

**Hartford Public Library
Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
February 2016**

**Downtown Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103**

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

Students & Teens

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

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

Downtown – Children’s Library, Mondays-Thursdays, February 1-29, 3:00 p.m.

Tween/Teen Crafternoon: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 11 and up. Dive into our craft supplies! Check out books on jewelry making, drawing, and architecture for inspiration!

Downtown – Children’s Library, Mondays, February 1 and 22, 4:00 p.m.

Junior Maker Lego® Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun afternoon of building with LEGO® bricks. We’ll supply the bricks – just bring your imagination!

Downtown – Children’s Library, Tuesdays, February 2, 16, and 23, 5:30 p.m.

Crafternoon: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Dive into our craft supplies! Check out books on jewelry making, drawing, and architecture for inspiration!

Downtown – Children’s Library, Wednesdays, February 3 and 10, 2:00 p.m.

Mardi Gras! Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Come together and have fun on “Fat Tuesday”! Learn about Mardi Gras traditions and create your own carnival mask.

Downtown – Children’s Library, Tuesday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.

A Taste of History: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Black History Month with tasty African American inspired desserts. We will sample a variety of soul food desserts as we share old African American recipes, read stories, and share family traditions.

Downtown – Children’s Library, Saturday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.

STEM Skills Build-a-thon: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

Children & Families

First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth to 5, with adults. 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, February 1, 8, 22, and 29, 11:00 a.m.

Snowflakes Story Times: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with a parent/caregiver. Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, finger plays, book-based activities, and - as always - the best in children's books! Individuals welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 a.m.

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

Ages birth to 5, with adults. 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, February 5, 12, and 26, 11:00 a.m.

A Look at Lunar New Year: Education (Downtown)

Ages 3 and up. 2016 is the year of the monkey! Learn about traditions of Chinese Lunar New Year with stories and an art project.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.

Beanstack Storytime: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adults. Join us for great stories, fun songs and rhymes and an introduction to our new online learning tool for children and families where you can access book recommendations and fun activities for the young learners in your life.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, February 10, 11:00 a.m.

Teddy Bear Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Join us for a fun time of teddy bear stories, games and treats with our favorite stuffed toys!

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday, February 13, 11:30 a.m.

Celebrating African-American Authors and Illustrators: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and under with adult friends. A fun interactive story time that includes finger plays, rhyme, movement and craft!

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, February 19, 11:00 a.m.

Family Literacy Night: Folktales, Fairytales, and Myth: Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3 and up with adult friends. Enjoy an evening of whimsical children's tales from African American Folklore, music, soul food, and art!

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.

**Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112**

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

Teens

Teen Documentary Film Series: Education (Albany)

Ages 13 and up. Documentaries can be extremely controversial and opinionated, while at the same time they can teach us about a variety of topics and issues in our world. Join us for a special three week event as we screen episodes of the riveting series *Eyes on the Prize*, which documents the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. Refreshments provided.

Albany Branch, Thursdays, February 11, 18, and 25, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Need a space to study and do your homework? Drop in after school for homework help and a snack here at the library. Homework supplies provided.

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursday, February 1 - 29, 3:30- 5:00 p.m.

A Look at Lunar New Year: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. 2016 is the year of the monkey! Learn about traditions of Chinese Lunar New Year with stories and an art project.

Albany Branch, Monday, February 1, 4:30 p.m.

Lego Club: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Get creative with our Lego kit! Design, build, and explore on your own or with a friend.

Albany Branch, Wednesdays, February 3 and 17, 4:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras!: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Come together and have fun on "Fat Tuesday!" Learn about Mardi Gras through coloring sheets, word search and carnival mask.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, February 9, 4:30 p.m.

Jewelry Craft Session: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Get your creativity on and use our wide array of beautiful beads to craft your own necklaces and bracelets that you can wear yourself or give as a gift.

Albany Branch, Wednesdays, February 10 and 24, 4:30 p.m.

National Make a Friend Day: Literature/Arts (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate friends, old and new! Play games that test how well you know your BFF, and make puffy paint friendship bracelets!

Albany Branch, Tuesday, February 16, 4:30 p.m.

President of the Albany Library: Education (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Do you have what it takes to be President of the Albany Branch? Join us on the birthday of our first President and tell the citizens of the library why YOU should be their president. Plan your campaign and make political posters as we debate the issues that confront the library.

Albany Branch, Monday, February 22, 4:30 p.m.

Children and Families

Storytime and Playgroup: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages birth to 4 with adult friend. Join us for an hour of fun as we read some stories, sing, and dance. Make some new friends during our dramatic play session too! Adults will have the chance to learn about what you can do to get your child ready to read and the importance of early learning.

Albany Branch, Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

We Love our Library!: Early Literacy (Albany)

All ages. For us, every month is Library Lover's Month at the Hartford Public Library! But, since February is the official National Library Lover's Month, we are celebrating by reading some of our all-time favorite stories about libraries and librarians. Bring your family and show some love by making some colorful crafts that you can take home or use to decorate our beloved library!

Albany Branch, Thursday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.

Take your Child to the Library Day: Early Literacy (Albany)

All ages. Walk, run, bike, drive, take the bus – it doesn't matter how, just make sure you and your family get here for Take Your Child to the Library Day! Join us for a day of fun crafts, silly stories, and new friends at your local library.

Albany Branch, Saturday, February 6, 1:00 p.m.

**Barbour Branch
259 Barbour Street
Hartford, CT 06120**

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Barbour)

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.

Barbour Branch, Monday-Friday February 1-29, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment (Barbour)

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

Barbour Branch, Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 3:00 p.m.

Get to Know Abraham Lincoln!: Education

Ages 6 and up. Learn the importance of Abraham Lincoln's character and victory as the president of the U.S.A. during the Civil War.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.

Paper Heart Wreath: Arts and Entertainment (Barbour)

Ages 6-8. Love is in the air....make a paper heart wreath to hang by your door for Valentine's Day!

Barbour Branch, Thursday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.

And Then There Were Eight: Science (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. What happened to Pluto the planet? Why it is not a planet anymore? Find the answers to these questions in the library and make an out-of-the world craft.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, February 17, 4:00 p.m.

Bear Week: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the Asiatic Black Bear, Black Bear, Brown Bear, Panda Bear, Polar Bear, Sloth Bear, Spectacled Bear, and Sun Bear. Get to know their habitat, diet, physical characteristics, behavior, and interactions with people. Create your favorite bear habitat.

Barbour Branch, Monday-Thursday, February 22-25, 4:00 p.m.

Children and Families

Match-ups: Early Literacy (Barbour)

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

Barbour Branch, Monday-Thursday, February 1-29, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Bilingual Story Time: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5. It's free, it's fun, and it's in your language.

Barbour Branch, Tuesdays, February 9 and 23, 11:00 a.m.

Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Let's ride! Join us for four-wheeled adventures about cars, trucks, and more! Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling 860-695-7462.

Barbour Branch, Wednesdays, February 10 and 24 10:00 a.m.

Science Corner: Science (Barbour)

Grades 3-5. Science projects are around the corner, get ideas, tips, books, and practice by lifting ice with a string. It takes a secret ingredient and a little old-fashioned chemistry!

Barbour Branch, Friday, February 26, 4:00 p.m.

**Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114**

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

Teens

National Make a friend Day: Literature/Arts (Camp Field)

Ages 12 and up. Celebrate friends, old and new! Play games that test how well you know your BFF, and make puffy paint friendship bracelets!

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.

Keep it Simple! Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Age 12 and up. Try your hand at crocheting. Make an easy bookmark to show your newly acquired skills.

Camp Field Branch, Mondays, February 15, 22, and 29, 3:30 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)

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

Camp Field Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, February 1-26, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

We Love Our Library: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. For us, every month is Library Lover's Month at the Hartford Public Library! But, since February is the official National Library Lover's Month, we are celebrating the day by reading some of our all-time favorite stories about libraries and librarians. Show some love by making some colorful crafts that you can take home or use to decorate our beloved library!

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:00 p.m.

Year of the Monkey: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Welcome the year of the Monkey! We will share folktales, traditional crafts, and treats!

Camp Field Branch, Friday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

Lunar New Year Celebration: Life Skills (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Help us welcome in the Year of the Monkey as we learn about the Chinese zodiac and create beautiful paper lanterns to hang in the library.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.

Mardi Gras! Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Come together and have fun on "Fat Tuesday!" Learn about Mardi Gras through coloring sheets, word search and carnival masks

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday, February 9, 3:30 p.m.

Children and Families

Snowy Day Fun: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3 and up. Join us as we read Ezra Jack Keats's classic story, *The Snowy Day*. Afterwards, create a snowy craft that won't melt in your pocket when you take it home!

Camp Field Branch, Thursdays, February 11, 18, and 25 6:00 p.m.

**Dwight Branch
7 New Park Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106**

For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460

Students

Homework Club: Education (Dwight)

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

Dwight Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, February 1-29, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Ground Hog Day: Education (Dwight)

All ages. Even if Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow to signal six more weeks of winter, we're going to celebrate the fact that spring is around the corner with fun stories and crafts!

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, February 2, 4:00 p.m.

Celebrating Black History Month: Education (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. February is Black History Month! Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of famous black artists, activists, inventors, and writers with a fun trivia game. Make sure you check out our book display to learn even more!

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, February 3, 4:00 p.m.

Lunar New Year Celebration: Life Skills (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Help us welcome in the Year of the Monkey as we learn about the Chinese zodiac and create beautiful paper lanterns to hang in the library.

Dwight Branch, Friday, February 4, 3:00 p.m.

Mardi Gras! : Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Come together and have fun on "Fat Tuesday!" Learn about Mardi Gras through coloring sheets, word searches, and carnival masks.

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, February 9, 4:00 p.m.

National Make a Friend Day: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 10 and up. Celebrate friends, old and new! Play games that test how well you know your BFF, and make puffy paint friendship bracelets!

Dwight Branch, Thursday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.

Crafting Valentines: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Valentine's Day is on Sunday, so come to the library to get a head start on your valentine's cards! We'll provide all the materials; you just provide the love!

Dwight Branch, Friday, February 12, 3:00 p.m.

Getting Presidential: Education (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Test your presidential knowledge with a fun game of trivia! Do you know which president could never tell a lie? Or how about which one had a popular stuffed animal named after him?

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, February 16, 4:00 p.m.

Board Game Bonanza! Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Start the weekend off by playing your favorite board games at the library!

Dwight Branch, Friday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.

Melting Snowmen: Education (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Stop by the library and enjoy various books about snowmen and make a melting snowman craft to remind you that spring is near.

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, February 23, 4:00 p.m.

We Love Our Library!: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. For us, every month is Library Lover's Month at the Hartford Public Library! But, since February is the official National Library Lover's Month, we are celebrating by reading some of our all-time favorite stories about libraries and librarians. Show some love by making some colorful crafts that you can take home or use to decorate our beloved library!

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

Tell a Fairytale Day: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Once upon a time, there was a library in Parkville where kids came to write fairytales of their own. Will everyone live happily ever after?

Dwight Branch, Friday, February 26, 3:00 p.m.

Children and Families

Cozy Hearts Story Time: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregiver. Though the weather outside may be cold, spring is almost here! Join us as we read some stories that will warm you right up.

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, February 17, 5:30 p.m.

**Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106**

For information on Goodwin Branch programs, call 860.695.7480

Teens

American Born Chinese: Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 13 and up. Join us for our new Teen Civ Club . This month we will be discussing the graphic novel, American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang, the story of a boy who experiences racism as the only Chinese-American student in his class.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, February 17, 3:30 p.m.

Students

National Take Your Child to the Library Day 2016: Literacy (Goodwin)

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our library love for Hartford Public Library with the best in childrens' books and add your creativity to our community "I Love My Library" mural!

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, February 4, 4:00 p.m.

Big Screen Gaming: Technology (Goodwin)

Ages 10 and up. Calling all gamers for Friday fun! Join us to play favorite video games on a giant movie screen.

Goodwin Branch, Fridays, February 5,12,19, and 26, 3:45 p.m.

Lunar New Year Celebration: Life Skills (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Help us welcome in the Year of the Monkey as we learn about the Chinese zodiac and create beautiful paper lanterns to hang in the library.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.

STEAMers CLUB: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 8 and up. Get creative with fun activities to build your Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math skills with our monthly club. This month our theme is Awesome Inventions!

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, February 10, 4:00 p.m.

Heart Smart: Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a healthy Valentine's Day party with fun activities and treats to keep your mind and body in check all year round.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.

DiversiTea: Literacy (Goodwin)

All ages. Join us for a cup of tea and the very best in childrens' books that celebrate African American culture with Coretta Scott King Book Award winners <http://www.ala.org/emiert/cskbookawards>.

Goodwin Branch, Mondays, February 15, 22, and 29, 4:00 p.m.

Genius Hour: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 11- 13. Join our newest club to watch TED Talks www.ted.com and share your own bright ideas about improving life, your community or the world! Wild ideas encouraged!

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

Friends Forever: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)

Ages 7 and up. Join us to make friendship crafts for you and your BFF!

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

Children and Families

I Heart Beanstack: Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 0- 8 and parent/caregivers. It's a Beanstack Scavenger Hunt all about love! Log into <http://hplct.beanstack.org/> , go to our Family Love booklist. We have hidden hearts in these books! When you find a heart, bring it to the circulation desk for a special prize!

Goodwin Branch, Mondays, February 1-15, 12:30 p.m.

Beanstack Storytime: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for great stories, fun songs and rhymes and an introduction to our new online learning tool <http://hplct.beanstack.org/> for children and families where you can access book recommendations and fun activities for the young learners in your life.

Goodwin Branch, Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 4:00 p.m.

**Mark Twain Branch
55 Forest Street
Hartford, CT 06105**

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

Teens

Fiction Addiction Book Club: Teen Literacy (Mark Twain)

Age 14-18. It's not too late to join our new Book Club for teens only. Listen, read and relax to a selection popular Young Adult fiction. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Mark Twain Branch, Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 5 and up. Need a space to study and do your homework? Drop in after school for homework help and a snack here at the library. Homework supplies provided.

Mark Twain Branch, Mondays - Thursdays, February 1 - 29, 3:00 p.m.

Drop-In Crafting: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Age 8 and up. An ongoing program featuring a variety of hands-on educational crafts that you make and take. In February we are circle weaving on upcycled CDs. Also, be sure to add your contribution to our large format collaborative weaving. Snack provided.

Mark Twain Branch, Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 3:00 p.m.

Doodle, Draw & Design: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Age 8 and up. An ongoing series of art-making opportunities. Use markers, pens & pencils, oil pastels and paint to express your creativity by adding to our community mural or an art project of your choice. Snack provided.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 3:00 p.m.

Building Crew: STEM Education (Mark Twain)

Age 5 and up. Work with other kids to build a masterpiece. Construct a working marble run, Lego structure or try Wedgits, a fun and challenging multidimensional building set. Snack provided.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 3:00 p.m.

The Science of the Snowflake: Literacy and Science (Mark Twain Branch)

Age 8 and up. How do snowflakes form? Have you ever seen one under a microscope? Read Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and check out The Science of Snowflakes by Kenneth Libbrecht. Next, try your hand at making a realistic six sided paper snowflake.

Mark Twain Branch, Fridays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 3:30 p.m.

Children & Families

First Friends Storytime and Playgroup: Early and Family Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages birth-5 with adult. An interactive story time featuring books, songs, crafts and finger plays with playtime afterwards. In February we focus on the books of author Jan Brett. Snacks provided.

Mark Twain Branch, Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday Stories: Early and Family Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages birth and up. An interactive story time featuring seasonal picture books, songs, crafts and finger plays with playtime afterwards. Snack provided.

Mark Twain Branch, Saturday, February 6 and 27, 10:00 a.m.

**Park Branch
744 Park Street
Hartford CT 06106**

For information on Park Branch programs, Call 860-695.7501

Teens

Keep it Simple!: Arts and Crafts (Park)

Age 12 and up. Try your hand at crocheting. Make an easy bookmark to show your newly acquired skills.

Park Branch, Mondays, February 1, 8, and 22, 4:00 p.m.

National Make a Friend Day: Literature/Arts (Park)

Ages 12 and up. Celebrate friends, old and new! Play games that test how well you know your BFF, and make puffy paint friendship bracelets!

Park Branch, Tuesday, February 2, 4:00 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Park)

All ages. Get refreshed with some wholesome snack and complete your homework assignments with us. Homework supplies available.

Park Branch, February 1- 29, 3:00- 4:00 p.m.

Origami Originals: Arts and Crafts (Park)

Ages 8 and up. Learn to make origami shapes and toys in our series of origami workshops.

Barbour Branch, Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24

Rock Talk: Education (Park)

Ages 7 and up. [A Rock Can Be...](#) by Laura Purdie Salas is our point of discussion about what are rocks made of and what kind of interesting rocks we can look up.

Park Branch, Thursday, February 4, 4:00 p.m.

STEAMers CLUB : Education (Park)

Ages 8 and up. Get creative with fun activities to build your Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math skills with our monthly club. This month our theme is Awesome Inventions!

Park Branch, Tuesday, February 9, 4:00 p.m.

Year of the Monkey: Education (Park)

Ages 5 and up. Welcome the year of the Monkey! We will share folktales, traditional crafts, and treats!

Park Branch, Thursday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.

Mix in Math: Education (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Explore fun math activities.

Park Branch, Thursday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

A Word for More: Education (Park)

Ages 10 and up. Come in droves to have some linguistic fun. We'll browse through An Ambush of Tigers, make our way through Herds of Words by Betsy R. Rosenthal and Patricia MacCarthy. Play a game of words.

Park Branch, Tuesday, February 23, 4:00 p.m.

The Reader: Literacy (Park)

Ages 5 and up. The Reader by Amy Hest portrays the pleasures of reading on a playful yet quiet snowy day with one's best friend. Enjoy the book and make a snowy day picture.

Park Branch, Thursday, February 25, 4:00 p.m.

**Ropkins Branch
1750 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120**

For information on Ropkins Branch programs, call 860.695.7520

Students

Homework Help: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Winter winds can't keep you from great homework habits and a great trip to the library! Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities for the holidays. Homework supplies provided.

Ropkins Branch, Monday-Thursday, February 1- 29, 4:00 p.m.

Seasonal Activity Sheets: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about Mardi Gras, Presidents' Day, Chinese New Year, and other monthly theme.

Ropkins Branch, Monday, February 1, 22, and 29, 4:30 p.m.

Groundhog Day: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Have you seen your shadow lately? Check in for the most up to date news on the end of winter with books and activity sheets.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, February 2, 4:30 p.m.

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Life Skills (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Join families across Connecticut for a celebration of the joy of reading at your local public library! Create a Library Collage on Canvas youth art project on the theme "I Love the Library because..."

Ropkins Branch, Friday, February 5, 1:00- 4:30 p.m.

It's The Year of the Monkey: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. It's the Chinese Year 4714. A Yan year, aware yourself with a Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year with its history and a craft.

Ropkins Branch, Monday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras!: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Come together and have fun on "Fat Tuesday!" Learn about Mardi Gras through coloring sheets, word search and carnival mask.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, February 9, 4:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Celebration: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)

Ages 7-12. Let's learn the history of Valentine's Day and then celebrate the day by making creative gifts for someone special.

Ropkins Branch, Thursday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.

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

Ages 7 and up. Winter blues dragging you down, get together with friends to have fun playing Jenga, Sorry, Trouble, and other board games.

Ropkins Branch, Friday, February 12, 19, and 26, 4:00 p.m.

Hands On!: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

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

Ropkins Branch, Tuesdays, February 16 and 23, 4:30 p.m.

Yummy and Cozy: Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Snuggle up with your favorite book while you drink hot chocolate.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, February 24, 4:30 p.m.