

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

<p><b>Engineering Table—Cup Towers</b> How tall a structure can you build with our cups? <b>Week of 9/17—Ropkins</b></p> <p><b>Perler Bead Bonanza</b> We have a ton of perler beads and boards for you to create with. <b>Week of 9/4—Albany &amp; Camp Field</b> <b>Week of 9/24—Barbour</b></p>	<p><b>National Library Card Sign Up Month</b> September is National Library Card Sign Up month. Even if you already have your HPL card, come on down to the library and see if you can come up with a new design for our library card. <b>Week of 9/4—Barbour, Ropkins, Downtown, Park &amp; Dwight</b> <b>Week of 9/17—Albany &amp; Camp Field</b></p>	<p><b>Hispanic Heritage Month</b> Pick up a coloring book featuring Hispanic heroes from many countries. <b>Week of 9/17—Dwight, Downtown, Park &amp; Albany</b> <b>Week of 9/24—Downtown &amp; Camp Field</b></p> <p><b>Banned Bookshelf</b> Banned Books Abound at HPL, read one and let us know if you would ban it! <b>Week of 9/24—Park, Ropkins &amp; Dwight</b></p>
<p><b>International Dot Day</b> Celebrate International Dot Day with us—honoring the book <i>The Dot</i> by Peter Reynolds and the power of creativity. We have lots of dot inspired activities, a special treat, and the chance to win a poster autographed by Peter Reynolds. Make your mark and see where it takes you! <b>Week of 9/10—All Locations</b></p>	<p><b>Amazing Autumn Craft-stravaganza</b> See what fall themed items you can make. <b>Week of 9/24—Albany</b></p> <p><b>Magnetic Sculptures</b> Discover the powers of magnetism &amp; create something cool. <b>Week of 9/17—Barbour</b></p>	<p><b>All HPL locations are closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.</b></p>

### Leap Into Learning: Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver

<p><b>Every Child Ready to Read Story Time</b> 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. <b>Thurs   10 - 10:45   Park</b> <b>Wed   Sept 5 &amp; 26   11-11:30 Barbour</b> <b>Wed &amp; Mon   Aug 8 &amp; 27   11-12   Albany</b></p>	<p><b>Every Child Ready to Read Story Time</b> 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. <b>Mon &amp; Fri   11 - 12   Downtown</b> <b>Tues &amp; Thur (except the week of 9/3)   10-10:30 and 10:30-11   Ropkins</b> <b>Wed   Sept 26   4-5   Camp Field</b></p>	<p><b>Every Child Ready to Read Story Time</b> 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. <b>Wed   Sept 19 &amp; 26   9:30-10:30   Dwight</b></p>
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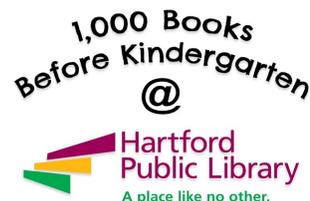
**App Diddle Dee**  
Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for fun rhyming books and musical apps that will get your children excited about letters, words and sounds!  
**Fri | Sept 21 | 11:30 - 12 | Camp Field**

**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**



**Stories in the Park**  
Join us for a fun time at the Bushnell Park. Bring your blanket, family and friends and listen to a story followed by fun-filled activities. Meet Miss Marie and Miss Juanita in front of the Carousel at 11:30!  
**Thurs | Sept 20 | 11:30-12:30 | Bushnell Park**



**Did You Know?**  
You can check out passes to local museums and other attractions with your HPL card? Ride the Bushnell Carousel, visit the Lutz Children's Museum, and more! Visit our website for details.

**Programs for Ages 6-12**

**International Dot Day**

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**Wed | Sept 12 | 4-5 | Barbour & Park**    **Wed | Sept 12 | 4:30-5:30 | Albany and Camp Field**  
**Thurs | Sept 13 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins**    **Fri | Sept 14 | 12-1 | Downtown**  
**Fri | Sept 14 | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight**



**Magnet Power**

Investigate, explore, and learn all about the science of magnetism.

**Fri | Sept 7 | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight & Ropkins**  
**Sat | Sept 8 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown**  
**Wed | Sept 19 | 4:30-5:30 | Albany**

**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.

**Thu | Sept 6 | 4-5 | Park & Barbour**  
**Tues | Sept 25 | 4-5 | Dwight**



**Makey Makey**

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

**Wed | Sept 5 | 4:30-5:30 | Albany & Camp Field**

**Circuit Clay**

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

**Tues | Sept 11 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**



**Mindful Moments**

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

**Thurs | Sept 6 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field & Dwight**  
**Sat | Sept 29 | 2:30 - 3:30 | Downtown**

**Tinker with Gears and Pulleys**

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

**Thurs | Sept 13 | 4-5 | Park**



**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 | Sept 13 & 27 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**

**Ojo de Dios**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating this traditional Mexican craft.

**Tues | Sept 18 | 3:30-4:30 | Downtown**  
**Tues | Sept 18 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**  
**Thurs | Sept 20 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins**

**Circus Bridges**

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

**Thur | Sept 13 | 4-5 | Barbour**

**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.

**Thurs | Sept 20 | 4-5 | Park & Barbour**    **Wed | Sept 26 | 4:30-5:30 | Albany**

**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.

**Thurs | Sept 20 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**

**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?

**Wed | Sept 19 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**  
**Thur | Sept 27 | 4-5 | Park**



**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!

**Wed | Sept 19 | 3:30-4:30 | Downtown**  
**Thurs | Sept 27 | 4-5 | Barbour**

**Banned Books Week Bingo**

Banned Books Week is September 23-29. 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.

**Thur | Sept 27 | 4-5 | Barbour**  
**Thur | Sept 27 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins**



**3-D Printer Exploration**

Learn how a 3-D printer and 3-D design work by designing your own object and watching it print.

**Thur | Sept 27 | 5:30-6:30 | Downtown**

**Do you have a child entering grades  
K-5 at a Hartford Public School?**

**Ask your librarian about the  
Boundless Hartford Readers program!**



**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