

**Downtown Library**  
**500 Main Street**  
**Hartford, CT 06103**  
**860.695.6330**

### Teens

#### **Teen STEAM: DIY Smartphone Projector: Technology (Downtown)**

Ages 13-18. We are celebrating *Teen Tech Week 2016* with fun projects starring mobile technology! Make your own smartphone projector with simple household materials, we'll show you how!

**Wednesday, March 9, 2:00 p.m.**

### Students

#### **Homework Club: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Spring into your studies with Homework Club! Drop in after school for a study snack and homework supplies to get you started.

**Monday-Thursday, March 1-31, 3:30 p.m.**

#### **Junior Maker LEGO Club: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun afternoon of building with LEGO bricks. Check out books on architecture, bridges, and more for inspiration. We'll supply the blocks -- just bring your imagination!

**Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Dr. Seuss and the Oobleck: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day with a rendition of Theodor Geisel's book *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*. We'll experiment with Oobleck, a Non-Newtonian fluid that has the properties of both liquids and solids.

**Wednesday, March 2, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Seuss Saturday: Education (Downtown)**

Join us on Saturday as we celebrate Dr. Seuss. We will be reading our newest Dr. Seuss' book *What Pet Should I get*, share other Seuss' stories, with fun activities, and cake!

**Saturday, March 5, 3:00 p.m.**

#### **Paws to Read: Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring him/her 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.

**Saturdays, March 5 and 19, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

#### **St. Patrick's Day Book Club: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 8 and up. Read, listen, and discuss stories of Irish folklore and St. Patrick's Day, then make your own St. Patrick's Day craft and a festive treat!

**Thursday, March 17, 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.

**Saturday, March 19, 2:00 p.m.**

#### **Art in the Pages: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

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**Monday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **A Very Special Egg: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 7 and up. *Rechenka's Eggs* is a story by Patricia Polacco set in Russia. Enjoy the story and decorate eggs to take home.

**Wednesday, March 23, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Heroines: Education (Downtown)**

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

**Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Mani Party: Art (Downtown)**

Ages 7-12. Do you enjoy having your nails done? Come read a book of your choice to one of the youth librarians in the Children's Room while you get your nails done. Please call 860-695-6330 to register.

**Saturday, March 26, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

### Children & Families

#### **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.

**Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Seussabration/Read Across America Day: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day with a rendition of silly stories and curious crafts.

**Friday, March 4, 11:00 a.m.**

**Family 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.

**Saturday, March 5, 11:30 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.

**Mondays, March 7 and 28, 11:00 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!

**Friday, March 11, 11:00 a.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.

**Monday, March 14, 11:00 a.m.**

**School Choice Snuggle-Up: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages birth to 5, with adult caregivers. Learn how to make a no-sew fleece blanket for your toddler while learning all about the School Choice program in Hartford. Find out what schools might be best for your little one and ask questions about the application process. Limited to 10 participants. Please call to register.

**Friday, March 18, 11:00 a.m.**

**Festival of Colors: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 3 and up with adult friends. Celebrate Holi, an Indian festival marking the arrival of spring. Learn about its origins and rituals, and enjoy some colorful stories, music, and craft.

**Monday, March 21, 11:00 a.m.**

**Family Alphabet Express: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

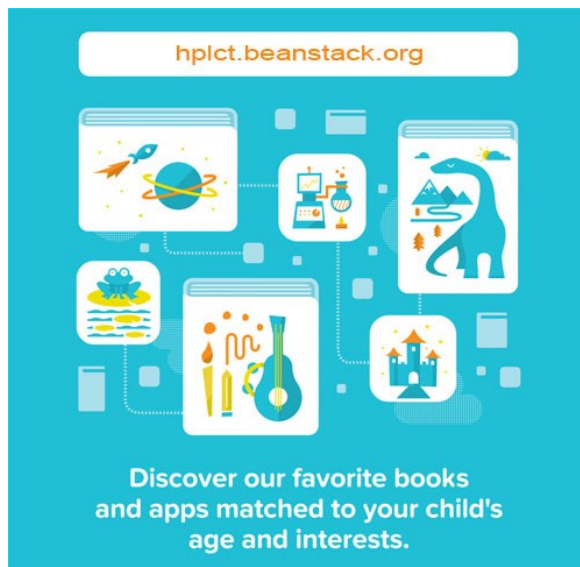
Ages 2 and up, with adult friends. Take a trip with your child in our alphabet train. Enjoy your ride with songs, stories, and a craft.

**Tuesday, March 29, 11:30 a.m.**

**Family STEM Night: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 3 and up. Discover the fun of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through hands-on activities for the entire family.

**Wednesday, March 30, 5:30 p.m.**



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

**Teen Tech Week: Technology (Albany)**

Ages 13 to 18. For *Teen Tech Week: Create It At Your Library*, we will be hosting different technology related events each day of the week. Get your phone out and learn how to make your very own smartphone projector, learn to code, have your voice heard by writing a Tech How-to Column or product review, or participate in Robotics Day. The possibilities are endless!

**Monday – Friday, March 7 -11, 4:30 p.m.**

**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 the film *He Named Me Malala*, which shares the inspiring story of Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani girl who stood up to the Taliban. Refreshments provided.

**Thursday, March 17, 5:00 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.

**Mondays-Thursdays, March 1 - 31, 3:30- 5:00 p.m.**

**Board Game Night: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Catch up with your friends and make some new ones while playing a board game. Play the popular classics such as Monopoly and Sorry or try one of our newer games.

**Thursday, March, 3, 5:00 p.m.**

**Beware the Ides of March! : Education (Albany)**

Ages 10 and up. After the death of Julius Caesar on March 15<sup>th</sup> (the “Ides of March” in Ancient Rome), this day has been seen as very unlucky. But are all superstitions bad? Learn about different kinds of proverbs and superstitions, and even share a few from your own culture.

**Tuesday, March 15, 4:30 p.m.**

**Lego Club: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 5 to 12. Get creative with our Lego kit! Design, build, and explore on your own or with a friend.

**Wednesdays, March 16 and 30, 4:30 p.m.**

**Art Power Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Join us for our first session of Art Power Hour, a new monthly series that will focus on a different art project every month. In March, we will be decorating eggs.

**Tuesday, March 22, 4:30 p.m.**

**Jewelry Craft Session: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 7 to 12. 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.

**Wednesday, March 23, 4:30 p.m.**

**Spring Celebration: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Spring is finally here! Celebrate with our favorite spring stories and a perilous game of Painted Egg Roulette! Everyone receives a painted egg to smash on their face – will your egg be hard boiled or not?? Be warned: you might get messy!

**Thursday, March 24, 5:00 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.

**Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!: Literacy (Albany)**

All ages. Celebrate the birthday of one of the most beloved authors of all time: Dr. Seuss. Share your favorite Seuss story, take a quiz to see how well you know his books, and create a Seusstastic craft.

**Wednesday, March 2, 4:30 p.m.**

**Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration: Education (Albany)**

All ages. Learn about St. Patrick’s Day by reading some folktales and making a little leprechaun craft to take home.

**Thursday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.**

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**Barbour Branch**  
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**Hartford, CT 06120**  
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**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.

**Monday-Friday March 1-31, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Urban Youth Chess Club: Life Skills (Barbour)**

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

**Monday, March 14 and Thursday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.**

**Legends of the Old West: Education (Barbour)**

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

**Wednesday, March 16, 4:00 pm**

**Comets!: Science (Barbour)**

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

**Friday, March 25, 4:00 p.m.**

**Aliens Attack!: Arts and Entertainment (Barbour)**

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the myths about Aliens and make an Alien craft to take home.

**Monday, March 28, 4:00 p.m.**

**Children and Families**

**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.

**Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 3:00 p.m.**

**Read Across America Day: Literacy (Barbour)**

All Ages. Since Read Across America Day is also known as Dr. Seuss's birthday stop by the library for a special craft and read out-loud of Dr. Seuss's classic The Cat in the Hat

**Monday, March 1, 4:00 p.m.**

**Bilingual Story Time: Literacy (Barbour)**

It's free, it's fun and it's in your language.

**Tuesday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 29, 11:00 a.m.**

**Wintertastic Story Times: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

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

**Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:00 a.m.**

**Dragons: Education (Barbour)**

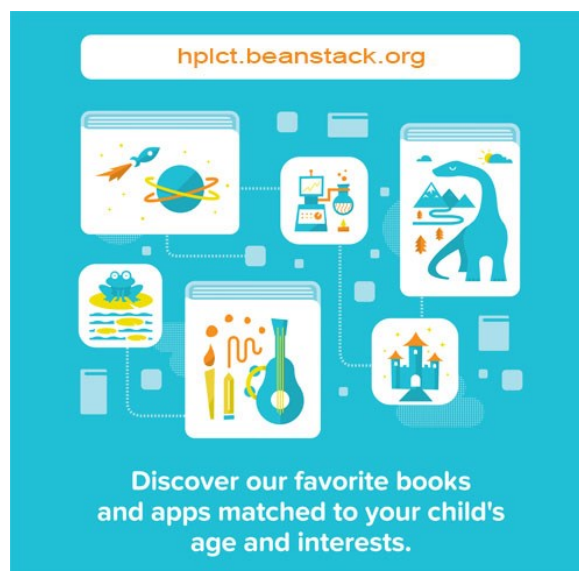
All ages. Dragon images, legends and lore exist all over the world in many different cultures, but what if Dragons were actually Dinosaurs? Learn about the myths about dragons and explore the possibilities.

**Wednesday, March 9, 4:00 p.m.**

**In or Out?: Life Skills (Barbour)**

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!

**Monday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.**



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**Blue Hills Branch**  
**649 Blue Hills Ave.**  
**Hartford, CT 06112**  
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**Teens**

**Zentangle Art: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Zentangle method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.

**Tuesday, March 1, 5:00 p.m.**

**Nerd Herd: Art & Literacy (Blue Hills)**

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

**Fridays, March 4, 11 and 18, 3:30 p.m.**

**Teen Book Club: Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Stop in for snacks and lively discussion as we chat about our book of the month. Check in to see what we will be reading and to grab a copy.

**Tuesday, March 8, 5:00 p.m.**

**Students**

**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!

**Mondays-Thursdays, March 1-31, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Read Across America: Early/Family Literacy/Science (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy a rendition of Theodor Geisel's book *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and then experiment with Oobleck, a Non-Newtonian fluid that has the properties of both liquids and solids.

Snacks provided.

**Wednesday, March 2, 4:30 p.m.**

**I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!: Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss. Stop in for a month long read-a-thon of classic Seuss stories. Read alone, with a partner, or in a group and have a fanciful time exploring the world of Seuss!

**Thursdays, March 3, 10, 24 & 31, 3:00 p.m.**

**Art in the Pages: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

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**Wednesday, March 9, 2:00 p.m.**

**Beware of the Ides of March!: Education (Blue Hills)**

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**Wednesday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.**

**When Irish Eyes are Smiling: Education & Art (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Travel to the land of Saints and Scholars through online and print resources. Learn the culture of this beautiful land with traditional tales and treats.

**Thursday, March 17, 4:30 p.m.**

**Eggcellent Origins: Art & Literature (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Using a variety of online search engines as well as printed material, discover the origins of the Easter egg and its' connections to the spring celebration. Afterwards, create a unique egg from colorful yarn to celebrate the season.

**Tuesday, March 22, 5:00 p.m.**

**Children and Families**

**Spring Science Story Hour: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregiver. Explore the natural world through stories, songs and hands-on science experiences for growing minds. Groups and individuals please call 860-695-7420 to register in advance.

**Mondays, March 7 and 21, 10:00 a.m.**

**Family Craft Day: Literature & Arts (Blue Hills)**

All families welcome! Celebrate National Craft Month with drop in crafts and tips to incorporate literacy into your daily life!

**Tuesdays, March 15 and 29, 5:00 p.m.**

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**Camp Field Branch**  
**30 Campfield Ave.**  
**Hartford CT 06114**  
**860.695.440**

**Students**

**Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)**

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.

**Mondays-Thursdays, March 1-31, 3:00 p.m.**

**Eggcelent Origins: Art & Literature (Camp Field)**

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**Tuesday, March 22, 3:00 p.m.**

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**Wednesday, March 23, 3:30 p.m.**

**Seussabration Read!! Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday while Celebrating Read Across America March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy Dr. Seuss book "Wacky Wednesday" and a whimsical activity.

**Wed., March 2, 3:30 p.m.**

**Read Across America: Early/Family Literacy/Science (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy a rendition of Theodor Geisel's book *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and then experiment with Oobleck, a Non-Newtonian fluid that has the properties of both liquids and solids. Snacks provided.

**Thurs. March 3, 3:00 p.m.**

**Beware the ides of March! : Education (Camp Field)**

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**Tue. Mar. 15, 3:30 p.m.**

**Very Special Egg! : Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up. Rechenka's Eggs is a story by Patricia Polacco set in Russia. Enjoy the story and decorate eggs to take home.

**Monday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.**

**Johnny Appleseed Day: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up, Celebrate Johnny Appleseed's contribution to our country with a story, crafts and delicious apple treat!

**Thursday, March 10, 5:30 p.m.**



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**Dwight Branch**  
**7 New Park Ave.**  
**Hartford CT 06106**  
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**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.

**Mondays-Thursdays, March 1-31, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

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**Wednesday, March 2, 4:00 p.m.**

**Read Across America: Early Literacy and Science (Dwight)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy a rendition of Theodor Geisel's book *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and then experiment with Oobleck, a Non-Newtonian fluid that has the properties of both liquids and solids.

**Thursday, March 3, 4:00 p.m.**

**Fun with Fuse Beads: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 5 and up. Fuse beads are an awesome way to create cool customized magnets or keychains. With so many colors and patterns to choose from, let your imagination run wild!

**Tuesday, March 8, 4:00 p.m.**

**Johnny Appleseed Day: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Johnny Appleseed's contribution to our country with a story, crafts, and a delicious apple treat!!

**Thursday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.**

**Pi Day: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 5 and up. March 14<sup>th</sup> is Pi Day! Pi (3.14) is a very important number that never ends. How far can you memorize it? Join us for fun activities that'll teach you how we use Pi!

**Monday, March 14th, 4:00 p.m.**

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**Thursday, March 24, 3:00 pm.**

**Mad-Lib It! : Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 5 and up. Here at the \_\_\_\_ (noun) \_\_\_\_, we sure love having a (n) \_\_\_\_ (adjective) \_\_\_\_ time writing all sorts of customized stories. The sillier you get, the better!

**Monday, March 28, 4:00 p.m.**

**Art in the Pages: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

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**Wednesday, March 30, 4:00 p.m.**

**Children and Families**

**Dr. Seuss Storytime: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 0-5 with adult caregiver. Enter the wacky rhyming world of Dr. Seuss with a bunch of silly stories that will be sure to make you smile!

**Wednesdays, March 9 and 23, 5:30 p.m.**

**Saint Patrick's Day Celebration: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

All ages. Make sure you wear your brightest green clothes today! Learn all about this fun holiday and bring home the luck of the Irish with an origami four leaf clover!

**Thursday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.**

**Spring Has Sprung! : Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

All ages. Spring is finally here! Join us as we celebrate the new season by making a beautiful origami bouquet of flowers. We'll also have plenty of springtime stories to spread the cheer.

**Tuesday, March 22, 4:00 p.m.**

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**Homework Help: Education (Goodwin)**  
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**Tues., March 1 - Thurs., March 31, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**STEAM Discovery Center: Education (Goodwin)**  
Ages 5 and up. Visit our new discovery center for hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math activities. Each week, find new activities about space, computer programming, scientific models and more!  
**Monday, March 1 - Thursday, March 31, 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Lucky Charms: Education (Goodwin)**  
Ages 8 and up. Discover symbols of good luck from cultures around the world then create your own lucky charm bookmark!  
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### Children and Families

**Dr. Seuss on the Loose: Literacy (Goodwin)**  
All ages. The characters from our Dr. Seuss books are on the loose! Help us find Horton, Myrtle and Fox in Socks in a very silly scavenger hunt and reading celebration!  
**Wednesday, March 2, 4:00 p.m.**

### **Gaming Day: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)**

All ages. Join us for all kinds of games: video games on the big screen, air hockey, foosball and board games!  
Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, 3:30 p.m.

### **Find a Clover: Literacy (Goodwin)**

All ages. Find a green clover in picture books about Springtime, add your book to your Beanstack reading log at [hplct.beanstack.org](http://hplct.beanstack.org) and win a prize!

**Tuesday, March 15 - Tuesday, March 29, 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

### **Beanstack Storytime: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

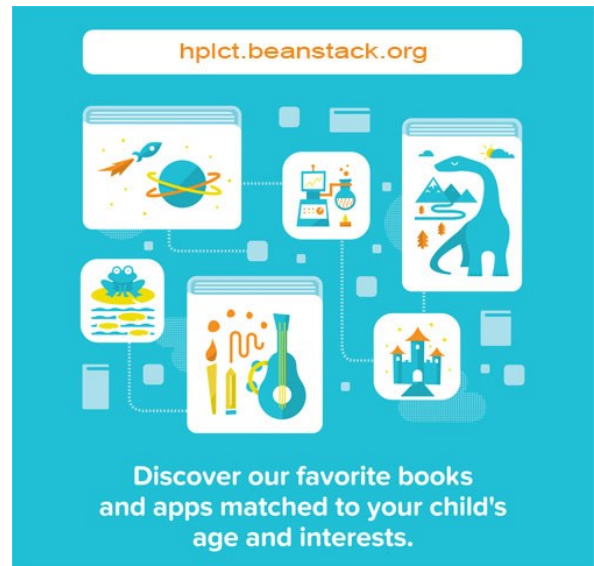
Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for great stories, fun songs and rhymes and an introduction to our new online learning tool <http://hplct.beanstack.org/> for children and families where you can access book recommendations and fun activities for the young learners in your life.

**Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29, 5:30 p.m.**

### **Spring Egg Hunt: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)**

All ages. Join us for a for an egg hunt with colorful eggs and special treats!

**Thursday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.**



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### Teens

#### **Anime + Manga Club: Teen Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Age 14-18. Calling all Anime and Manga fans! Meet in the library for a lively discussion of all things Anime and Manga.

**Monday, March 7, 14, and 28, 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 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.

**Mondays - Thursdays, March 1 - 29, 3:00 p.m.**

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

Age 10 and up. Stop by our on-going craft program where you get to flex your creative muscles. March projects utilize paint and up-cycled paper as we create a collaborative art piece to be hung in the library.

**Tuesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 3:00 p.m.**

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

Age 8 and up. Use markers, paper, pens, pencils and paint to create a one-of-a-kind mixed media collage.

**Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23, and 30, 4:00 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.

**Thursday, March 10, 24, and 31, 4:00 p.m.**

### Children & Families

#### **First Friends Storytime & 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. Snack provided.

**Monday, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 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.

**Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m.**

#### **Read Across America: Early and Family Literacy and Science (Mark Twain)**

Ages 5 and up. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Enjoy a rendition of Theodor Geisel's book *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and then experiment with Oobleck, a Non-Newtonian fluid that has the properties of both liquids and solids. Snack provided.

**Wed., March 2 and Thurs. March 3, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

#### **St. Patrick's Day: Literacy and Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

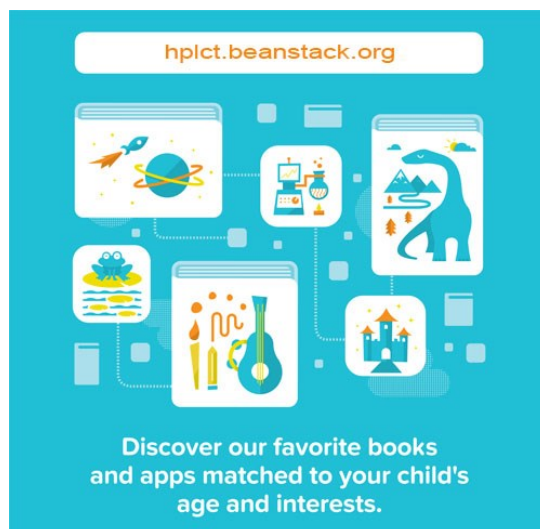
Age 8 and up. Find out what legendary leprechauns do! Then read a book of your choice to Ms. Morse and she will paint a shamrock or a rainbow on your face. Snack provided.

**Thursday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **First Day of Spring: Early and Family Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Age 8 and up. Raise a reader! Join us as we celebrate the coming of spring with a selection of entertaining stories and delightful picture books. Create a simple hands-on craft to take home.

**Monday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.**



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### Teens

#### **Teen Steam: DIY Smartphone Projector: Technology (Park)**

Ages 13 - 18. We are celebrating *Teen Tech Week 2016 Create It at Your Library* with fun projects starring mobile tech! Make your own smartphone projector with simple household materials, we'll show you how!

**Tuesday, March 8, 4:00 p.m.**

### Students

#### **Homework Club: Education (Park)**

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

**March 1- March 31, 3:00- 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Seussabration Read!: Literacy (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday while Celebrating Read Across America March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy Dr. Seuss book "Wacky Wednesday" and a whimsical activity.

**Wednesday, March 2, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Mix in Math: Education (Park)**

Ages 7 and up. Test your measuring and spatial skills with our choice of math game 'Piece it together'.

**Monday, March 7, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Tangram Tease: Education (Park)**

Ages 7 and up. Make a good use of those spatial skills and geometric terms while taking the challenge of constructing your own tangram pieces to make all kinds of animal shapes.

**Wednesdays, March 9, 16 and 23, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Art In The Pages: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 8 and up. Altered books is the media art of transforming a book into a new creation. It can be collaged, stamped, inked, painted, glued, and glittered.

**Monday, March 14, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Beware The Ides Of March! : Education (Park)**

Ages 10 and up. After the death of Julius Caesar on March 15<sup>th</sup> (the "Ides of March" in Ancient Rome), this day has been seen as very unlucky. But are all superstitions bad? Learn about different kinds of proverbs and superstitions, and even share a few from your own culture.

**Tuesday, March 15, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Eggcelent Origins: Art & Literature (Park)**

Ages 8 and up. Using a variety of online search engines as well as printed material, discover the origins of the Easter egg and its' connections to the spring celebration. Afterwards, create a unique egg from colorful yarn to celebrate the season.

**Thursday, March 17, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **A Very Special Egg! : Literacy (Park)**

Ages 7 and up. Rechenka's Eggs is a story by Patricia Polacco set in Russia. Enjoy the story and decorate eggs to take home.

**Monday, March 21, 4:00 p.m.**

### Children and Families

#### **Still Life Abstracts: Arts & Crafts (Park)**

All ages: We'll set up the still life subjects for you to bring your perception to the paint board.

**Thursday, March 3, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Family Movie Night: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

All ages. Enjoy a good film with your family and friends at your local library. We provide the popcorn.

**Friday, March 19, 3:30 p.m.**

#### **Lego: No Limits (Park)**

All ages. The table is set for creating. Join other Lego enthusiast to build something different and new.

**Tuesdays, March 22 & 29, 4:00 p.m.**



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**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.

**Monday, March 1-31 4:00 p.m.**

**Hands On!: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetic blocks and letters and many more literacy toys.

**Tuesdays, March 1-29, 4:30 p.m.**

**Seussabration Read!: Literacy (Ropkins)**

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**Wednesday, March 2, 4:30 p.m.**

**Apples, Apples: Education (Ropkins)**

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

**Thursday, March 3, 4:30 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.

**Fridays, March 4-18, 4:00 p.m.**

**Seasonal Activity Sheets: Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about St. Patrick day, spring, hibernation, and rabbit.

**Mondays, March 7- 28, 4:30 p.m.**

**Pop, Pop!: Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy a popcorn story and treat on Popcorn Day.

**Thursday, March 10, 4:30 p.m.**

**Colorful Eggs: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Explore a variety of colors by coloring an egg.

**Wednesday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.**

**Little Green: Education (Ropkins)**

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.

**Thursday, March 17, 4:430 p.m.**

**We're Going On A Egg Hunt: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

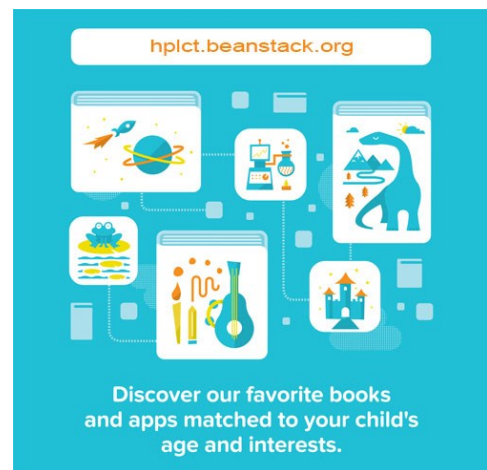
Ages 6 and up. Let's go outside and get some exercise while hunting for eggs.

**Wednesday, March 23, 4:30 p.m.**

**Cozy Reading: Literacy (Ropkins)**

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

**Wednesday, March 30, 4:30 p.m.**



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