

Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

<p>Library Lovers Month 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.</p> <p>Week of 2/4—Barbour, Camp Field, Dwight, Park & Ropkins Week of 2/18 & 2/25—Downtown</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Week of 2/4—Downtown Week of 2/11—Downtown, Dwight & Ropkins Week of 2/19—Barbour, Camp Field & Park Week of 2/25—Camp Field</p>	<p>Boggle is a Word Get into that competitive spirit with Boggle—the word making/ word search game.</p> <p>Week of 2/11—Camp Field</p> <p>Loom It Up Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain creation.</p> <p>Week of 2/11—Barbour Week of 2/19—Dwight</p>
<p>Perler Bead Bonanza We have a ton of perler beads and boards for you to create with.</p> <p>Week of 2/11—Park</p> <p>Fabulous Fingerprint Art Create funny animals with just your fingers, ink, and markers. Inspired by Ed Emberley's Great Thumbprint Drawing Book.</p> <p>Week of 2/19—Ropkins</p>	<p>Strawbees Calling all junior engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out!</p> <p>Week of 2/25—Barbour, Dwight & Park</p> <p>Crafternoon Come enjoy a simple craft and take it home with you!</p> <p>Week of 2/25—Ropkins</p>	<p>All locations of HPL will be closed on: — Monday, February 18</p>  <p><i>Presidents Day</i></p>

Leap Into Learning: Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver

<p>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.</p> <p>Mon & Fri 11 - 12 Downtown Thur 10 - 10:45 Park</p> <p>Tues & Thur 10-10:30 & 10:30-11 Ropkins Fri Feb 15 11-12 Albany</p> <p>Wed Feb 6 & 20 9:30-10:30 Dwight Wed Feb 20 10:30-11 Camp Field</p>		
<p>App Play Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to learn and play with great free educational apps from Sago Mini. iPads available or bring your own device to download and play!</p> <p>Fri Feb 15 3-4:30 Camp Field</p>	<p>Sensational Sensory Wednesdays Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.</p> <p>Wed 11-12 Downtown</p>	<p>The Duckling Gets a Cookie Celebrate Mo Willems' birthday with a reading of The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?, play an interactive game, and check out other Mo Willems books.</p> <p>Thur Feb 7 4:30-5:30 Camp Field Mon Feb 11 4-5 Downtown</p>
<p>Tots & Tunes A group for little ones to come together and experience movement and music with songs, finger plays, musical instruments and more.</p> <p>Wed 12-12:30 Downtown</p>		 <p>1,000 Books Before Kindergarten @ Hartford Public Library A place like no other.</p>

Family Programming: All Ages



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with a library tour and activities at your local library branch!

Thur | Jan 31 | all day | Dwight **Thur | Jan 31 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins** **Fri | Feb 1 | all day | Albany & Camp Field**
Sat | Feb 2 | 12:30-1:30 | Park **Sat | Feb 2 | 2-3 | Downtown** **Tues | Feb 5 | 2-3:30 | Barbour**

www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org

Programs for Ages 6-12



Hogs and Kisses for Valentine's Day

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with stories, crafts, and a sweet snack!
Tues | Feb 12 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight **Thur | Feb 14 | 3:30-5 | Barbour**
Thur | Feb 14 | 4-5:30 | Downtown
Thur | Feb 14 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins **Thur | Feb 14 | 4-5 | Park**

The M in STEM!

Crazy 8's Club/STEM Wednesdays

Join us for hands on activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!
Wed | 4-5 | Downtown



Math Mania Station

Have fun with math by throwing and adding numbers to see who the winner is.
Wed | Feb 20 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field

Engineering Fun!

Tinker with Gears and Pulleys

Come tinker around with our tools, pulleys, and gears to see what creation you can build!
Wed | Feb 6 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field

Wiggle Bots

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot! Can you make it dance in circles, or draw?
Tues | Feb 26 | 4-5:30 | Downtown

Get Blown Away

Create a turbine that will capture energy from the wind and convert it into electricity. Learn through inquiry and experimentation.
Thur | Feb 21 | 4:30-5:30 | Park

Time for Slime

Join us at the library to measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home.
Tues | Feb 19 | 3-4 | Downtown
Wed | Feb 27 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field



A Rose is a Rose is a Rose

Craft a bouquet of paper flowers from old book pages.
Sat | Feb 9 | 3-4:30 | Downtown

Aerodynamics of Paper Airplanes

Make a perfect paper airplane by learning about elements that help to fly it.
Tues | Feb 5 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight

Live Music!

Exploring China Through Music and Story:

Violinist Shaw Pong Liu

From the grassland of Mongolia to the high mountains of Yunnan, Shaw Pong Liu takes audiences on a musical journey through China.

Mon | Feb 11 | 4-5 | Camp Field

Mon | Feb 11 | 6-7 | Downtown

Tues | Feb 12 | 4-5 | Park



Carnival Trio

Swing and sway to the music of the islands!
Thur | Feb 28 | 4-5 | Dwight

**February 28th is Digital Learning Day!
Circuit Playground**

Learn the ABCs of electronics with a curious little robot.
Thur | Feb 28 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field

3D Print a Cookie Cutter

Design and print your own cookie cutter on our 3D printer.
Thur | Feb 28 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins

Circuit Clay

Come play and learn about electricity and create a creature that lights up with LEDs!
Thur | Feb 28 | 3:30-5 | Barbour

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Thur | Feb 7 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins

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.

Thur | Feb 7 | 4-5 | Park

Just Weave It!

Learn about the ancient art of weaving and create a simple weaving loom from ordinary drinking straws to make a bracelet!

Thur | Feb 21 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field

It's OK to be Different

All of us has something that makes us a little different. Create your very own freak flag to celebrate what makes you uniquely you!

Thur | Feb 21 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins

Mama Stitches to Cover with Love

Join Akintunde Sogunro, a local author from New Britain, as he presents his book *Mama Stitches to Cover with Love*. Enjoy a scavenger hunt afterwards!

Thur | Feb 21 | 4:30-5:30 | Albany

Snack and Chat: Ok For Now—a Body Biography

Join our book discussion and visual representation of a character from the novel *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt.

Sat | Feb 23 | 3-4 | Downtown

Homework Help—Get help with your homework and reading at the library!

Mon—Fri | 3-5 | Albany
Mon—Fri | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight

Mon—Fri | 3-4:30 | Camp Field
Mon-Fri | 3-4 | Park

Tues | 3:30-6:30, Thur | 5-8, & Fri | 3-5 | Downtown
Mon, Wed, Thur | 3:30-5 | Ropkins **Tues | 2-3:30 | Ropkins**

Hartford Public Library Locations and Hours

- Downtown Library** | 500 Main Street | 860-695-6330 | M – Th 9:30am – 8pm, F – Sat 9:30am – 5pm, Sun 1-5
- 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, W, Th 3pm–6pm, Tue 1:30pm – 6pm, F 3pm-5pm
- Boundless Library @ Rawson** | 260 Holcomb Street | 860-695-7481 | T & Th 3:30pm–6pm

Let's Get Coding!

Come and play with our color-sensing robots and learn the basics of computer coding!

Wed | Feb 13 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field
Thur | Feb 21 | 3:30-5 | Barbour

Glow Germs All Around

Germs can be found on things that we use every day. Put your handwashing skills to the test and learn what you can do to stop those germs from making you sick.

Tues | Feb 19 | 2-3 | Dwight