

Downtown Library

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103
860.695.6330 hplct.org
M-Th 9:30-8, F & Sat 9:30-5, Sundays 1-5

Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

First Friends Play Group

Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books, and music while your child meets other children.
Every Monday, December 4th—January 29th, 11:00-12:00

Every Child Ready to Read Storytime

An interactive program based on the five practices of the Every Child Ready to Read initiative: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, and sing songs.
Every Friday, December 1st—January 26th, 11:00-12:00

Sensational Sensory Wednesdays

Interactive play time for children. Each week children will enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.
Every Wednesday 11:00-12:00

Tots and Tunes

A group for little ones to come together and experience movement and music with songs, finger plays, musical instruments and more.
Every Wednesday 12:00-12:30

Snowflake Storytime

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to celebrate winter with great winter stories, rhymes, songs and a snowflake craft!
Tues, Dec 5th & 12th and Jan 2nd & 9th, 10:00-11:00

Dinner and A Story

Special guest "Jedda" Williams to perform holiday music and movements activities and a story followed by dinner.
Monday, December 18th, 6:00

Triple P Parenting Storytime

A special family storytime designed to provide parenting support for families.
Tues, Dec 19th and Jan 16th, 23rd, & 30th, 10:00-11:00

Family Holiday Concert

Come feel the magic of the holiday season with Sam Pasco Trio!
Wed, Dec 20th, 10:00-11:00 & 12:00-1:00

Kwanzaa Festival

Join us for a unique celebration of family, community, and culture
Thursday, December 28th, 12:00-5:00

Healthy Family Meal

Come hear about nutritional foods and recipes followed by a story and a family dinner
Monday, January 22nd, 6:00

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Festive Paper Stars

Create paper stars to decorate the library! Using just paper, scissors, and glue, learn how simple folding and cutting can create festive decorations in colorful patterns.
Mon, Dec 4th—Fri Dec 15th

Legos in the Library

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Tues, Dec 5th & 12th, and Jan 2nd—23rd, 4:00-5:00

Crafternoon

Come enjoy a simple craft and take it home with you!
Sat, Dec 9th & 30th—Jan 20th, 11:00-12:00
Tues, Jan 9th—23rd 5:00-6:00

Winter Olympics

The 23rd Winter Olympic Games will be held February 9 - 25, 2018 in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Come to the library while we gear up to celebrate the games and the athletes. There will be indoor Olympic games and crafts celebrating this international event that happens every four years.
Mon, Dec 18th—Wed, Dec 20th

Kwanzaa Celebration: Weave a Mkeka

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Perler Bead Bonanza

We have a ton of perler beads and boards--what will you create?
Tues, Jan 2nd—Fri, Jan 5th

Build with Strawbees

Calling all junior engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out!
Mon, Jan 8th—Sat, Jan 13th

Welcome Winter

Welcome the snowy season of sledding, building snowmen, and snowball fights. Build your own snow cones for a special treat.
Wednesday, January 10th, 4:00-5:00

Paper Plate Puzzles for National Puzzle Day

Celebrate National Puzzle day by exercising your art skills and your puzzle building abilities! It's known to be good for your brain! Use your imagination to design a picture on a paper plate. You will then cut it into pieces to create a one-of-a-kind jigsaw puzzle. Participants will share
Mon, Jan 22nd—Fri, 26th

Celebrate Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month in February. Learn about the African American heritage, notable figures, culture, art, and music using library resources and create a paper quilt to display.
Week of January 29th



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Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

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Mondays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30

Biography Readathon Challenge.

*Calling all 3-5 grade readers! How many biographies can you read this winter? The Children's Library is a great place to start. Check out the latest **Who Was collection** as well as any other biography of your choice for your reading adventure.*

Anyone who reads 25 or more titles this winter will qualify to enter our raffle draw and the top 3 readers will be celebrated at the Downtown Library on Thursday, April 26th 2018.

Call the Children's Room at 860-695-6330 to pick up your reading log & recommended book list.

Month of December 1st—March 31st

Read with Gizmo

Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring him/her every first and third Saturday to meet Gizmo (our specially trained Paws for Friendship Therapy Dog) and her handler Jen. Call 860-695-6330 for an appointment time between 12:30-2:00 or just drop in for a session.

Sat, Dec 2nd & 16th, and Jan 6th & 20th, 12:30-2:00

S.T.E.M. PlayTime: The E in Engineering

Come hang out and Play! We will have several types of building blocks to play with.

Wednesdays, Dec 6th—27th & Jan 3rd—31st, 4:00-5:30

Sat, Dec 30th, 2:30-3:30

Portrait Collage: I am Unique

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Thursday, December 21st, 5:00-7:30

Magic Sand

Explore the reason behind what makes magic sand magic and create your own magic sculpture

Wednesday, January 3rd, 4:00-5:00

Yoga Time

Yoga is great for keeping your body healthy and your mind relaxed.

Come learn some fun poses, no special mat or experience needed

Saturday, January 13th, 11:00-12:00

Mix-in-Math

Guess the length of the string, use given clues to name the mystery entity that matches that length

Tues, Jan 16th—Fri, Jan 19th

Circuit Clay

Come play and learn about electricity with our special circuit clay. Create a creature that lights up with LEDs!

Wednesday, January 17th, 4:00-5:00

Gravity Science

Ever wonder what you might weigh on Mars or The Moon? Join other young physicists at the Library to explore this concept.

Saturday, January 20th, 2:30-3:30

Animation Film Festival

Come and learn how to create your own movie in 30 minutes. Enjoy a small film festival with program participants at the end

Wednesday, January 24th, 4:00-5:00

Build a Boat

Use common materials to explore buoyancy and power! Design a working electric motor boat with this activity. Find your hull in the recycling bin (milk jug, foam tray, pool noodles, etc.). Add the motor, propeller and other components. Set it in the water and watch it go.

Mon, Jan 29th—Tues, Jan 30th, 4:00-5:00

Bones: The Inside Story

How many bones do you have? Identify and locate the major bones of the human body.

Wednesday, January 31st, 5:00-6:00



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Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

Groovy Buttons

Wednesday, December 13th 10:30-11:30

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Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Holiday Cards for Veterans

Make sure that everyone feels the holiday cheer by making caring cards for local veterans. After collection, cards will be delivered to a local veterans hospital in time for the holiday season.

Mon, Dec 4th—Fri, Dec 8th

Cooking with Ms. Krissy

Tuesday, December 5th, 4:00-5:00

Perler Bead Bonanza

We have a ton of perler beads and boards--what will you create?

Mon, Dec 11th and Sat, Dec 23rd

Building Club

Put your STEM skills to the test during Building Club. We will have Legos out along with a variety of other building kits.

Wed, Dec 13th & Jan 10th

Coloring Club

Spend the afternoon relaxing and channeling your creative energy during Coloring Club.

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Welcome Winter

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Thurs, Dec 21st, 1:30-2:30 and Tues, Jan 16th 10:00-11:00

Loom It Up

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Tues Dec 26th-Sat, Jan 6th

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Tues and Wed, Dec 26th-27th

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Tabletop Games

Every Thursday, 4:00-5:30

Fun Friday

Every Friday, 1:00-4:00

Homework Club

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Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30

Holiday Quilling

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Wednesday, December 6th, 3:30-4:30

Ribbon Candy Holiday Ornament

Design a cute ribbon candy ornament to decorate your house for the holidays, and practice your sewing skills. The best part is, you don't have to eat it when you're done!

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Lanyard Lacing Fun

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Mon, Jan 15th-Sat, Jan 27th

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Wednesday, January 17th, 3:00-4:00

Programs for Students Ages 6-12 (cont'd)

Catapult a Cat

Build a catapult from pencils & send a (fake) kitten flying!

Tuesday, January 9th 4:00-5:00

Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Help make sure the local birds have food during the long, cold winter! Visit the library to make pine cone bird feeders then take them home and hang them around your neighborhood.

Mon, Jan 22nd-Tues Jan 23rd, 4:00-5:00

Animation Film Festival

Come and learn how to create your own movie in 30 minutes. Enjoy a small film festival with program participants at the end!

Mon, Jan 29th & Tues, Jan 30th, 4:00-5:00



Barbour Branch

261 Barbour St. Hartford, CT 06120

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Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Born to Read Storytime and Play Group

Inspire, stimulate and create a love of reading in your child by visiting the library for developmentally appropriate stories, songs and finger plays. There will be bubbles and parachute games with time for socialization and play time afterwards. No registration is required.

Wed, Dec 13th and Jan 10th & 24th, 11:30-12:20

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Holiday Cards for Veterans

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Magic Sand

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Thursday, December 7th, 4:00-5:00

It's Okay to Be Different

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 unique!

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Thursday, Dec 14th, 4:00-5:00

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Ribbon Candy Holiday Ornament

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Tuesday, January 30th, 4:00-5:00



Camp Field Branch

30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114

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Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Little Robots Storytime

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregivers. Join us for great stories and a fun playtime featuring our little library robots, BeeBot and Ozobot!

Wednesday, December 6th, 10:00-11:00

Winter Lights Storytime

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for a festive storytime all about winter holidays celebrated around the world!

Wednesday, December 13th, 10:00-11:00

Toddler Tunes

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Wed, Dec 20th and Jan 17th, 10:00-10:30

Baby Talk

0-12 months with parent/caregiver. Babies need words every day! Join us to sing, read and talk about easy ways to build your baby's vocabulary each day. Siblings welcome!

Wed, Dec 27th and Jan 24th, 10:30-11:00

Family App Time

Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for a fun family app playtime with tips on finding and using apps to support your child's early learning. All technology skill levels welcome!

Fri, Dec 22nd and Jan 19th, 11:00-12:00

Shapes in the Library

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for great stories, songs and a scavenger hunt to find different shapes in the library!

Wednesday, January 3rd, 10:00-11:00

Snowflake Storytime

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to celebrate winter with great winter stories, rhymes, songs and a snowflake craft!

Wednesday, January 10th, 10:00-11:00

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Yarn Week

Teens and youth learn to knit and crochet! Bring some yarn, and we will supply the tools and expertise needed.

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Winter Holidays

Discover and learn about the traditions of various winter holidays around the world.

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Tues, Dec 26th—Fri, Dec 29th

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

Need a little help getting started with your assignments? Drop in after school for a snack and homework supplies to help you get going.

Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-6:00

Let's Get Coding!

Celebrate the Hour of Code this December by visiting your local library and learning to computer program like the best of them! Choose one of the many fun programs and see if you can complete all of the levels.

Mon, Dec 4th and Tues, Dec 5th, 3:30-4:30

Ribbon Candy Holiday Ornament

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Wednesday, December 6th, 3:30-4:30

Pointillism Poinsettias

In Mexico, the poinsettia is called flor de la Nochebuena. At Christmas-time, the flower blooms and flourishes. Listen to Tomie dePaola's retelling of The Legend Poinsettia and then use the art technique pointillism to create your own flower!

Monday, December 11th, 3:30-4:30

Imagine Nation: Tower of Power

Wednesday, December 13th 4:00-5:00

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Three Kings Day

Learn all about Dia de los Reyes, a holiday traditionally celebrated in the Hispanic community. Listen to a Three King's story and create your own crown to take home.

Tues, Jan 2nd—Fri, Jan 5th

If I Were A Time Traveler

Where would you go? What would you do? Would it be in the past, present, or maybe even the future? Look through various nonfiction texts at the library about different time periods and civilizations then let your imagination take over.

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Winter Solstice Celebration

The winter solstice may be the shortest day of the year, but there is plenty of light to be found at the library! Come learn about this unique day of the year and celebrate the arrival of longer days by making your very own bit of sunshine to take home with you.

Thursday, December 21st, 3:30-4:30

Magic Sand

Explore the reason behind what makes magic sand magic and create your own magic sculpture.

Wednesday, December 27th, 1:00-2:00

Sensational Stargazing

Have you ever looked up into the night sky and wondered what on Earth is going on up there? Wonder no more! During this program we will explore space and time, learning about the various planets and constellations and the intriguing mythology behind their names.

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Animation Film Festival

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Wednesday, Jan 10th, 3:30-4:30

That's So Funny!

What do gum, tater tots and middle school have in common? Join us for a hilarious book discussion starring James Patterson's I, Funny and Jacky Ha Ha series. Bubble gum included.

Wednesday, January 17th, 3:30-4:30

Your Elastic Brain

It's ok to not be perfect! Let's talk about your ever changing brain and do some fun projects around the books Ish and The Dot by Peter Reynolds.

Monday, January 22nd, 3:30-4:30

HPL Graphic Novel Studio

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!

Wednesday, January 24th, 3:30-4:30

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Yoga Time

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Wednesday, January 31st, 3:30-4:30



Park Branch

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Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Snowflakes Storytime

Share Winter theme books, rhymes and songs. Decorate a snowflake ornament to take home.

Thursday, December 7th, 10:00-11:00

Winter Lights Story Time

Celebrate Winter Holidays with beautiful books and songs. Make a holiday wreath to bring home.

Thursday, December 21st, 10:00-11:00

Fun Flannel Stories

Watch, listen and re-tell fun flannel stories. Make a finger puppet pet to bring home.

Thursday, January 18th, 10:00-11:00

All Muffled Up Story Time

What would you wear to keep warm in winter? Find out with stories and rhymes. Dress up a paper doll to play in the snow.

Thursday, January 25th, 10:00-11:00

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Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

Fibonacci Sequence

Discover the mysterious math patterns in fruits and flowers. Figure out the Fibonacci sequence by following a simple format.

Friday, December 1st, 2:30-3:30

Explicable Magic

Explore the magical realm of STEM with tricks you can understand and master.

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Just Weave it

Learn about the ancient art of weaving and create a simple weaving loom from ordinary drinking straws. Then make a colorful woven friendship bracelet or a bookmark to take home.

Mon, Jan 22nd—Fri, Jan 26th

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, Jan 23rd—Wed, Jan 24th

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Week of January 29th

HPL Graphic Novel Studio

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!

Tuesday, January 30th, 2:30-3:30



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Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Warm Mittens

Listen to The Mitten by Jan Brett and design your own mitten to take home.

Wed and Thurs, Dec 6th—21st 10:00-10:45 and 10:45-11:30

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Any-time

Perler Bead Bonanza

We have a ton of perler beads and boards--what will you create?

Monday, December 4th— Friday, December 8th

Loom It Up

Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain creation.

Monday, December 11th—Friday, December 15th

Welcome Winter

Welcome the snowy season of sledding, building snowmen, and snowball flights. Build your own snow cones for a special treat.

Monday, December 18th—Thursday, December 21st

Kwanzaa Celebration Weave a Mkeka

At Kwanzaa families and friends gather to celebrate family ties, remember ancestors, support community and give thanks for the good things in life. All Kwanzaa symbols are traditionally placed on the mkeka, a woven straw

Tuesday, December 26th—Friday, December 29th

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

Need a little help getting started with your assignments? Drop in after school for a snack and homework supplies to help you get going.

Mon, Wed, Thurs, 3:30-5:00 Tues 2:00-3:30

Bubbology

Children of all ages, join us for a special activity hosted by Imagine Nation.

Tuesday, December 5th, 2:00

Circuit Clay

Come play and learn about electricity with our special circuit clay. Create a creature that lights up with LEDs!

Thursday, December 7th, 3:30-4:30

Ferdinand's Happiness Pasture

Enjoy listening to the The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf. Then write and decorate a flower to put on the library pasture of what makes us happy and other activities of being unique.

Wednesday, December 13th, 3:30-4:30

Ribbon Candy Holiday Ornament

Design a cute ribbon candy ornament to decorate your house for the holidays, and practice your sewing skills. The best part is, you don't have to eat it when you're done!

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Brrr! It's Winter

Enjoy listening to wintry stories and a craft to take home.
Wed and Thurs, Jan 10th—25th, 10:00-10:45 & 10:45-11:30

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Lanyard Lacing Fun

Spool out some lanyard cord and create a key chain, bracelet, zipper pull, or whatever you can dream up!
Tuesday, January 2nd—Friday, January 5th

Crafternoon

Come enjoy a simple craft and take it home with you!
Monday, January 8th—Friday, January 12th

S.T.E.M. PlayTime: The E in Engineering

Come hang out and Play! We will have several types of building blocks to play with.
Tuesday, January 16th—Friday, January 19th

Mad Libs for Kids

Enjoy a raucous game of Mad Libs at your local library. Since 1958, Mad Libs, the classic party game, has been instigating laughter and groaning delight. When words are substituted, crazy silly stories will be created and then shared aloud with the group. Join us for a laugh.
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Three Kings' Day

Learn all about Dia de los Reyes, a holiday traditionally celebrated in the Hispanic community. Listen to a Three King's story and create your own crown to take home.

Thursday, January 4th, 3:30-4:30

Gingerbread Fun

"Run, run, run as fast as you can..." Listen to the story of the Gingerbread Man and then visit our gingerbread stations for more fun.

Thursday, January 11th, 3:30-4:30

Gingerbread Houses

Gingerbread house contest participants will be placed in groups, not more than 3 participants in each group. Each group will be provided with the same supplies and given 60 minutes to build a gingerbread masterpiece. Participants should be as creative as possible. Pictures will be taken

Thursday, January 18th, 3:30-4:30

3D Snowflakes

3D printing sounds so complicated but it's really not! Join us to learn the basics about 3D printing then create your own 3D printed snowflakes!

Thursday, January 25th, 3:30-4:30

