

**Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut**

**Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
December 2015**

December is the month to rejoice in a treasure we all share – the pictures in children’s books. Join us for readings, discussions, and arts and crafts activities based on great book illustrations, as well as for programs on other topics of interest to children and teens.

**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, December 1-23, 3:00 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, December 1, 8, 15, and 22, 5:30 p.m.

Board Games Galore! Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Celebrate International Games Day with fun activities at the library! Dive into our board game collection for UNO, Chutes & Ladders, Monopoly, Jenga, and more.

Downtown -- Children’s Library, Fridays, December 4, 11, and 18, 4:00 p.m.

Ride the Polar Express: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Make a magical journey to the North Pole with us and find out why the boy could hear the bell while his parents couldn’t in Chris van Allsburg’s classic book *The Polar Express*.

Downtown -- Children’s Library, Monday, December 6, 4:00 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, Wednesday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.

Illustrated Books: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5-8. Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa, and enjoy renowned illustrator/author Jan Brett's classic tales, *The Hat*, *Three Snow Bears*, *The Mitten*, and more!

Downtown Library -- Children's Library, Saturday, December 12, 2:30 p.m.

Holiday Cheer: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Handcraft one-of-a-kind holiday cards, sure to impress and spread cheer!

Downtown -- Children's Library, Monday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.

Children & Families**Winter Wonderland Story Times: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

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

Downtown Library -- Children's Library Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10:00 a.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, Friday, December 4, 11:00 a.m.

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, December 7, 14, 21, and 28, 11:00 a.m.

Family Holiday Musical Concert: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 3 and up, with adult friends. Join Sam Pasco and his band for a musical celebration of the holiday season.

Downtown Library Atrium, Wednesday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.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, Friday, December 11 and 18, 11:00 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Run, run, as fast as you can! Jan Brett's illustrations for *Gingerbread Baby* are delicious! Be inspired by them, and enjoy a tasty treat!

Downtown Library -- Children's Library, Saturday, December 12, 11:30 a.m.

Family Holiday Celebration: Gingerbread Party: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All Children and adults. Celebrate the holiday season through stories, music, and art. Make and decorate delicious little gingerbread men, houses, and cookies to wet your taste buds and mesmerize your eyes!

Downtown Library -- Youth Program Room, Wednesday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.

Leap into Learning – Cuidado de Niños Taller: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Early Learning & alfabetismo, Desarrollo Infantil, Preparación para el Kindergarten. Por favor inscribirse previamente llamando al (860) 695-6350}.

Downtown - Wallace Stevens Room, Sábado, 16 de diciembre 2015, 5:30pm

Kwanzaa Crafternoon: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Dive into our craft supplies to make Kwanzaa-themed creations! Check out books on Kwanzaa for inspiration!

Downtown -- +Children's Library, Thursday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.

Leap into Learning – Child Care Workshop: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Early Learning & Literacy, Child Development, Kindergarten Readiness. Please register in advance by calling (860) 695-6350}.

Downtown - Wallace Stevens Room, Saturday, December 19, 2015 -11:00am

Kwanzaa Festival: Heritage (Albany)

All children and adults. Join us at the Albany Branch Library for a unique celebration of family, community, and culture.

Albany Branch Library, Tuesday, December 29, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

Teens

Teen Documentary Movie Night: Education (Albany)

Ages 13 and up. Documentaries can be extremely controversial and opinionated, yet at the same time they can teach us about a variety of topics and issues in our world. Join us as we screen and discuss a relevant documentary that is sure to spark conversation. Refreshments provided.

Albany Branch, Thursday, December 17, 5:30 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-Thursdays, December 1 - 23, 3:30- 5:00 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, Wednesday, December 2 and 9, 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Cheer: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Handcraft beautiful holiday cards, sure to impress and spread cheer!

Albany Branch, Monday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.

Bingo Extravaganza: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Bingo's birthday month at the library with all things Bingo! Create your own unique version of Bingo and play an epic game with your friends.

Albany Branch, Wednesday December 16, 4:30 p.m.

Hands on Day: Literacy (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Monday, December 21, 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Stories From Around the World: Education/ Holiday (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Take turns reading and viewing great illustrated holiday stories. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies afterwards!

Albany Branch, Tuesday, December 22, 4:30 p.m.

Children and Families

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. It's Friday and that means it's time to kick back and relax after a long week in school. Every Friday we transform the program room into a theater and screen an exciting film that is appropriate for all ages. Bring the whole family!

Albany Branch, Fridays, December 4, 11, and 18, 3:00 p.m.

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, Mondays, December 14, 21, and 28, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration: Education (Albany)

All Ages: Everyone is invited to the Hartford Public Library's annual Kwanzaa Festival! Join us for a full day of dancing, drumming, singing, traditional crafts, storytelling, and delicious food as we celebrate and learn about Kwanzaa.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, December 29, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Barbour Branch
259 Barbour Street
Hartford, CT 06120

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400.

Happy Holiday Story Time: Early Literacy

Ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Come for Holiday Stories and rock to some jolly rhymes.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.

Creative Hands: Arts and Crafts

Ages 7 and up. Visit our craft table for a productive experience on Wednesdays through December.

Barbour Branch, Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 23 and 30, 4:00 p.m.

Beanstack Storytime : Early Literacy

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. 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

Barbour Branch, Thursday, December 3, 10:00 p.m.

Holiday Stories From Around the World: Education/ Holiday (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Take turns reading and viewing great illustrated holiday stories. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies afterwards!

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

Bingo Sighted: Literacy/Entertainment

Ages: 8 and up. Play Dolce Sight Word Bingo, win prizes.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, December 10, 4:00 p.m.

Quill Some Happiness: Arts & Crafts

Ages 8 and up. Learn the art of paper quilling and create some cheery holiday cards with us. Quilling supplies and blank cards provided.

Limit 10 children on first come basis.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, December 15 & 22, 4:00

Up Pops a Picture!: Arts & Crafts

All ages. Cookie Count and Winter's Tale are just two gorgeous Pop-up books amongst many created by Robert Sabuda. Enjoy the books, find out interesting facts about Robert Sabuda and learn to create a pop-up Christmas Tree card from his website.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Cheer: Arts & Crafts

Ages 6 and up. Handcraft beautiful holiday cards, sure to impress and spread cheer!

Barbour Branch, Monday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration: Education (Albany)

All Ages: Everyone is invited to the Hartford Public Library's annual Kwanzaa Festival! Join us for a full day of dancing, drumming, singing, traditional crafts, storytelling, and delicious food as we celebrate and learn about Kwanzaa.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, December 29, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Blue Hills Branch
649 Blue Hills Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112**

For 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, December 1-23, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Simple Stitches: Careers (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Ever considered a career in a design field? Stop in to design and create a unique embroidered piece to take home.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, December 1, 5:00 p.m.

Paper Cities: Art & Literature (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Share traditional winter stories and make accompanying paper cities to continue your storytelling adventures at home.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursdays, December 3 & 17, 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Movies: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Families Welcome. Celebrate the season with films drawn from favorite children's stories.

Blue Hills Branch, Fridays, December 4, 11 and 18, 2:00 p.m.

Nerd Herd: Art (Blue Hills)

12 and up. Stop in and check out our new comic and drawing club.

Blue Hills Branch, Fridays, December 4, 11 and 18, 3:15 p.m.

Houses with History: Education & Art (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Explore historic homes throughout Hartford. Learn about the various architectural styles, and create a unique illustration afterwards.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Cheer: Art (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Handcraft beautiful holiday cards, sure to impress and spread cheer!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, December 9, 2:30 p.m.

Up Pops a Picture!: Art & Literature (Blue Hills)

All ages. [Cookie Count](#) and [Winter's Tale](#) are just two gorgeous Pop-up books amongst many created by Robert Sabuda. Enjoy the books, find out interesting facts about Robert Sabuda and learn to create a pop-up Christmas Tree card from his website.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, December 15, 5:00 p.m.

Beanstack Storytime : Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. 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.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesdays, December 16 & 30, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Holiday Stories From Around the World: Education/ Holiday (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Take turns reading and viewing great illustrated holiday stories. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies afterwards!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration: Education (Albany)

All Ages: Everyone is invited to the Hartford Public Library's annual Kwanzaa Festival! Join us for a full day of dancing, drumming, singing, traditional crafts, storytelling, and delicious food as we celebrate and learn about Kwanzaa.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, December 29, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

Hands on Day: Literacy (Camp Field)

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

Camp Field Branch, Thursdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 6:30 p.m.

Beanstack Storytime: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. 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.

Camp Field Branch, Tues., December 8, 15, 22, 1:00 p.m.

Holiday Cheer Art: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Handcraft beautiful holiday cards, sure to impress and spread cheer!

Camp Field Branch, Wed. December 9, 3:30 p.m.

Season's Greeting Cards: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanzaa, create a one-of-a-kind greeting card to show the special people in your life that you're thinking of them this holiday season!

Camp Field, Fri. Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Stories From Around the World: Education/ Holiday (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Take turns reading and viewing great illustrated holiday stories. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies afterwards!

Camp Field Branch, Monday, December 14, 3:30 p.m.

Up Pops a Picture! Education/ Holiday (Camp Field)

All ages. Cookie Count and Winter's Tale are just two gorgeous Pop-up books amongst many created by Robert Sabuda. Enjoy the books, find out interesting facts about Robert Sabuda and learn to create a pop-up Christmas tree card from his website.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.

Bingo Extravaganza: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Bingo's birthday month at the library with all things Bingo! Create your own unique version of Bingo and play an epic game with your friends.

Camp Field Branch, Friday. Dec. 18, 3:30 p.m.

Kwanzaa Festival: Heritage (Albany)

All children and adults. Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration honoring our African-American culture. Join us as we celebrate through stories, music, art, dance, and craft.

Albany Branch, Tues., December 29, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460

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, December 1-22, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Beanstack Storytime: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. 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.

Dwight Branch, Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, 5:30 p.m.

Moonbots Robotics Demonstration: Education (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Have you ever wondered about living on the moon? What kind of technology would be needed? Come be a future space explorer with Team "To the Moon & Beyond" from Farmington! They will demonstrate a VEX IQ robot doing a lunar exploration. Kids will also have a chance to get hands-on experience with Lego Mindstorm Robotics.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, December 3, 4:00 p.m.

Hands-On Day: Early Literacy (Dwight)

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

Dwight Branch, Mondays, December 7 and 21, 4:00 p.m.

Season's Greeting Cards: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanzaa, create a one-of-a-kind greeting card to show the special people in your life that you're thinking of them this holiday season!

Dwight Branch, Friday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.

Let's Go with Umigo! : Education (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Catch up on the latest Umigo "appisodes" and hone your math skills with fun, interactive activities.

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, December 15, 4:00p.m.

Holiday Stories From Around the World: Education/ Holiday (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Take turns reading and viewing great illustrated holiday stories. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies afterwards!

Dwight Branch, Friday, December 18, 3:00 p.m.

Don't Be a Grinch! : Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Join us as we watch Dr. Seuss's classic story come to life in How the Grinch Stole Christmas. After, participate in some fun activities that'll be sure to grow your heart two sizes bigger!

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, December 23, 3:00 p.m.

Bingo Extravaganza: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Bingo's birthday month at the library with all things Bingo! Create your own unique version of Bingo and play an epic game with your friends.

Dwight Branch, Monday, December 28, 2:00 p.m.

Kwanzaa Festival: Heritage (Albany)

All children and adults. Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration honoring our African-American culture. Join us as we celebrate through stories, music, art, dance, and craft.

Albany Branch, Tues., December 29, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Resolutions: Life Skills (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. With the new year less than a day away, think about what you would like to do in 2016.

Maybe you'd like to be nicer to your siblings, or maybe you'd like to read more books for fun! Join us as we write down our New Year's Resolutions and hang them in the library.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, December 31, 2:00 p.m.

Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

For information on Goodwin Branch programs, call 860.695.7480

Homework Help: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Practice 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.

Goodwin Branch

Mondays – Thursdays, December 1 – 23, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Snowflake Gallery: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)

All ages. Join us to create snowflakes from a variety of materials to decorate the library. Creative ideas encouraged!

Goodwin Branch

Wednesday, December 2, 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, December 4, 11, 3:45 p.m.

Hour of Code: Technology (Goodwin)

Ages 8 and up. We are celebrating *Computer Science Education Week* with fun programs to help you learn how your favorite websites work!

Goodwin Branch

Monday & Wednesday, December 7, 9, 4:00 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 for children and families where you can access book recommendations and fun activities for the young learners in your life.

Goodwin Branch

Tuesdays, December 8, 15, 22, 4:30 p.m.

Up Pops a Picture!: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch

Monday, December 14, 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

Wednesdays, December 16, 23, 4:00 p.m.

Upcycle Holiday: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. Join us to create beautiful homemade gifts from recycled materials!

Goodwin Branch

Monday, December 21, 4:00 p.m.

Kwanzaa Festival: Heritage (Albany)

All children and adults. Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration honoring our African-American culture. Join us as we celebrate through stories, music, art, dance, and craft.

Albany Branch

Tuesday, December 29, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Park Branch
744 Park Street
Hartford CT 06106
For information on Park Branch programs,
call 860-695.7501

Homework Club-Education

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 December 1-31, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Holiday Ornament: Arts and Entertainment

All ages. Create a festive ornament that will bring cheers to an already cold winter.

Dwight Branch

Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 p.m.

Wintery Story Time-Literacy

Ages 3-5. Stories all about the wonderful winter season. Individual families welcome without registration; groups please register in advance by calling 860-7462.

Dwight Branch

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 p.m.

Fun Fridays-Arts and Entertainment

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

Dwight Branch

Fridays, December 4, 11, and 18, 3:00 p.m.

Pine Cone Bird Feeders: Education

Ages 6 and up. Learn about the birds that don't fly south for the winter and make a cute pine cone bird feeder to hang by your window or near a tree and watch the birds feed with joyfulness.

Dwight Branch

Monday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

Swans a-Swimming-Art and Entertainment

Ages 8 and up. Turn a pocket of all pinecones into a wintery Swan craft activity.

Dwight Branch

Monday, December 14, 4:00 p.m.

Winter Painting: Career

Ages 13 and up. Ever wanted to learn how to paint? We will be painting a winter scene with acrylic paint. Space is limited, registration is required, call 860-695-7460.

Dwight Branch

Thursday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.

Comets!-Science

Ages 8 and up. Learn about comets and make a glow-in-the-dark comet to play catch.

Dwight Branch

Friday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.

Good-Luck Gold Fish-Holiday

Ages 8 and up. Welcome the New Year with colorful, sun-catching goldfish, a traditional Chinese symbol of good fortune.

Dwight Branch

Wednesday, December 23, 4:00 p.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration: Education (Albany)

All Ages: Everyone is invited to the Hartford Public Library's annual Kwanzaa Festival! Join us for a full day of dancing, drumming, singing, traditional crafts, storytelling, and delicious food as we celebrate and learn about Kwanzaa.

Albany Branch

Tuesday, December 29, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Glitter Balloons: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy a read out-loud of, *The Night Before New Year's* by Natasha Wing, and make glitter balloons to pop in the New Year!

Dwight Branch

Tuesday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Ropkins Branch
1750 Main Street
Hartford CT 06120
December 2015

For information on Ropkins Branch programs, call 860-695.7520

Homework Help: Education (Ropkins Branch)

Grade K-5. Need help with your homework? Stop by and get it done.

Ropkins Branch, Monday-Thursday, December 1-17, 4:00 p.m.

Crafty Day: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Stop by after homework and make the seasonal craft of the day.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesdays, December 1-29, 4:30 p.m.

Activity Sheet Day: Literacy (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 6 and up. After you do your homework engage yourself in a seasonal activity sheet of the day.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays, December 2-30, 4:30 p.m.

Hands On!: Early Literacy (Ropkins 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.

Ropkins Branch, Thursdays, December 3-17, 4:30 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games.

Ropkins Branch, Fridays, December 4-18, 4:00 p.m.

Storytime: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 2 to 5. Parents/Childcare Providers. Innovative story time program that mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve the school readiness skills. Groups must call for an appointment.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays, December 7-21, 10:00 a.m.

Kwanzaa Celebration: Education (Albany)

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