

May 2019

Programs for Youth and Families



Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

<p>Week of 5/6</p> <p>Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros—Albany, Barbour, Downtown, Park Celebrate diverse books, languages and cultures!</p> <p>Engineering Table: Craft Sticks & more! - Ropkins Design and build something unique!</p> <p>Perler Bead Bonanza—Camp Field, Dwight Get creative with perler beads!</p>	<p>Week of 5/13</p> <p>Engineering Table: Craft Sticks & more! - <i>Camp Field</i> Cup Towers—<i>Albany</i></p> <p>Can You Find Beekle? - Dwight Find the picture book characters hidden in the library!</p> <p>Coretta Scott King Book Awards 50th Anniversary—Barbour, Downtown, Park Explore picture book illustrations and make your own!</p> <p>Lanyard Lacing Fun—Ropkins</p>	<p>Week of 5/20</p> <p>Perler Bead Bonanza—Albany Get creative with perler beads!</p> <p>Build it with Strawbees—Dwight, Park Design and build with plastic straws and connectors.</p> <p>Legos in the Library—Ropkins Be a master builder with Legos and your imagination!</p> <p>Spring Craft Make & Take—Barbour, Camp Field, Downtown Get crafty with our supplies to celebrate Spring!</p>
<p>Week of 5/28</p> <p>Perler Bead Bonanza—Albany Get creative with perler beads!</p> <p>Build it with Strawbees—Ropkins Design and build with plastic straws and connectors.</p> <p>Engineering Table: Craft Sticks & more! - Dwight</p> <p>Folded Paper Butterflies—Barbour, Downtown, Park Make beautiful paper butterflies!</p> <p>Yarn Week—Camp Field</p>	<p>April showers bring</p>  <p>May flowers.</p>	<p>Memorial Day May 27th</p> <p>All Libraries Closed</p> 

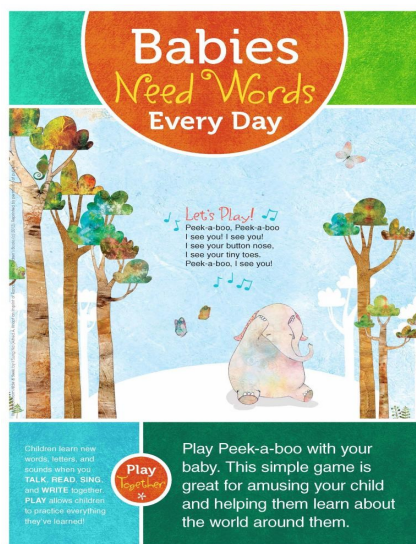
Leap Into Learning: Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver

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.

Mon & Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown
 Tues | 10-10:30 & 10:30-11 | Ropkins
 Thur | 10-10:45 & 10:45-11:15 | Ropkins
 Wed | 9:15-10 | Rawson
Thur | 10 - 10:45 | Park
 Wed | 10:30-11:30 | Albany
 Wed | May 8 | 9:30-10:30 | Dwight
 Wed | May 15 | 11-11:30 | Camp Field

Early literacy tip:




Babies Need Words Every Day

Let's Play!
Peek-a-boo, Peek-a-boo
I see you! I see you!
I see your bottom nose,
I see your tiny toes.
Peek-a-boo, I see you!

Children learn new words, letters, and sounds when you **TALK, READ, SING, and WRITE** together. **PLAY** allows children to practice everything they've learned!

Play Peek-a-boo with your baby. This simple game is great for amusing your child and helping them learn about the world around them.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten @



Hartford Public Library
A place like no other.

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



App Play
Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to learn and play with great free educational apps. Get tips on using digital media with your child.
Fri | May 17 | 2-4:30 | Camp Field



ALSC For more information, visit and download the online program site: www.also.org/1000booksbeforekindergarten. To learn more about building healthy early learning skills in your baby, visit your local public library. Copyright © All rights are reserved by members of the Association for Library Service to Children's Early Childhood Program and Services Committee.

Programs for Ages 6-12

Book Fiesta! Día Family Reading Celebration

Come celebrate Día de los Niños, a national literacy event to promote diverse books, languages and cultures! Join us for shared read-alouds of outstanding multicultural books, crafts, and check out books from our special Día Family Bookshelf.

Thur| May 2 | 4-5| Park & 4-5:30| Downtown



Día Family Book Club

Become part of the Día Book Club to discover our treasure trove of bilingual and multicultural collection. Enjoy story sharing and crafts.

Thur| May 9-24| 4-5:30| Camp Field

Self-Care Corner



Mindful Moments

Take a break and learn how to handle stress with easy relaxation tips using music, paint, and your own body.

Thur| May 2 | 3:30-4:30| Ropkins

Skittles Rainbow Science

Create your own rainbow design with this fun Skittles science experiment.

**Tues & Thur | May 7 & 9 | 4-6| Rawson
Mon| May 13| 4-5:30| Camp Field**

STEM Fun!

Crazy 8's Club/STEM Wednesdays

Join us for hands on activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

Wed | 4-5| Downtown

Get Blown Away!

Create a turbine that will capture energy from the wind and convert it into electricity.

Wed| May 8| 4-5:30| Camp Field

Scratch Day

Design your own computer animations.

**Thur| May 9| 3:30-4:30| Ropkins
Mon| May 13| 4-5| Downtown**

Ozoblocky

Create a program code using Ozoblocky on the ipad, download to the Ozobot and watch it go!

Wed| May 22| 4-5:30| Camp Field

Wiggle Bots

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot!

Thur| May 23| 4-5:30| Camp Field

3D Printer Exploration

Learn all about 3D printing at the library and print something special!

Wed & Thur| May 29 & 30| Camp Field

Imagine Nation comes to the Library!

Join us for fun interactive programs with our special guests from the Imagine Nation Museum.



Live Animal Encounter

Wed| May 1| 4-5| Camp Field

Volcano Fun

Thur| May 2| 4-5| Barbour



Time for Slime

Measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home.

**Tues | May 7| 4:30-5:30| Dwight
Tues| May 14| 4-5| Downtown
Tues| May 21| 4-6| Rawson**

Bird & Diz: Time to Get Jazzy

Learn all about bebop and two of its pioneers--Charlie "Bird" Parker and John "Dizzy" Gillespie. Groove along to the music while you create a masterpiece using oil pastels.

Thur| May 23| 4-5| Park

Out of Wonder: Celebration Poetry

Come listen and perform poems from the book Out of Wonder by Kwame Alexander, and then write a poem yourself.

**Thur| May 16| 4-5| Park
Sat| May 18| 2:30-3:30| Downtown
Tues| May 28| Dwight**

Stained Glass Color Mix Up

Create a "stained glass" window using cellophane, overlapping colors to experiment with color mixing.

Tues| May 14| 4:30-5:30| Dwight

Super Suminagashi: Paper Marbling

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage. To celebrate come to the library to discover an art form practiced since the 12th century in Japan. Suminagashi, or paper marbling, literally translates as 'floating ink' and is fascinating hands-on craft!

**Sat| May 11| 2:30-3:30| Downtown
Wed| May 15| 4-5:30| Camp Field
Thur| May 16| 3:30-4:30| Barbour
Thur| May 23| 3:30-4:30| Ropkins
Tues| May 28| 4-6| Rawson**

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

Mon—Fri | 3-5| Albany

Mon—Fri| 3-4:30 | Camp Field

Fri—Sat |2-4| Downtown

Mon— Fri | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight

Mon-Fri | 3-4 | Park

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

Felt Puppet Making

Learn the basics of sewing and make your own puppet.

Thur| May 24| 3:30-5| Barbour

Torque Tops

Explore the physics behind spinning tops in this fun DIY toy workshop.



Thur| May 3| 4-5| Park & 3:30-4:30| Barbour