

Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
January 2014

Downtown Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

Teens

My Word, My Space: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Open computer time for teens, with assistance available if you wish!

Downtown Library – Learning Lab, Mondays-Thursdays, January 2-30, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

National Hot Tea Month: Life Skills (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Celebrate National Hot Tea Month! Discover some fascinating facts about this ancient beverage and learn to read tea leaves. Tea and scones will be served for refreshments.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, January 16, 4:30 p.m.

Ductivity: Arts (Downtown)

Ages 12-18. Learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, January 30, 4:30 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Fall back into great homework habits with a great trip to the library. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, January 2-30, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the New Year by learning how to make all different kinds of snowflakes, both simple and elaborate, to bedazzle all your friends and family.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, January 9, 4:30 p.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Play these great games with friends and you will become a master multiplier!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 p.m.

Community Mural: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Honor Dr. Martin Luther Kings with your reflections on his famous speech "I have a dream", and create a mural about your dreams for your community.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Saturday, January 18, 2:00 p.m.

Color Masterpieces: Art (Downtown)

Ages 7 and up. Children will enjoy applying their own interpretations of colors in a masterpiece. They will then explain their color choices and write or dictate several sentences describing the work of art.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Tuesday, January 21, 4:30 p.m.

Diversi-Tea: Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Join us in celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, an annual award given to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books. Discover teas from around the world and help create a "Leaves of Diversity" mural.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, January 23, 4:30 p.m.

Hat Day: Life Skills (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Isn't it great that hats come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and styles? Celebrate National Hat Day by wearing your favorite hat to the library and create a silly hat out of paper. Hats are used to make a statement, or to promote a cause or a product. Let's find out why you wear your hat.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Children and Families

Every Child Ready to Read Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth-5, with adult friends. 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, sing songs, play games and make a craft to take home!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Fridays, January 3, 10, and 17, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Bring your family to the library every Saturday to hear stories from the best in children's illustrated books, sing songs, share rhymes, and make a craft!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Saturdays, January 4, 11, and 25, 11:00 a.m.

First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth – 5, with adult friends. Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books and music while your child meets other children.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Mondays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11:00 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 2-5. Enjoy interactive stories, songs, music & movement plus finger plays to develop early literacy & language skills. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Snowflakes Storytimes: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:00 a.m.

Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages Birth – 3 years. No registration required. Come join us for stories, songs, movement and finger plays to support early literacy skills. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesdays, January 8 and 22, 10:45-11:30a.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Downtown – Children's Library, Fridays, January 24 and 31, 10:30 a.m.

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

Homework Help: Education (Albany)

Grades K and up. Join our homework club to receive help with your assignments!

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 2–30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the New Year by learning how to make all different kinds of snowflakes, both simple and elaborate, to bedazzle your friends and family.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 2, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.

Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. We provide the supplies. You and your child supply the creativity.

Albany Branch, Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Brush up on your math by using these tasty candies!

Albany Branch, Monday, January 6, 4:30 p.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 7, 4:30 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 2 and up. Dig through our bin of the month and play with fun toys and early literacy manipulatives.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 4:30 p.m.

Yoga for Youth: Health (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Discover the hidden harmony within as you participate in this introductory yoga lesson.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 9, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 10, 3:30 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Seek the unknown and stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Albany Branch, Monday, January 13, 4:30 p.m.

Building Block Literacy: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. A clever way to combine sight words practice with a building activity.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 p.m.

Baby Time: Early Literacy (Albany)

Birth-24 months. Read, sing, and play with your little one.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 12:30 p.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Play these great games with friends and you will become a master multiplier!

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 2:30 p.m.

Diversi-Tea: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us in celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards. Discover teas from around the world and help create a "Leaves of Diversity" mural.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 16, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 17, 3:30 p.m.

Early Readers Book Club: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 5-9. Take turns reading from our book of the month and do a fun craft.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 21, 4:30 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Play board games with other kids and teens your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life, and Disney Scene It.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 22, 4:30 p.m.

Ductivity: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 11 and up. Learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 23, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 24, 3:30 p.m.

Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Design a necklace, bracelet, or anklet for yourself or a friend.

Albany Branch, Monday, January 27, 4:30 p.m.

Recycle at the Library: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Learn how to sort recyclables and learn all about the importance of recycling.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Calling all Lego fans! Get wildly creative with fun Lego projects! Bring a friend along.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 29, 4:30 p.m.

Book Bingo: Education (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Join our book bingo challenge and learn about fun and exciting books. Winners receive free books to take home.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 30, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 31, 3:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Barbour Branch
281 Barbour Street
Hartford, CT 06120

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400

Homework Club: Education (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy snack and complete your homework assignment with us.

Barbour Branch, Mondays-Fridays, January 2-31, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Barbour Branch, Wednesdays, January 8 and 15, 10:00 a.m.

Building Block Literacy: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. A clever way to combine sight words practice with a building activity.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, January 2, 4:00 p.m.

New Beginnings: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages: 8 and up. Come and make stars of hope to share your wishes and aspirations for the New Year.

Barbour Branch, Friday, January 3, 4:00 p.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the New Year! Learn how to make all different kinds of snowflakes, both simple and elaborate, to bedazzle your friends and family.

Barbour Branch Tues., Jan. 7, 4:30 p.m.

Yoga for Youth: Health (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Discover the hidden harmony within as you participate in this series of introductory lessons.

Barbour Branch, Thursdays, January 9, 16 and 23, 4:00 p.m.

National Hot Tea Month: Life Skills (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate National Hot Tea Month! Discover some fascinating facts about this ancient beverage and learn to read tea leaves. Tea and scones will be served for refreshments.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 p.m.

Hat Day: Life Skills (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Isn't it great that hats come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and styles? Celebrate National Hat Day by wearing your favorite hat to the library and creating a silly hat out of paper. Hats are used to make a statement, or to promote a cause or a product. Let's find out why you wear your hat.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m.

Ductivity: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)

Ages 12-18. Learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Barbour Branch, Friday, January 24, 4:00 p.m.

Mix In Math: Education (Barbour)

Ages: 8 and up .Let's check the clock to find the schedule for all the fun stuff taking place at the library today.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, January 22, 4:00 p.m.

Endangered Animals: Education (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Children can create endangered-animal mobiles. We will develop a list of endangered animals, and then the children will choose five animals to include on each of their mobiles. Students can draw pictures of their animals, find photographs in old magazines, or download pictures.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Play these great games with friends and you will become a master multiplier!

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, January 29, 4:30 p.m.

A Page from My Life: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages: 8 and up. Start building your personal memoir for 2014. Add a monthly page every last Thursday of the month to save what has been significant or interesting in your life. Binders, paper, writing tools and embellishment materials are provided.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, January 30, 4:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Blue Hills Branch
649 Blue Hills Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For more information on Blue Hills Branch programs, call 860.695.7420

Homework Club: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments. Don't have anything to do? Engage in a variety of literacy-based challenges sure to boggle and bend your academic brain!

Blue Hills Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 2-30, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Winter Is: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Enter our month-long writing competition. Finish the phrase, "winter is," in 100 words or less. Accompanying illustration is encouraged. Entries are due by Monday, January 27, 5:00 p.m. Winner will be announced and rewarded on Friday, January 31, 2013.

Blue Hills Branch, Mondays-Fridays, January 2-27, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Fairyland: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland! We'll read fairy stories and poems, and enjoy a magical craft.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, January 2, 4:00 p.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the New Year! Learn how to make all different kinds of snowflakes, both simple and elaborate, to bedazzle your friends and family.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, January 3, 2:00 p.m.

We Three Kings: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Follow the North Star as we study the symbols of this ancient feast day.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.

Coloring Masterpieces: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 7 and up. Children will enjoy applying their own interpretations of the colors in a masterpiece. They will then explain their color choices and write or dictate several sentences describing the work of art.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, January 7, 5:00 p.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Play these great games with friends and you will become a master multiplier!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 4:00 p.m.

National Hot Tea Month: Life Skills (Blue Hills)

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Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, January 9, 4:00 p.m.

Words in Service: Life Skills (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Words have the power to inspire, teach, and change the world! We will work on a new service project each day to bring change to our community.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday-Thursday, January 13-16, 4:00 p.m.

Fine Motor Fun: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for an afternoon of fine motor fun. Activities to include homemade lacing cards, a scissors skill craft, puzzles, and more!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m.

My Teacher is an Alien: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages: 8 and up. Just how weird can a substitute teacher really be? Could they actually be an alien? Check this title out, and come to your own conclusion. Use a cool technique to draw your own alien teacher!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, January 21, 5:00 p.m.

Diversi-Tea: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Join us in celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, an annual award given to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books. Discover teas from around the world and help create a "Leaves of Diversity" mural.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, January 22, 4:00 p.m.

Grossology: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Check out slimy, smelly, totally disgusting science experiments sure to repulse your friends!

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, January 23, 4:00 p.m.

Mad Hatter Tea Party: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for a tea party inspired by *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, January 27, 4:00 p.m.

National Puzzle Day: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Share puzzles of all shapes, sizes, and forms in celebration of National Puzzle Day!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, January 29, 4:00 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3 and up. Dig through our bin of the month and play with fun toys and early literacy manipulatives.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, January 30, 1:30 p.m.

Reel Kids: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. It's family movie afternoon! Join us for a seasonal showing, accompanied by theatre treats!

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, January 31, 2:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford CT 06114

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments. Don't have anything to do? Engage in a variety of literacy-based challenges sure to boggle and bend your academic brain!

Camp Field Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 2-30, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 15, and 22, 10:00 a.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the New Year! Learn how to make all different kinds of snowflakes, both simple and elaborate, to bedazzle your friends and family.

Camp Field Branch, Mondays, January 6 and 27, 3:00 p.m.

Building Block Literacy: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. A clever way to combine sight words practice with a building activity.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 p.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 8 and up. Play these great games with friends and you will become a master multiplier!

Camp Field Branch, Thursdays, January 9 and 23, 3:00 p.m.

Coloring Masterpieces: Art (Camp Field)

Ages 7 and up. Children will enjoy applying their own interpretations of the colors in a masterpiece. They will then explain their color choices and write or dictate several sentences describing the work of art.

Camp Field Branch, Fridays, January 10 and 17, 3:00 p.m.

Ductivity: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 12-18. Learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad, or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Camp Field Branch, January 13 and 29, 3:30 p.m.

National Hot Tea Month: Life Skills (Camp Field)

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Camp Field Branch, Thursday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.

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Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, January 22, 3:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Dwight Branch
7 New Park Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460.

Homework Club: Education (Dwight)

Kindergarten-grade 5. Yikes! Homework! Need help with homework? Our friendly library staff is here to help. Stop by the library for reading materials for your school reports and special projects too! Homework supplies provided.

Dwight Branch, Mondays-Fridays, January 2-31, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Pop-up Books Story Time: Literacy (Dwight)

Not your average story time.... Enjoy great story time with pop-up story books and a fun activity. Groups must register by calling 860-695-7460.

Dwight Branch, Wednesdays, January 8 and 29, 10:00 a.m.

Match-ups: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 2-4. Parents can help their children recognize before and after effects by visiting the library and using many of its early literacy tools.

Dwight Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 2-30, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

All ages. School is done for the week, start your weekend with exciting activities at the library.

Dwight Branch, Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 3:00 p.m.

Got Jokes?: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

All ages. Share your talent for telling jokes at the first "Comic Relief After School Special" at the Dwight Branch Library. Must have five original jokes. One winner will receive a bag of jokes.

Dwight Branch, Monday, January 6, 3:30 p.m.

Urban Youth Chess Club: Life Skills (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Play chess, not war! Interested in learning how to play chess or want to teach chess? Playing chess strengthens mental clarity, fortitude, stability, and overall health.

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 p.m.

Civil Rights Story time: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Learn about the Civil Rights Movement through inspirational books that capture the true meaning of freedom and equality.

Dwight Branch, Monday, January 21, 3:00 p.m.

Winter Wonderland: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the world of snow globes and make a snow globe postcard.

Dwight Branch, Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.

Lego Construction Club: Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Do you love to build with Legos? If you do, come to the library and be part of the construction club to build projects with Lego bricks. For safety reasons, only children 5 and up will be allowed in the Lego "construction zone".

Dwight Branch, Thursday, January 30, 3:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Goodwin Branch Programs, call 860.695.7480

Homework Club: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

Goodwin Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 2-30, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch, Thursday, January 2, 4:30 p.m.

Snowflakes Storytimes: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch, Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10:00 a.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 4:00 p.m.

Community Mural: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. Honor Dr. Martin Luther King with your reflections on his famous speech, "I Have a Dream", then create a mural about your dreams for your community.

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Coloring Masterpieces: Art (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Goodwin Branch, Thursdays, January 23 and 30, 10:30 a.m.

Yoga for Youth: Health (Goodwin)

Ages 8 and up. Discover the hidden harmony within as you participate in this introductory lesson.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, January 30, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Mark Twain Branch
55 Forest Street
Hartford CT 06105

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

Winter Gallery: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us to create beautiful winter-themed art using a variety of white materials on black backgrounds.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, January 2, 4:00 p.m.

"Appy" New Year: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join us to share the latest and greatest apps for cell phones. Learn about free tools to create your own app. Let's get techie!

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, January 6, 4:00 p.m.

O is for Owl: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Read an owl story, *Good-Night Owl!* by Pat Hutchins, and make a simple Snow Owl craft with three paper plates.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.

Culturegrams: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a celebration of cultures from around the world as we use digital storytelling to share our native heritage.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesdays, January 8 and 15, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Otaku Manga Club: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Calling all manga fans! Choose a manga name and join us for dramatic readings, conversation and fun activities while exploring Asian languages and cultures. Follow us on Instagram@Hartford Otaku.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursdays, January 9 and 23, 3:00 p.m.

Info Lab 55: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join our online information literacy course and learn what you need to know to navigate life in the 21st Century. Topics include Google Tools, Copyright, Online Privacy, and Tech News.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, January 13, 3:00 p.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs and crafts.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.

Designing Minds: Art (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join our new art club to share ideas and make unique crafts to sell for student fundraisers.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursdays, January 16 and 30, 3:00 p.m.

Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join us for pizza and conversation about books that you love. Help create our Teen Book Tumblr. All ideas welcome!

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, January 17, 3:00 p.m.

Diversi-Tea: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 5 and up. Join us in celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, an annual award given to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books. Discover teas from around the world and help create a "Leaves of Diversity" mural.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, January 22, 4:00 p.m.

Pages: Art (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Learn creative ways to reuse old books and magazines.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, January 29, 4:00 p.m.

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Homework Club: Education (Park Branch)

Grade K and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments.

Park Branch, Mondays-Fridays, January 2-31, 3:00 p.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the New Year! Learn how to make all different kinds of snowflakes, both simple and elaborate, to bedazzle your friends and family.

Park Branch, Thursday, January 2, 3:45 p.m.

Bye-Bye, Blues: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Winter blues dragging you down? Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games.

Park Branch, Fridays, January 3, 17 and 31, 3:30 p.m.

El Día De Los Reyes Magos (Three Kings Day): Education (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Learn about this traditional Hispanic holiday through stories and a magical craft.

Park Branch, Monday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.

Beads, Beads, and More Beads!: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 5 and up. Create your unique piece of jewelry using a variety of beads.

Park Branch, Tuesday, January 7, 3:45 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

Park Branch, Wednesdays, January 8 and 22, 3:45 p.m.

National Hot Tea Month: Life Skills (Park Branch)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate the National Hot Tea Month! Discover some fascinating facts about this ancient beverage and learn about its importance in many cultures. Tea will be served for refreshments.

Park Branch, Thursday, January 9, 3:45p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 5 and up. End the week with a movie and a snack.

Park Branch, Fridays, January 10 and 24, 3:30 p.m.

Paper Fun: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Enjoy doing seasonal word searches, mazes, and word scramble sheets of the day.

Park Branch, Mondays, January 13 and 27, 3:45 p.m.

Pop Up Book Time: Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 5 and up. We will bring out these very special books to share the wonderful world of pop up books with you.

Park Branch, Tuesday, January 14, 3:45 p.m.

Hat Day: Life Skills (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Isn't it great that hats come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and styles? Celebrate National Hat Day by wearing your favorite hat to the library and creating a silly hat out of paper. Hats are used to make a statement, or to promote a cause or a product. Let's find out why you wear your hat.

Park Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 3:45 p.m.

Peaceful Warrior: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Martin Luther King had dreams of a peaceful world, and so do we. Share activities and more to celebrate his day.

Park Branch, Friday, January 16, 3:45 p.m.

Where's My Mitten?: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy listening to a mitten story and create a colorful mitten.

Park Branch, Tuesday, January 21, 3:45 p.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 8 and up. Play these great games with friends and you will become a master multiplier!

Park Branch, Thursday, January 23, 3:45 p.m.

Building Block Literacy: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 5 and up. A clever way to combine sight words practice with a building activity.

Park Branch, Tuesday, January 28, 3:45 p.m.

Puzzled Up: Education (Park Branch)

Ages: 6 and up. Don't be puzzled by today. National Puzzle Day honors puzzles of all size, shape and form. They fit the needs of every person, and every skill level. There are numerous reasons for its popularity. Whatever the cause for your interest, spend National Puzzle Day doing puzzles.

Park Branch, Wednesday, January 29, 3:45 p.m.

Ductivity: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 12-18. Learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Park Branch, Thursday, January 30, 3:45 p.m.

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1750 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120

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Homework Club: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Yummy snacks, homework assistance and fun enrichment activities await your participation in our Homework Club.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 7-31, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Yoga for Youth: Health (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Discover the hidden harmony within as you participate in the series of introductory lessons.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, January 7, 21 and 28, 4:00 p.m.

Multiplication Marathon: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Play these great games with friends and you will become a master multiplier!

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, January 8, 4:00 p.m.

Winter Storytimes: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5. Read these popular winter classics, make a wintery craft, and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesdays, January 8, 15, and 29, 10:00 a.m.

Snowflakes Workshop: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)

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Ropkins Branch, Friday, January 10, 4:00 p.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and crafts.

Ropkins Branch, Fridays, January 10, 24 and 31, 10:00 a.m.

Coloring Masterpieces: Art (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. Children will enjoy applying their own interpretations of the colors in a masterpiece. They will then explain their color choices and write or dictate several sentences describing the work of art.

Ropkins Branch, Monday-Friday, January 13-17, 4:00 p.m.

National Hot Tea Month: Life Skills (Ropkins)

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Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, January 15, 4:00 p.m.