from 1:30-2:30.

Mon | Aug 6, 13, & 20 | Camp Field

Tues | Aug 7, 14, & 21 | Downtown

Wed | Aug 8, 15, & 22 | Barbour

Fri | Aug 9, 16, & 23 | Albany

Animal Show on the Go

Meet live animals from around the world! Who will show up? Will it be a lizard or a snake? Or maybe a rabbit?

You'll have to come and find out!

Mon | Aug 6 | 1:30-2:30 | Dwight

Mon | Aug 13 | 1:30-2:30 | Ropkins

Surcari

Surcari will have you moving and grooving to irresistible Latin beats. Kids can sing, clap, dance and play instruments with the band. Learn all about Latin culture through music.

Tues | Aug 7 | 11-12 Downtown | 2-3 Ropkins

Husky READS

The Huskies are coming! Interns from the Husky READS will have fun programs about nutrition, fitness, and reading for all ages throughout the summer from 1:30-2:30.

Mon | Barbour and Ropkins | Tues | Dwight and Park

Wed | Downtown | Thurs | Albany

Dinner and a Story

Enjoy a meal and family fun.

Mon | August 27 | 6-7 | Downtown

Free Summer Meals!

Kids and teens 18 and under

All branches 12:30-1:30 through August 17th.

ALL AGES SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

Complete the program—win a ticket to the August 24th Yard Goats game.



Leap Into Learning: Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver

Tots & Tunes

A group for little ones to come together and experience movement and music with songs, finger plays, musical instruments and more.
Wed | 12-12:30 | Downtown

Sensational Sensory Wednesdays

Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.
Wed | 11:00-12:00 | Downtown

Stories in the Park

Join us for a fun time at the Bushnell Park. Bring your blanket, family and friends and listen to a story followed by fun-filled activities. Meet Miss Marie and Miss Juanita in front of the Carousel at 11:30!
Thurs | Aug 9 | 11:30-12:30 | Bushnell Park



**LEAP INTO
LEARNING**

Loose Parts

Come out and explore what you can create with materials and objects!
Every Tues | 2 - 3 | Downtown

App Diddle Dee

Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for fun rhyming books and musical apps that will get your children excited about letters, words and sounds!
Wed | Aug 22 | 11:30 - 12 | Camp Field

Programs for Ages 6-12

Bug-a-Palooza

What interesting insects can you find living right outside your library? Decorate your bug catcher then use it to carefully catch and identify different critters. You can take your bug catcher home but all insects will be safely set free!
Thu | Aug 2 | 2-3 | Ropkins

Marble Mazes

Time to put physics to work! Create your own marble maze or marble run & let the good times roll!
Thurs | Aug 2 | 1:30-2:30 | Barbour
Thurs | Aug 2 | 2-3 | Camp Field
Thurs | Aug 30 | 4-5 | Park

Game Day

Come out and play some games! An hour of board games and more!
Fri | Aug 17, 24 & 31 | 3-4:30 | Camp Field
Every Thu | 2-3 | Downtown

Bridge Science

Engineer a bridge that can withstand the heaviest load of books, using only simple supplies!
Thur | Aug 2 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown
Thur | Aug 9 | 1:30-2:30 | Barbour

Mindful Moments

Take a break and learn how to handle stress with easy relaxation tips using music, paint, and your own body.
Thurs | Aug 16 | 2 - 3 | Camp Field

HPL Book Scavenger Hunt

Calling all book lovers, treasure hunters and adventurers! Join a city-wide book scavenger hunt inspired by the Book Scavenger series by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. Solve a secret cipher to find books hidden in all the Hartford Public Libraries.
Mon | Aug 13 | 2-3 | Albany

Plant Lab

Discover the life of plants in your world with fun activities and explorations!
Thur | Aug 9 | 1:30-2:30 | Park
Thur | Aug 16 | 1:30-2:30 | Barbour

Meditation

Devin McCrorey, founder of the Wellness Initiative, will guide you through a program on meditation and mindfulness. All programs from 2:00-3:00.
Wed | Aug 1 | Ropkins Wed | Aug 8 | Dwight
Mon | Aug 13 | Downtown Fri | Aug 17 | Camp Field

Hit the Mark: Build a Ping Pong Ball Launcher

Hit 'em with your best shot! Build your own Projectile Launcher - send ping pong balls flying, marking the trajectory and distance of your shots and targets. Use recycling bin materials or extra components to build a catapult, ram or sling-shot - your imagination is the limit!
Thurs | Aug 16 | 2-3 | Dwight

City Beautiful

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena is the award-winning story of a child discovering the beauty around his city. Join us to discover this story, adapt it to our own neighborhoods in Hartford to make a community neighborhood collage!
Wed | Aug 8 | 2-3 | Camp Field
Thurs | Aug 9 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown

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Thur | Aug 30 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field
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Big Words

"I believe in one day and some day and this perfect moment called now." - Jacqueline Woodson. What's your favorite book quote? Want to hang it on the library wall? Now's your chance! Choose a quote, cut it out, hang it up!
Thurs | Aug 2 | 1:30-2:30 | Park
Wed | Aug 15 | 2-3 | Camp Field

Makey Makey

Create keyboards made from different materials like play-doh, fruits, and vegetables. Learn about electric circuits, energy and technology with this fun kit.
Tues | Aug 21 | 2-3 | Dwight
Wed | Aug 29 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field

Radiant Child: The Art of Jean Michel Basquiat

Jean-Michael Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings and graffiti art rocketed to fame in the 1980s. Make your own work of art in his style and listen to a reading of the Caldecott award winning Book Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe.
Thurs | Aug 9 | 2-3 | Camp Field

Downtown Library | 500 Main Street | 860-695-6330 | M - Th 9:30am - 8pm, F - Sat 9:30am - 5pm

Albany Branch | 1250 Albany Ave | 860-695-7380 | M & W 10am - 6pm, T & Th 10am - 8pm, F - Sat 10am - 5pm

Barbour Branch | 261 Barbour Street | 860-695-7400 | M & W 10am - 8pm, T & Th 10am - 6pm, F 10am - 5pm

Camp Field Branch | 30 Campfield Ave | 860-695-7440 | M & W 10am - 6pm, T & Th 10am - 8pm, F 10am - 5pm

Dwight Branch | 7 New Park Ave | 860-695-7460 | M & W 10am - 6pm, T & Th 10am - 8pm, F 10am - 5pm

Park Branch | 744 Park Street | 860-695-7500 | M & W 10am - 8pm, T & Th 10am - 6pm, F - Sat 10am - 5pm

Ropkins Branch | 1750 Main Street | 860-695-7520 | M-Th 12:30pm - 6pm, F 12:30pm - 5pm

At Your Fingertips: Get Ready for School

Put together a Back-to-School organizer in a pocket folder with an array of helpful tip-sheets and tools. Personalize it with art of your choice.
Thurs | Aug 16 | 1:30-2:30 | Park
Thurs | Aug 16 | 2-3 | Ropkins
Wed | Aug 22 | 2-3 | Camp Field
Thurs | Aug 30 | 4-5 | Barbour

Balloon Towers

Activate your engineering mind! Form small teams and build the tallest free-standing tower you can using just balloons and some tape.
Thurs | Aug 23 | 2-3 | Ropkins