

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

Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

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, September 1st—October 27th, 11:00-12:00

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, September 11th—October 30th, 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

Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show

Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to learn about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast every morning before school.
Friday, September 15th, 11:00-12:00

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

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Week of October 2nd & 9th

International Games Day

Hartford Public Library will join over a thousand libraries around the world for the ninth annual celebration of gaming in libraries International Games Day @ Your Library. Bring your favorite game or choose from one of ours!

Week of October 16th

Amazing Autumn Craft-stravaganza!

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Week of October 23rd

Build with Strawbees

Calling all junior engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out!

Week of October 30th

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

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, Sept 2nd, 16th, 30th & Oct 14th & 28th, 12:30-2:00

Bouncy Ball Science

Learn all about the science of polymers and experiment with common chemicals to create your own bouncy ball!

Wednesday, September 6th, 4:00-5:00

Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with traditional folktales. Children's stories from Mexico, Spain, and Latin American countries will highlight the rich customs and traditions that continue to influence Hispanic culture today. Make a special craft to take home afterwards.

Mon, Sept. 11th-Fri., Sept. 15th, 3:00-4:00

Art of Mexico

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

Papier Mache with a Flair

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

Tuesday, September 26th, 5:00-6:00

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

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

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.

Thursday, October 19th, 4:00-7:00

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



Albany Branch

1250 Albany Avenue Hartford, CT 06112

860.695.7380 hplct.org

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**Hang Out Programs for All Ages—
Drop in Anytime**

Yarn Week

Learn to knit or crochet with our supplies.

Week of September 4th

Measure Up—Fun with Math

How many cubits tall are you? What is a cubit? Find out in this program using fun measuring tools.

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Tabletop Games

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Fun Friday

Every Friday, 1:00-4:00

Homework Club

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Monday, September 11th, 4:00-5:00

Get Your Polyhedr-ON!

Explore polyhedrons by building 3D objects and making a smart, colorful garland decoration!

Thursday, September 14th, 4:00-5:00

Banned Books Week Bingo

Banned Books Week is September 24-30. Learn about different books that have been banned from schools and libraries over the years and celebrate your right to read by playing an informative game of Banned Book Bingo.

Wednesday, September 27th, 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.

Fridays TBA, 11:30-12:30

Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

Sounds All Around Ages

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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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Week of October 23rd

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Pack-a-Punch of Nutrition—Black Bean Salsa

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

Thursday, September 7th, 4:30-5:30

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Thursday, September 14th, 4:30-5:30

The Art and Science of Leaf Rubbings

Explore autumn in New England with a story time and craft that combines science and art. Find out why leaves change color in the fall and learn to identify the parts of a leaf. Participants will then create a unique art piece that they get to take home.

Thursday, September 21st, 4:30-5:30

Fun with Fractions—Double the Bubbles

Did you know that if you want to read a recipe, you need to know fractions? We are going to follow a recipe to make "bubble juice" and have fun learning all about fractions too.

Thursday, September 28th, 4:30-5:30

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

Watercolor Resist

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

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Bouncy Ball Science

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



Camp Field Branch

30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114
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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!

Wednesday, Sept. 6th & 13th October 4th & 11th 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, September 20th and October 18th, 10:00-10:30

Hispanic Heritage Month Story Time

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with stories from award-winning Hispanic children's book authors/illustrators.

Wednesday, September 27th, 10:00-11:00

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!

Wednesday, October 25th, 10:00-11:00

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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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Week of October 16th & 23rd

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Makey Makey—Geek Out series

Create keyboards made from different materials like play-doh, fruits, and vegetables. Learn about electric circuits, energy and technology with this fun kit.

Tues, Sept. 5th-Thurs. Sept. 7th, 4:00-5:00

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Phenomenal Fractals

Fractals are intricate patterns that are self-similar on different scales. Explore how they exist in nature as well in geometry and algebra.

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

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.

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

Rangoli for Dipawali

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

Thursday, October 19th, 4:00-5:00

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.

Wednesday, October 25th, 4:00-5:30

Park Branch

744 Park Street Hartford CT 06106
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Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Not So Scary Stories Story Time

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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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Papier Mache with a Flair

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1750 Main St. Hartford CT 06120

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M, W, F 3-6, Tues 1:30-6, F 3-5

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Mon, Wed, Thurs, 3:30-5:00 Tues 2:30-4:00

Back-to-School Afternoon Fun!

Get to know other school-age kids at the library, play fun ice breaker activities, and decorate your notebook.

Wed., Sept. 13th, 3:30-4:30

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

Positive Thinking Day

September 13th is Positive Thinking Day! Come to the library to learn about the power of positive thinking! Discover new ways to keep your stress level in check and create a calming craft to bring home.

Thursday, September 14th, 3:30-4:30

Diary DIY

September 23 is Dear Diary Day! This is a day to celebrate that one place where it is safe to pour all your secrets, wishes, hopes and dreams. Your diary will always keep your secrets. Join us at the library to make your own diary and write your first entry.

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Glow Germs All Around

Germs can be found on things that we use every day, but keeping our hands clean can help keep us healthy. Put your hand washing skills to the test and learn what you can do to stop those germs from making you sick.

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