### Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

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| **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?  
*Week of 8/20—Park* |
| **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!  
*Week of 8/20—Ropkins* |
| **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!  
*Week of 8/13—Barbour, Ropkins, & Dwight  
Week of 8/20 & 8/27—Downtown* |
| **Engineering Table—Cup Towers** | How tall a structure can you build with our cups?  
*Week of 8/20—Barbour & Dwight* |
| **Summer Craft Make and Take** | Get creative with our art supplies.  
*Week of 8/20 & 8/27—Albany  
Week of 8/6—Dwight* |
| **Build with Strawbees** | Calling all Jr. engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out!  
*Week of 8/27—Park* |
| **Perler Bead Bonanza** | We have a ton of perler beads and boards for you to create with.  
*Week of 8/13—Park  
Week of 8/27—Camp Field & Barbour* |
| **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.  
*Week of 8/13—Camp Field  
Week of 8/27—Camp Field* |
| **Magnetic Sculptures** | Discover the powers of magnetism & create something cool!  
*Week of 8/27—Dwight* |
| **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* |

### Fun Programs for the Whole Family

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| **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* |

**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 playtime for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.
Wed [11:00-12:00] Downtown

Loose Parts
Come out and explore what you can create with materials and objects!
Every Tues [2 - 3] 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

App Diddle Dee
Ages 2-6 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

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

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 | Downtown
Fri | Aug 17 | Camp Field

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

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

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Thur | Aug 9 | 2-3 | Dwight
Thur | Aug 30 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field
Every Tues | 2 - 3 | Downtown

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

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 slingshot – your imagination is the limit!
Thurs | Aug 16 | 2-3 | Dwight

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!
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Wed | Aug 15 | 2-3 | 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 Jarvaka Steptoe.
Thurs | Aug 9 | 2-3 | Camp Field

Down to Earth: Understanding Our Environment
Explore the natural world around you to see the beauty and diversity. Join us for an interactive, hands-on learning experience.
Thurs | Aug 9 | 2-3 | Dwight

At Your Fingertips: Get Ready for School
Put together a Back-to-School organizer in a pocket folder with an array of helpful tipsheets 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

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

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!
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Thurs | Aug 9 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown

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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 | 860-695-7440 | 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

August 2018
Programs for Youth and Families

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.
Thurs | 10 - 10:45 | Park
Mon & Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown
Fri | Aug 3 & 10 | 9:30-10:30 | Dwight
Wed | Aug 8 & 22 | 11:30-12 Barbour
Tues & Thur | 10 - 10:45; 10:45-11:30 | Ropkins
Wed & Mon | Aug 8 & 27 | 11-12 | Albany
Thurs | Aug 16 | 2-3 | Albany
Mon | Aug 20 | 4-5 | Camp Field

Marble Mazes
Time to put physics to work! Create your own marble maze or marble run & let the good times roll!
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