July 2019
Programs for Youth and Families

Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

**Week of 7/1**
- Summer Craft Make & Take—Albany, Camp Field
  - Celebrate summer with cool crafts.
- Perler Bead Bonanza—Barbour, Downtown
  - Get creative with perler beads!
- Build with Strawbees—Dwight, Park
  - Design and build with straws and connectors.
- Engineering Table: Gumdrop Bridge—Ropkins
  - Try this sweet engineering challenge.

**Week of 7/2**
- Upcycled Paper Butterflies—Barbour, Camp Field, Downtown, Park
  - Make beautiful paper butterflies!
- Build with Strawbees—Albany
  - Design and build with straws and connectors.
- Loom It Up—Dwight
  - Make a loom bracelet!
- Perler Bead Bonanza—Ropkins
  - Get creative with perler beads!

**Week of 7/8**
- Summer Craft Make & Take—Dwight, Park
  - Celebrate summer with cool crafts.
- Perler Bead Bonanza—Barbour, Downtown
  - Get creative with perler beads!
- hARTford Scavenger Hunt—Albany
  - Discover art all around Hartford!
- Engineering Table: Paper Engineers—Camp Field
  - What can you build with paper?
- Cup Towers—Ropkins
  - How high can you build a cup tower?

**Week of 7/15**
- hARTford Scavenger Hunt—Barbour, Downtown, Park
  - Discover art all around Hartford!
- Build with Strawbees—Camp Field
  - Design and build with straws and connectors.
- Engineering Table: Paper Engineers—Dwight, Ropkins
  - What can you build with paper?
- Yarn Week—Albany
  - We have all the materials to knit or crochet!

**Week of 7/22**
- Upcycled Paper Butterflies—Barbour, Camp Field, Downtown, Park
  - Make beautiful paper butterflies!
- Build with Strawbees—Albany
  - Design and build with straws and connectors.
- Loom It Up—Dwight
  - Make a loom bracelet!
- Perler Bead Bonanza—Ropkins
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**Week of 7/29**
- Neighborhood Nature Scavenger Hunt—Camp Field, Dwight, Park
  - Explore and find nature all around you.
- Build with Strawbees—Barbour, Downtown
  - Design and build with straws and connectors.
- Loom It Up—Albany, Ropkins
  - Make a loom bracelet!

**Every Child Ready to Read Story Time**

- Mon & Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown
- Mon | 2-2:30 | Camp Field
- Tues & Thu| 9:30-10:30 | Rawson
- Tues & Thu| 10:30-11:30 | Ropkins
- Wed | 10:30-11:30 | Albany
- Thur | 10 - 10:45 | Park
- Thur| July 11 & 25 | 10-11| Dwight

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

- For parents with children ages 0-5.
- Reading to your child is one of the best ways to prepare them for Kindergarten. Come into any of the Hartford Public Library branches to register and get a free tote bag and folder to track all the books you read to your child. Every 100 books, you will receive a new log and receive a small prize. If you read a favorite book 10 times that counts as 10 books!

  **Sign up today!**

**Sensational Sensory Wednesdays**

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

**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

**Plant Lab**

- Enjoy nature themed stories and fun activities to explore the world of plants!
- Wed & Thu| July 17, 18| 3:30—4:30| Camp Field

**Storytime in the Park**

- Join us for stories and songs at Bushnell Park near the carousel!
- Mon| July 15| 11-12 | Bushnell Park
**STEM Club**

- **3D Printer Exploration**
  Learn all about 3D printing and print something special.
  Wed| July 2 & 16| 5:30-6:30| Downtown

- **Build with the Three Little Pigs**
  Enjoy a fairytale and engineering activity.
  Wed| July 3| 2-3| Ropkins
  Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Albany

- **Milky Rainbow Science**
  Discover the chemistry of simple household items.
  Wed| July 10| 2-3| Ropkins
  Sat| July 20| 2:30-3:30| Downtown

- **Balloon Rockets**
  Blast off with your very own rocket!
  Wed| July 10| 4-5| Downtown
  Mon| July 29| 2-3| Dwight

- **Makey Makey**
  Make music from fruits and vegetables with this fun kit!
  Thur| July 11| 2| Park
  Thur| July 18| 1:30-2:30| Albany

- **VR Vacation**
  Experience around the world adventures in Virtual Reality.
  Sat| July 27| 2-3:30| Downtown

**NASA @ My Library**

- **Art & the Cosmic Collection**
  Explore the beauty of the solar system.
  Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field

- **Looney Lunar Phases**
  Learn the phases of the moon with silly stories and cookies!
  FRI| July 12| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field

- **Pocket Solar System**
  Create a model of the solar system to fit in your pocket!
  Wed| July 17| 4-5| Downtown
  Thur| July 25| 1:30-2:30| Albany

**CT Science Center @ HPL**

- **Playing with Polymers**
  Explore the science of stretchy materials.
  Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Downtown
  Thur| July 18| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field
  Wed| July 25| 2-3| Ropkins

- **Alchemy Lab**
  Mix and match chemicals for different reactions.
  Tues| July 30| 2-3| Ropkins

- **Crash Lab**
  Master forces and motion with crash lab challenges!
  Wed| July 31| 3-4| Albany

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**ART Club**

- **Watercolor Resist Flowers**
  Learn this fun artistic technique.
  Fri| July 5| 2-3| Park

- **Origami Lotus Book**
  Create a folded paper flower book.
  Sat| July 13| 2:30-3:30| Downtown

- **Romare Bearden Self-Portrait**
  Learn to collage like artist, Romare Bearden.
  Thur| July 18| 2-3| Park

- **Ready Set Draw!**
  Draw along with children’s book illustrators!
  Wed| July 24| Park
  Mon| July 29| Ropkins

- **Henna—2-3pm All locations**
  Learn and make your own designs!
  Wed| July 24| Park
  Mon| July 29| Ropkins
  Tues| July 30| Dwight
  Wed| July 31| Camp Field

- **Radiant Child: The Art of Jean Michel Basquiat**
  Draw with pastels like artist, Jean Michel Basquiat.
  Thur| July 25| 2-3| Dwight
  Wed| July 24| 2-3| Ropkins

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**HARTFORD Club**

- **HPL Book Scavenger Hunt**
  Solve a puzzle to find books hidden in all the HPL libraries.
  Wed| July 10| 3-3:30| Camp Field
  Thur| July 25| 2-3| Park

- **City Beautiful: Hartford**
  Help make a neighborhood collage inspired by Matt de la Pena’s Last Stop on Market Street.
  Thur| July 18| 4-5| Downtown

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**HEALTH Club**

- **Husky READS—12:30-2 All locations**
  Join UConn students for healthy eating fun!
  Mon| Barbour, Ropkins
  Tues| Albany, Camp Field, Park
  Wed| Downtown, Dwight

- **Bring the Hoopla**
  Be a hula hoop all star!
  Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Ropkins & 3-4| Barbour

- **Double Dutch—2-3 All locations**
  Learn jumps and tricks, alone or with friends.
  Mon| July 15| Park
  Tues | July 16| Albany
  Thur| July 18| Dwight
  Mon| July 22| Ropkins
  Tues| July 23| Barbour
  Wed| July 24| Downtown
  Thur| July 25| Camp Field

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**NATURE Club**

- **Plant Lab**
  Explore the wonder of plants!
  Wed| July 3| 3-4| Downtown

- **Dragonfly with Me!**
  Learn all about these beautiful creatures.
  Wed| July 3| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field

**STEM Lab: Waves**

- **Learn about echolocation.**
  Tues| July 23| 2-3| Dwight

**STEM Lab: Rocks & Minerals**

- **Learn about how rocks change over time.**
  Wed| July 17| 2-3| Ropkins

**STEM Lab: Space Science**

- **Train like an astronaut!**
  Wed| July 24| 4-5| Downtown

**STEM Lab: Hurricanes**

- **Build a hurricane model.**
  Thur| July 25| 5-6| Downtown

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**Live Music!**

- **Jeff McQuillan**
  Anansi the Spider drum tales!
  Tues| July 16| 11-12| Park & 2-3| Dwight
  Wed| July 17| 11-12| Albany & 2-3| Camp Field

- **Siri Cugyon**
  Journey through Latin America with music!
  Thur| July 25| 11-12| Park
  Wed| July 31| 11-12| Downtown & 2-3| Ropkins

- **Mikata**
  Learn to play African drums!
  Wed| July 24| 11-12| Barbour
  Mon| July 29| 11-12| Downtown & 2-3| Albany

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**Live Animals!**

- **Country Quilt Llama Farm**
  Learn about llamas and meet one too!
  Mon| July 15| 2-3| Ropkins & 3-15|4:15| Dwight
  Fri | July 19| 2-3| Camp Field & 3-15|4:15| Albany

- **Critter Caravan**
  Don’t miss the travelling animal show!
  Mon| July 1| 2-3| Barbour
  Thur| July 18| 1:30-2:30| Ropkins
  Mon| July 22| 2-3| Park
  Thur| July 25| 1:30-2:30| Downtown

**Horizon Wings**

- **Learn about and meet an eagle, hawk and more!**
  Thur| July 30| 3-4| Camp Field

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**Hartford Public Library Locations and Hours**

- **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 – 6pm, 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**