

Downtown Library

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103
860.695.6330 hplct.org
M-Th 10-8, F & Sat 10-5, closed Sundays

Celebrate Picture Book Month

November is picture book month. Check out our fun display and color your own picture book cover
November 6th —30th, 3:30-4:40

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, October 2nd—November 27th, 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, October 6th—November 17th, 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

A Special Connecticut Humanities Multi-cultural Storytelling Program with Valerie Tutson.

Enjoy tales and songs from around the world! Valerie's stories celebrate the diverse cultures around us with special emphasis on African traditions. Join us and bring your imagination and sense of adventure!
Thursday, November 16th, 6:00 - 7:00

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Fabulous Fingerprint Art

Who knew you had a work of art right at your fingertips? Create funny animals with just your fingers, ink, and some doodles and dots. Inspired by Ed Emberley's Great Thumbprint Drawing Book.
Week of October 2nd & 9th

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Turkey Time!

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Tuesday, November 21, 4:00-5:00

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Wiggle-Bots

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot! This is a real engineering project! Can you make it dance in circles, or maybe draw?
Mon, Oct. 2nd—Wed., Oct 4th, 4:00-5:00

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Tuesday, October 10th, 4:00-5:30

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 sling-shot - your imagination is the limit!
Wednesday, October 11th, 4:00-5:30

Pack-a-Punch of Nutrition - Chocolate Fondue

Warm it. Melt it. Dip it. Lick it. Smile! We're making chocolate fondue.
Saturday, October 14th, 2:30-3:30

Paws to Read

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.
Saturdays, Oct 14th & 28th, and Nov 4th & 18th, 12:30-2:00



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

Celebrate Diwali: Festival of Lights

Join the Children's Room for a fun filled evening of music, dance, poetry, henna, and food to celebrate the spirit of Diwali.

Monday, October 16th, 5:00-7:30

Get Blown Away: Create a Wind Turbine

Create a turbine that will capture energy from the wind and convert it into electricity. Learn through inquiry and experimentation. Start by creating and testing an example. Then use what you learned, and lots of creativity, to turn the example wind turbine into your own unique design. It's going to be fantastic!

Wednesday, October 18th, 4:00-5:30

Rangoli for Dipawali

Create a beautiful Rangoli design in recognition of this great festival of India and Nepal.

Thursdays, October 19th & 20, 3:30-4:30

Holiday Light Circuits

Come and learn about how the lights work! Learn to make your own light circuits with a few simple supplies.

Wednesday, October 25th, 4:30-5:30

Magazine Month

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Thursday, October 27th, 4:00-5:00

Grab It!: Build A Hydraulic Claw

Design and build a hydraulic claw that works like the ones in the arcade.

Wednesday, November 8th, 4:00-5:30

Healthy Eating with the Very Hungry Caterpillar

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Saturday, November 25th 2:30-3:30

Papier Mache with a Flair

Give papier mache a new look with bits of colorful fabric.

Tuesday, November 28th, 4:00-5:00



Albany Branch

1250 Albany Avenue Hartford, CT 06112

860.695.7380 hplct.org

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Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

Alphabet Express

Take a trip with your 2-year-old in our alphabet train. Enjoy your ride with songs, stories, craft.

Wednesday, October 18th, 1:00-2:00

Toddler Tunes

Wednesdays November 15th & 29th, 11:00-12:00

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

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Glow Germs All Around

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Groovy Buttons

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Make Your Own Monster

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Day of the Dead

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Thursday, November 2, 4:00-5:00

Paper Shapers Program

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Monday, November 13th 4:00-5:00

Gratitude Trees

Wednesday, November 15th, 4:00-5:00

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Tabletop Games

Every Thursday, 4:00-5:30

Fun Friday

Every Friday, 1:00-4:00

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-Thursday, 3:30-5:30

Pack a Punch black bean salsa

Chow down on this delicious recipe and - while you're at it - invent some great new puns! This is nacho mama's black bean salsa!

Tuesday—Wednesday, October, 3rd & 4th, 4:00-5:00

Tinker with Gears and Pulleys

Come tinker around with our tools, pulleys, and gears to see what creation you can build!

Week of October 9th

Sounds All Around

Sounds help tell the story of where you are at home, in the community or at school. Join us for a quiet and noisy exploration into the story of sounds!

Mondays, October 9th & 23rd, 1:00-2:00

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Caterpillar

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GO Break it Make it Lab

Visit your local library for an all out tinkering session. Safely take apart household appliances such as microwaves and toasters to explore how they work. Then, try and put them back together!

Week of November 6th & 13th

Dramatizing Native American Folktales, Legends, and Myths

Celebrate Native American Month at the Library. Read and act out folktales from various Native American cultures.

Wednesdays, November 8th & 29th, 4:00-5:00

Pack a Punch Garbonzo Bean Spread

Hands on, healthy snack prep practice for you at the library brings no-cook, nutritious and tasty veggie and bean snacks to make and to eat.

Monday—Tuesday, November 20th & 21st, 4:00-5:00

Stories All Around

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Wednesday, November 22, 4:00-5:30

Digital Science Journal 101

Build a foundation for exploring science through the sensors in a phone or tablet!

Tuesday, November 28th 4:00-5:00

Barbour Branch
261 Barbour St. Hartford, CT 06120

860.695.7400 hplct.org

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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, Oct 11th & 25th & Nov 15th 11:30-12:20

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Mad Libs for Kids

Enjoy a 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.

Week of October 2nd

Paper Shapers Club: Easy Origami

Join a paper crafting program exclusively for children ages 6-12. We will explore the ancient art of origami. Participants will create an easy origami project each week as they develop their listening and folding skills.

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Watercolor Resist

Join us at the library as we experiment with a watercolor and crayon resist technique on newspaper.

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Thursday, October 26th, 4:00-5:30

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Thursday, November 9th 4:00-5:00

Pack a Punch of Nutrition: Chick Pea & Pickles

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Wednesday, November 22nd 11:30-12:30

DIY Lace Earrings

Want to try your hand at jewelry making? This beginner's jewelry class will prove addictive. Not only will you have fun, you'll end up with a pair of stylish and lightweight earrings that you can rock. Materials are provided, just bring your creativity!

**Tuesday—Thursday, November 28th & 29th
4:00-5:00**



Camp Field Branch

30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114

860.695.440 hplct.org

M & W 10-6, T & Th 10-8, F 10-5 closed Sat. and Sun.

Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

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!

October 4th & 11th—November 1st & 8th 10:00-10:30

Toddler Tunes

1 - 2 yrs with parent/caregiver. Singing helps children get ready to read! Join us for fun songs and playtime with your terrific toddler. Younger siblings welcome!

Wednesday, October 18th & November 15th, 10:00-10:30

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!

Friday, October 20th, 10:00-11:00

Playful Patterns

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Come play with us as we read stories and sing songs all about colors and shapes! Then we'll do a hands-on sorting activity to help support your child's early learning skills. Younger siblings welcome!

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Wednesday, November 29th, 10:00-11:00

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Basic Crochet Club

Learn the basics of Crochet as well as how to read written crochet instructions in the series of lessons. Make your own scarf or hat. Materials are provided.

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Dale Chihuly: Macchia Bowls

Create a faux glass art piece inspired by the work of the artist Dale Chihuly. A series begun in 1981, Macchia are organic, pleated glass bowls named after the Italian word for spotted. Learn all about this artist then make a project of your own to take home.

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Let's Go Google!

What does Venice, the Great Barrier Reef and the Pyramids of Giza all have in common? You can visit them all through your computer using Google Maps Treks. Visit world landmarks, discover natural wonders, step inside locations, travel by foot, boat or go on an underwater adventure.

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Build a Boat Ages 6-12, 13-19

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.

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Wednesday, November 8, 4:00-5:30

Scratch

Monday, November 13 & Wednesday, November 15th 4:00-5:30

City Beautiful: Hartford

Wednesday, November 29th, 4:00-5:30

Park Branch

744 Park Street Hartford CT 06106

860.695.7500 hplct.org

M & W 10-8, T & Th 10-6, Fri & Sat 12-5, closed Sun.

Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Not So Scary Stories Story Time

Enjoy stories that are not so scary.

Tuesday, October 24th, 10:00-11:00

So Many Thanks (Story Time)

Let's share all the things we love and are thankful for with Books and Songs. Make and take a stamp art piece.

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Magazine Month

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Make Your Own Monster

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Global Jeopardy

Wander the world with a game of Jeopardy. Test your knowledge of people, places, and times. Gain pertinent information about the world around us. Learn about different people and cultures, as well as historical and current events that shape our world. Learn to see the world from different perspectives.

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Native American Heritage Month: Wampum and Corn Husk Dolls

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Let's Go Goggle

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Makey Makey

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Thankful Storytime

Enjoy thankful stories and songs.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Coloring Book

During Latin/Hispanic Heritage Month stop by the library to learn about Latin American history & culture through stories & a coloring book that includes various Latin American leaders.

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Art of Mexico

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