

Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
March 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 – Learning Lab, Mondays-Thursdays, March 3-31, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Teen Tech Week: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Join local artist, Balam Soto, as we celebrate Teen Tech Week. Explore the fusion of low tech and high tech components to make a blinking light bracelet. Participation is limited, so please register in advance, in-person at your local branch.

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.

Press Play: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Show off your skills on the X BOX 360 console, with a variety of games. Individuals welcome without registration; groups, please sign-up ahead of time.

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Monday, March 24, 4:30 p.m.

Students

Paws to Read: Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring your child or children 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, first come first served.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, March 1 and 15, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

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!

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, March 3-31, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy learning about "Fat Tuesday" celebrations with books and make a colorful mask.

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

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Bash: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate beloved children's author Dr. Seuss' 110th birthday! Come dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character; enjoy Dr. Seuss themed games, stories and a slice of birthday cake.

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Wednesday, March 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Go Green! Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy the luck of the Irish with an Irish folktale and hands-on activities.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.

Twisty Bracelet: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Need something new for Spring? Stop by the library and make your own twisty bracelet.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday, March 22, 2:30 p.m.

Pour Some: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Turn snack time into measuring time and learn to read nutrition facts labels. Explore what's in the "serving size" on the food package nutrition label.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, March 24, 4:30 p.m.

iWand: Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Listen to the classic tale of Cinderella. Through writing and illustration, design your own wand app to make your dreams come true.

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesday, March 25, 4:30 p.m.

What Do You see? Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5-7. Join us for a story time that will build children's interest in and understanding of visual arts.

Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, March 27, 4:30 p.m.

Heroines: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Women's History Month with tales featuring brave and resourceful heroines.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, March 31, 4:30 p.m.

Children and Families

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 – Children's Library, Mondays, March 3, 10, and 24, 11:00 a.m.

Spring Blossoms Story Time: 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 – Children's Library, Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10:00 a.m.

Every Child Ready to Read Family 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 – Children's Library, Fridays, March 7 and 28, 10:30 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

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

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, March 8 and 22, 10:30 a.m.

Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages Birth – 24 months with parent or caregiver. Help your child get ready to read with simple activities. Enjoy reading, writing, singing, talking and playing with your child. No registration required.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, March 5, 10:45-11:30a.m.

Smart Start STEM-Rainbow Science: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Investigate, explore, and learn cool science experiments about rainbows and colors. Make a fizzy rainbow and a rainbow cloud.

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.

Springtime Stories: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5. Springtime stories, rhymes and finger plays about budding flowers and baby animals are in store for young ones and their caregivers. Groups please call 860-695-6330 in advance to register

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.

Alphabet Express: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 2 and up, with adult friends. Take a trip with your 2 year old on our alphabet train. Enjoy your ride with songs, stories, and a craft.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.

Homework Help: Education (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, March 3–27, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Monday, March 3, 4:45 p.m.

Right on the Money @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, March 4, 4:45 p.m.

Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Make a necklace or bracelet for yourself or a friend.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, March 5, 4:45 p.m.

Yoga @ the Library: Health (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Have fun learning basic yoga poses and discover the hidden harmony within you.

Albany Branch, Thursday, March 6, 4:45 p.m.

Smart Start STEM-Rainbow Science: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Investigate, explore, and learn cool science experiments about rainbows and colors. Make a fizzy rainbow and a rainbow cloud.

Albany Branch, Friday, March 7, 12:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, March 7, 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, March 10, 4:45 p.m.

DIY @ Your Library: Education (Albany)

Ages 12 and up. Join us to make cool projects that combine technology and simple household products.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, March 11, 4:45 p.m.

Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Albany)

Birth-24 months with parent or caregiver. Come talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, March 12, 12:30 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.

Pi (π) Day: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Pi (π) Day by learning all about the number pi (π). Learn about circumference and diameter, help the group write a fun "pi" story, make a "pi" plate, and enjoy a slice of pie.

Albany Branch, Thursday, March 13, 4:45 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, March 14, 3:30 p.m.

Teen Tech Week: Technology (Albany)

Ages 12 and up. Join local artist, Balam Soto, as we celebrate Teen Tech Week. Explore the fusion of low tech and high tech components to make a blinking light bracelet. Participation is limited, so please register in advance, in-person at your local branch.

Albany Branch, Friday, March 14, 1:30 p.m.

Early Reader's Book Club: Early Literacy (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Monday, March 17, 4:45 p.m.

March Madness: Education (Albany)

Ages 5-9. March madness is here! Learn all about college basketball and do fun basketball related games and activities.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, March 18, 4:45 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, March 19, 4:45 p.m.

Financial Literacy for Teens: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 14 and up. Teens, brush up on important financial literacy tips to use when applying for college.

Albany Branch, Thursday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.

Springtime Story Time: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3-5. Springtime stories, rhymes and finger plays about budding flowers and baby animals are in store for young ones and their caregivers.

Albany Branch, Friday, March 21, 12:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, March 21, 3:30 p.m.

Right on the Money @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

Albany Branch, Monday, March 24, 4:45 p.m.

Pour Some: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Turn snack time into measuring time and learn all about nutrition fact labels.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, March 25, 4:45 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, March 26, 4:45 p.m.

iWand: Literacy (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Listen to the classic tale of Cinderella. Through writing and illustration, design your own wand app to make your dreams come true.

Albany Branch, Thursday, March 27, 6:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, March 28, 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 a snack and complete your homework assignment with us.

Barbour Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, March 3-31, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Celebrating Seuss: Education (Barbour)

All ages. Celebrate beloved children's author Dr. Seuss' 110th birthday! Read and listen to Dr. Seuss' writings then select a cool character creature to make and take home.

Barbour Branch, Monday, March 3, 4:30 p.m.

Springtime Stories: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5. Springtime stories, rhymes and finger plays about budding flowers and baby animals are in store for young ones and their caregivers. Groups please call 860-695-7400 in advance to register.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages Birth – 24 months with parent or caregiver. Come talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required.

Barbour Branch, Wednesdays, March 12 and 26, 10:45-11:30a.m.

Mardi Gras: Education (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy learning about "Fat Tuesday" celebrations with books and make a colorful mask.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, March 4, 3:45p.m.

Smart Start STEM—Rainbow Science: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Investigate, explore, and learn cool science experiments about rainbows and colors. Make a fizzy rainbow and a rainbow cloud.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.

Mix In Math: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Numbers are hiding in the newspaper. Let's play Numbers in News to see what kind of numbers we can find.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, March 6, 4:30 p.m.

DIY @ Your Library: Education (Barbour)

Ages 12 and up. Join us each day to make cool projects that combine technology and simple household products.

Barbour Branch, Monday-Thursday, March 10-12, 3:30 p.m.

Teen Tech Week: Education (Barbour)

Ages 12 and up. Join local artist, Balam Soto, as we celebrate Teen Tech Week. Explore the fusion of low tech and high tech components to make a blinking light bracelet. Participation is limited, so please register in advance, in-person at your local branch.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, March 13, 3:30 p.m.

Pi (π) Day: Education (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate Pi (π) Day by learning all about the number pi (π). Learn about circumference and diameter, help the group write a fun "pi" story, make a "pi" plate, and enjoy a slice of pie.

Barbour Branch, Friday, March 14, 4:30 p.m.

Twisty Bracelet: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Need something new for Spring? Stop by the library and make your own twisty bracelet.

Barbour Branch, Monday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.

iWand: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Listen to the classic tale of Cinderella. Through writing and illustration, design your own wand app to make your dreams come true.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, March 18, 4:30 p.m.

Little Green: Education (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we read the book, *Little Blue and Little Yellow*, by Leo Lionni, a wonderful story of friendship and differences. Then children will learn how to make the color green by mixing two primary colors, blue and yellow.

Barbour Branch, Monday, March 24, 4:30 p.m.

Pour Some: Education (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Turn snack time into measuring time and learn to read nutrition facts labels. Explore what's in the "serving size" on the food package nutrition label.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, March 20, 4:30 p.m.

A Page from My Life: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages: 8 and up. Continue to build 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, March 27, 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

Literacy Lounge: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 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, March 3-27, 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Read Across America Day: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Get ready for a week-long Seussical celebration! Make an *I Will Read* rhyming hat; vote for your favorite Dr. Seuss book; participate in a scavenger hunt, and much, much more!

Blue Hills Branch, Monday-Friday, March 3-7, 3:30 p.m.

Post-It Prints: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Create mini-pieces of art to add to our post-it gallery.

Blue Hills Branch, Mondays-Fridays, March 3-31, 2:00 p.m.

Mardi Gras: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy learning about "Fat Tuesday" celebrations with books and make a special colorful mask.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, March 4, 5:00 p.m.

Chomp, Tromp, Clomp: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for the best in animal tales and activities!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesdays, March 5 and 19, 10:00 a.m.

iWand: Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Listen to the classic tale of Cinderella. Through writing and illustration, design your own wand app to make your dreams come true.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, March 5, 4:00 p.m.

Medieval Times: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Investigate ancient engineering and power sources through print and online sources. Work together in teams to construct a miniature catapult from craft sticks and rubber bands, and compete to see whose design soars to the top!

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.

DIY @ Your Library: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Join us to make cool projects that combine technology and simple household products.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, March 11, 5:00 p.m.

Middle School Book Club: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a lively discussion on the book *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. Refreshments will be provided.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, March 12, 4:00 p.m.

National Bubble Week: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers/Ages 5 and up. Delight in simple, homemade bubble activities that can be linked to Common Core Standards of scientific inquiry, literacy and numeracy.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, March 13, 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. for ages 5 and up.

Cotton Couture: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Stretch your imagination (and old t-shirts) into a fashionable scarf.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, March 14, 2:00 p.m.

Luck of the Irish: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Make a lucky, fortune-telling, four-leaf clover and share a wee bit of an Irish treat!

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.

Nail It!: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Check out the latest addition to our periodical collection! Learn tips and tricks, nail trends, and browse celebrity styles. Use new techniques to give yourself or a friend a manicure here in the library.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, March 18, 5:00 p.m.

Teen Tech Week: Technology (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Join local artist, Balam Soto as we celebrate Teen Tech Week. Explore the fusion of low tech and high tech components to make a blinking light bracelet. Participation is limited, so please register in advance, in-person at your local branch.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, March 20, 4:00 p.m.

LEGO Club Competition: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Can you build with your eyes closed, while standing on one foot? Compete in individual and team challenges to be crowned Queen or King of our LEGO club!

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, March 21, 2:00 p.m.

Hoops Hysteria: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. March Madness is here! Learn about the hysteria, show off your favorite college basketball jersey, select a basketball book to take home and find out if you win a special championship prize.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

Graphic in Nature: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Using old strips of magazines and an outline of your favorite animal, create a strikingly colorful one-of-a-kind artwork.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, March 25, 5:00 p.m.

World Book Online Scavenger Hunt: Technology (Blue Hills)

Ages 7 and up. Explore the World Book online encyclopedia and compete in our scavenger hunt challenge. Use the encyclopedia to search for facts and information. Complete the scavenger hunt to receive a prize!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

Rainmakers: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Share tales of rain gods from around the world, including selected excerpts from the Sun, Stone, and Shadows' story, "Chac-Mool."

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, March 27, 4:00 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

Spring Time Stories: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5. Springtime stories, rhymes and finger plays about budding flowers and baby animals are in store for young ones and their caregivers. Groups please call 860-695-7443 in advance to register.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, March 5 and 12, 10:00 a.m.

Smart Start STEM-Rainbow Science: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Investigate, explore, and learn cool science experiments about rainbows and colors. Make a fizzy rainbow and a rainbow cloud.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, March 19 and 26, 10:00 a.m.

Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)

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Mardi Gras: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy learning about "Fat Tuesday" celebrations with books and make a colorful mask

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday, March 4, 3:30 p.m.

Twisty Bracelet: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Need something new for spring? Stop by the library and make your own twisty bracelet.

Camp Field Branch, March 6 and 10, 3:45 p.m.

Girl Scout Day: Community Program (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. In honor of Girl Scout Day, let's take a moment to recognize and celebrate everything that the Girl Scouts of the USA has done for local communities across the country! We will be able to meet a group of Girl Scouts and do a simple activity with them.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, March 13, 3:30 p.m.

Little Green: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we read the book, *Little Blue and Little Yellow*, by Leo Lionni, a wonderful story of friendship and differences. Then children will learn how to make the color green by mixing two primary colors, blue and yellow.

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Camp Field Branch, Monday-Thursday, March 24 -28, 3:30 p.m.

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Camp Field Branch, March 10 and 27, 12:45-1:30p.m.

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Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m.

Hoops Hysteria: Education (Camp Field)

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Camp Field Branch, Thursday, March 27, 4:00 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, Monday-Friday, March 3-31, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Read Across America Day: Literacy (Dwight)

All Ages. Read Across America Day is also Dr. Seuss' birthday! Stop by the library for a special craft and reading of the Dr. Seuss classic, *The Cat in the Hat*.

Dwight Branch, Monday, March 3, 4:00 p.m.

Twisty Bracelets: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Need something new for Spring? Stop by the library and make your own twisty bracelet.

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, March 5, 4:00 p.m.

Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

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

Dwight Branch, Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 3:30 p.m.

Pop-up Story Time Books: Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Not your average story time.... Enjoy a special story time with pop-up story books and a fun activity. Groups must register by calling 860-695-7460.

Dwight Branch, Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10:00 a.m.

Hoops Hysteria: Education (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. March Madness is here! Learn about the hysteria, show off your favorite college basketball jersey, select a basketball book to take home and find out if you win a special championship prize.

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, March 18, 4:00 p.m.

Legends of the Old West: Education (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Where have the cowboys gone? Learn about famous cowboys and their names through pictures and handy online sites. You will be amazed at the lawmen, outlaws, gunfighters, and the good and bad cowboys' claims to fame and causes of death.

Dwight Branch, Friday, March 21, 4:00 pm

In or Out?: Life Skills (Dwight)

All Ages. It's spring cleaning! It's time to throw out the old and in with the new. Cleaning takes time and concentration. Make a door hanger to let friends and family know that you are busy!

Dwight Branch, Monday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

Match-ups: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 2-4. Parents, help your child recognize before and after effects by visiting the library and using many of its early literacy tools.

Dwight Branch, Monday and Thursday, March 24 and 27, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

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

For information on Goodwin Branch Programs, call 860.695.7480

Mardi Gras: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.

Springtime Stories: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch, Monday, March 12, 2:30 p.m.

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Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, March 18, 4:00 p.m.

Pour Some: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Turn snack time into measuring time and learn to read nutrition facts labels. Explore what's in the "serving size" on the food package nutrition label.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, March 19, 3:45 p.m.

Smart Start STEM-Rainbow Science: Early Literacy

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Investigate, explore, and learn cool science experiments about rainbows and colors. Make a fizzy rainbow and a rainbow cloud.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, March 20, 10:00 a.m.

Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages Birth–24 months with parent or caregiver. Come talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, March 24 and 31, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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55 Forest Street
Hartford CT 06105

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Mardi Gras!: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us as we travel to New Orleans. Learn fun facts about the famous Mardi Gras celebration and use cool digital tools to create our own Tourist Guide.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, March 3, 4:00 p.m.

Info Lab 55: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join our online information literacy community 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, Tuesday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.

Zoo Babies: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for fingerplays, songs and stories about baby animals that live at the zoo.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, March 5, 10:00 a.m.

iWand: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Listen to the classic tale of Cinderella. Through writing and illustration, design your own wand app to make your dreams come true.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, March 5, 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, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 3:00 p.m.

Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join our new teen book club to share favorite books and connect with other book lovers. Check out our teen book club tumblr, <http://www.tumblr.com/blog/whatdoesthebooksay> and recommend books to add.

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, March 7, 3:00 p.m.

DIY @ Your Library: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 12 and up. Join us as we celebrate Teen Tech Week. Each day we will make cool projects that combine technology and simple household products.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday-Thursday, March 10-12, 3:30 p.m.

Pi (π) Day: Education (Mark Twain)

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Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, March 13, 4:00 p.m.

Green Science: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Discover the science of lava lamps and make your own green lava lamp to bring home.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.

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Parent/caregivers are expected to stay with children during all story time sessions.

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Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, March 19, 4:00 p.m.

Beatlab: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Be a DJ for a day! Join us to learn how to make and share music online.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.

All About Me: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Use cool new online tools to create a story about yourself using pictures.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

Money Wise @ HPL: Life Skills (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Learn how to budget the money you earn to afford the things you need to live.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, March 31, 2:00 p.m.

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Homework Club: Education (Park)

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!

Park Branch, Mondays-Fridays, March 3-28, 3:00 p.m.

Paper World: Education (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Explore a world of possibilities with paper, including seasonal word searches, mazes, unscrambles and coloring sheets of the day.

Park Branch, Mondays, March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 3:45 p.m.

Mardi Gras: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy learning about "Fat Tuesday" celebrations with books and make a colorful mask.

Park Branch, Tuesday, March 6, 3:45 p.m.

Bin Days: Early Literacy (Park)

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, Wednesday, March 5 and 19, 3:45 p.m.

Little Green: Education (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we read the book, *Little Blue and Little Yellow*, by Leo Lionni, a wonderful story of friendship and differences. Then children will learn how to make the color green by mixing two primary colors blue and yellow.

Park Branch, Thursday, March 6, 3:45 p.m.

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

Ages 6 and up. Winter blues dragging you down? Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games.

Park Branch, Friday, March 7 and 28, 3:30 p.m.

Apples, Apples: Education (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy listening to a story about the famous Johnny Appleseed and have an apple treat.

Park Branch, Tuesday, March 11, 3:45 p.m.

Reading Hour: Early Literacy (Park)

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy listening to a story to celebrate Women's History Month.

Park Branch, Wednesday, March 12 and 26, 3:45 p.m.

Pop Pop!: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Many of us love popcorn. So, it only makes sense that there should be a special day just for popcorn lovers. This day is intended to enjoy popcorn and share it with others. Stop by and eat up, popcorn lovers, while learning some interesting facts about corn.

Park Branch, Thursday, March 13, 3:45 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy viewing the movie of the day.

Park Branch, Friday, March 14, 3:30 p.m.

Teen Tech Week: Technology (Park)

Ages 12 and up. Join local artist, Balam Soto, as we celebrate Teen Tech Week. Explore the fusion of low tech and high tech components to make a blinking light bracelet. Participation is limited, so please register in advance, in-person at your local branch.

Park Branch, Tuesday, March 18, 3:30 p.m.

Spring Sprung!: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Get crafty on the first day of Spring by doing a flowery craft.

Park Branch, Thursday, March 20, 3:45 p.m.

Legomania: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 8 and up. We are calling Lego fans of all ages! Join us for free play as we get wildly creative with fun Lego projects! Bring a friend along.

Park Branch, Friday, March 21, 3:30 p.m.

Twisty Bracelet: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Need something new for Spring? Stop by the library and make your own twisty bracelet.

Park Branch, Tuesday, March 25, 3:30 p.m.

iWand: Literacy (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Listen to the classic tale of Cinderella. Through writing and illustration, design your own wand app to make your dreams come true.

Park Branch, Thursday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.

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Springtime Stories: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5. Springtime stories, rhymes and finger plays about budding flowers and baby animals are in store for young ones and their caregivers. Groups please call 860-695-7520 in advance to register.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Read Across America Day: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Get ready for a week-long Seussical celebration! Make an *I Will Read* rhyming hat; vote for your favorite Dr. Seuss book; participate in a scavenger hunt, and much, much more!

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Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.

National Bubble Week: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers/Ages 5 and up. Delight in simple, homemade bubble activities that can be linked to Common Core Standards of scientific inquiry, literacy and numeracy.

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Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, March 5, 4:00 p.m.

Chomp, Tromp, Clomp: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregiver. Join us for the best in animal tales and activities!

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Girl Scout Day: Community Program (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. In honor of Girl Scout Day, let's take a moment to recognize and celebrate everything that the Girl Scouts of the USA has done for local communities across the country! We will be able to meet a group of Girl Scouts and do a simple activity with them.

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