

### Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

<p><b>Engineering Table—Cup Towers</b> How tall a structure can you build with our cups? <i>Week of 10/15—Barbour</i> <i>Week of 10/22—Park</i></p> <p><b>Engineering Table: Craft Sticks and Clothespins and Binder Clips, Oh My!</b> We have some engineering challenges for you using just those three items? Are you up for it? <i>Week of 10/15—Camp Field</i></p>	<p><b>Build with Strawbees</b> Calling all jr. engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out! <i>Week of 10/1—Downtown &amp; Barbour</i> <i>Week of 10/8—Downtown &amp; Park</i> <i>Week of 10/22—Camp Field</i></p> <p><b>Loom It Up</b> Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain creation. <i>Week of 10/8—Albany</i> <i>Week of 10/15—Ropkins</i></p>	<p><b>Make Your Own Monster</b> Let your imagination run wild and create your very own friendly monster! Check out books about spooky and silly monsters for further fun. <i>Week of 10/22—Ropkins</i> <i>Week of 10/29—Barbour, Camp Field, Park, Albany, Dwight</i></p>
<p><b>Lanyard Lacing Fun</b> Spool out some lanyard cord and create a key chain, bracelet, zipper pull, or whatever! <i>Week of 10/15—Park</i></p> <p><b>Legos in the Library</b> We have Legos and a challenge for you. What will you create? Do you have what it takes to be a master builder? <i>Week of 10/8—Dwight</i> <i>Week of 10/29—Ropkins</i></p>	<p><b>Magnetic Sculptures</b> Discover the powers of magnetism &amp; create something cool. <i>Week of 10/15—Dwight &amp; Downtown</i> <i>Week of 10/22 &amp; 10/29—Downtown</i></p> <p><b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b> Pick up a coloring book featuring Hispanic heroes from many countries. <i>Week of 10/8—Ropkins &amp; Barbour</i></p>	<p><b>Amazing Autumn Craft-stravaganza</b> See what fall themed items you can make. <i>Week of 10/1—Camp Field, Albany, Park, Dwight &amp; Ropkins</i> <i>Week of 10/8—Camp Field</i> <i>Week of 10/22—Barbour</i></p> <p><b>Perler Bead Bonanza</b> We have a ton of perler beads and boards for you to create with. <i>Week of 10/22—Dwight</i></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.

<i>Thurs   10 - 10:45   Park</i>	<i>Mon &amp; Fri   11 - 12   Downtown</i>	<i>Wed   Oct 10 &amp; 24   9:30-10:30   Dwight</i>
<i>Wed   Oct 10 &amp; 24   11-11:30 Barbour</i>	<i>Tues &amp; Thur   10-10:30 and 10:30-11   Ropkins</i>	<i>Wed   Oct 24   4:30-5:30   Camp Field</i>

**App Diddle Dee**  
Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for fun rhyming books and musical apps that will get your children excited about letters, words and sounds!  
*Fri | Oct 19 | 11:30 - 12 | Camp Field*

**Sensational Sensory Wednesdays**  
Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.  
*Wed | 11:00-12:00 | 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*



**Circus Bridges**  
Enjoy engineering a bridge for 21 circus elephants with household materials.  
*Thur | Oct 18 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field*

**Dinner and a Story**  
Please bring your family for some Fall fun on Monday, October 29th for Dinner and a Story. Join us for Fall songs, a story, followed by dinner!  
*Mon | Oct 29 | 6-7 | Downtown*

### Family Programming: All Ages

**Book Voyagers Presents: Turning Obstacles into Opportunity**

They say that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. This four-book series helps look at ways to overcome life's challenges with cleverness and patience. Facilitated by Andrea Ketih-storyteller and educator. All programs are on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 in the Downtown Children's Program Room. Call 860-695-6327 to register.

<i>10/4—Ming Lo Moves the Mountain</i>	<i>10/11—Sylvester and the Magic Pebbles</i>
<i>10/25—Chicks &amp; Salsa</i>	<i>11/1—A Chair for My Mother</i>

**CThumanities**

**Programs for Ages 6-12**

**Autumn Festival**

Celebrate all things fall with autumnal stories, crafts and spooky treats! Decorate your own mini pumpkin to take home.

**Tues | Oct 2 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**      **Wed | Oct 17 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**  
**Thurs | Oct 25 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins & Albany**      **Thurs | Oct 25 | 4-5 | Park**  
**Mon | Oct 29 | 4-5 | Barbour**      **Tues | Oct 30 | 3:30-5 | Downtown**



**Marshmallow Spaghetti Challenge**

You and your team have 18 minutes to build a free-standing structure out of 20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti, a yard of masking tape, a yard of string and a single marshmallow! Are you up for the challenge? Join us and see!

**Thurs | Oct 4 | 4-5 | Park**  
**Tues | Oct 16 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**

**Circus Bridges**

Enjoy engineering a bridge for 21 circus elephants with household materials.

**Thur | Oct 4 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins**



**Haiku Leaves**

Create your very own haiku using precise words and vivid imagery to celebrate the beauty and nature of Fall on leaf rubbed paper.

**Tues | Oct 2 | 3:30-5 | Downtown**  
**Thurs | Oct 11 | 4-5 | Park, Barbour & Albany**  
**Wed | Oct 24 | 3:30-4:30 | Downtown**



**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.

**Thurs | Oct 4 | 4-5 | Barbour**



**Ojo de Dios**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating this traditional Mexican craft.

**Thurs | Oct 4 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**  
**Thurs | Oct 18 | 3:30-4:30 | Albany**  
**Thurs | Oct 18 | 4-5 | Park**



**Circuit Clay**

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

**Tues | Oct 9 | 3:30-5 | Downtown**  
**Wed | Oct 24 | 3:30-4:30 | Albany**



**Coding Fun: Celebrate Ada Lovelace Day**

Ada Lovelace Day celebrates this pioneering woman programmer and the achievements of all women in the sciences. Learn about this amazing woman and then try out some fun coding projects including our Ozobots!

**Tues | Oct 9 | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight**      **Wed | Oct 10 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**  
**Thurs | Oct 11 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins**      **Sat | Oct 20 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown**

**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?

**Thurs | Oct 18 | 4-5 | Barbour**  
**Tues | Oct 23 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**



**Book Friends**

Do you have a favorite story about being a good friend? Join us to chat about great chapter books and favorite book characters. Each week, we'll do a different fun activity: cupcake decorating, DIY Diary, Slime and more!

**Thur | Oct 11 & 25 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**



**Mindful Moments**

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

**Thurs | Oct 25 | 4-5 | Barbour**  
**Tues | Oct 30 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**



**Time for Slime**

More than just a fun sensory activity, making slime is actually science. Join us at the library to measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home. We try a few different recipes to compare and contrast.

**Thurs | Oct 18 | 3:30-4:30 | 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
- 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

**Monarch Butterfly Puppet Making Workshop**

Journey through a monarch butterfly's migratory path while learning how to make their own caterpillar & butterfly puppets that come to life in a final dance. Presented by Sova Dance and Puppet Theatre courtesy of Arts for Learning CT.

**Wed | Oct 17 | 4-5 | Barbour**  
**Mon | Oct 22 | 4-5 | Camp Field**  
**Wed | Oct 24 | 4-5 | Dwight**

