April 2024

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Find out more about our April programs on our website:

https://programs.hplct.org/events
**April 2024**

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS**

**CHILDREN’S ROOM**

Children & Families

**Family Storytime**
Ages 5 and under with parents/caregivers.
Join us for stories, activities, and music movement.

*South Church*
- Mondays, April 1, 15, 22, & 29, 11:00 am.
- Tuesdays, April 2 & 16, 9:30 am.
- Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:00 am

**Family Fieldtrip to Lutz Museum**
All ages. Explore Lutz’s miniature city play space, visit the museum animals, and participate in a special STEM activity.
**Autumn Bus pick up:** 9:30 am; **Drop off:** 12:30 pm

*South Church*
- Monday, April 8, 9:30 am

**Sensory Storytime**

*South Church*
- Fridays, April 12 & 19, 11:00 am

**Leap Into Learning (LIL)**

**Wednesday Workshop:**

**Do It Digital**
Leap into Learning participants.
Learn how to incorporate technology, boost your business online presence by creating electronic newsletters to promote parent engagement using digital daily checkpoints.

*Virtual*
- Wednesday, April 10, 2:00-2:30 pm.

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**Leap into Learning: Fieldtrip to Wadsworth**
LIL Participants. Second Saturdays for Families are FREE. Meet HPL staff at the Wadsworth to enjoy their family friendly crafts and explore the museum. This month make an abstract painting using found materials.

*Wadsworth Atheneum*
- Saturday, April 13, 12:00-2:00 pm

**Reading & Recipes Provider Training**
Leap into Learning participants. UCONN Health Nutrition and Sports Nutritionist will engage LIL providers in interactive nutrition education training and food demonstrations. We will discuss Brain Foods. Our recipe is Avocado Toast

*Virtual*
- Wednesday, April 24, 2:00-2:30 pm.

**Leap into Learning**

**Reading & Recipes: Store Tour**
Leap into Learning Participants. Think you know everything about your grocery store? There's more to it than products on the shelf. Join us for an informative tour with the store’s dietician to learn about the numerous, nutrition benefits offered. Participants will receive a $10 ShopRite gift card.

*ShopRite, East Hartford*
- Thursday, April 25, 1:00-2:30 and 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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Spring STEM Series
Ages 6-12 with parents/caregivers and siblings. Join the Children’s Museum during April vacation week to learn all about the human body! Registration required for all four days!

**Downtown Library, CCC Room**
Tuesday-Wednesday, April 9-10, 11:00-12:30 pm

**Bushnell Park Carousel Pavilion**
Thursday, April 11, 11:00-12:30 pm

**Fieldtrip to Roaring Brook Nature Center**
Friday, April 12, 11:15 am.

Bus pick-up at the Downtown Library, 11:15 am. Drop off at Downtown Library, 2:45 pm. Field trip includes a free pizza lunch. Registration required.

Eid Mubarak Celebration
All ages. Join us to celebrate the end of Ramadan. It will be a family party with music, an art contest, crafts, henna, and food.

**Downtown Library, Room 139**
Friday, April 12, 11:00-1:00 pm

Breathe & Be: Beaded Flowers

**Downtown Library, Room 140**
Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 pm

Spring Art
Ages 6-12. Let’s go outside and create outdoor masterpieces with sidewalk chalk to capture the beauty of spring!

**Downtown Library, Terrace**
Thursday, April 18, 3:30-4:30 pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month
Ages 6-12. Join us in celebrating National Poetry Month with spring poems and activities. “Putting in the Seed” by Robert Frost and “Cherry Blossoms” by Toi Derricotte.

**Downtown Library, XSpace**
Tuesday, April 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

Art Gallery Club
Ages 6-12. Join Ms Katherine to discover and create Earth Art!

**Downtown Library, CCC Room**
Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 pm

Celebrate Earth Day
Ages 6-12. Plant a seed with us to celebrate Earth Day

**Downtown Library, Room 141**
Thursday, April 25, 5:00-6:00 pm

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**RSCO Open Office Hours**
Parents of students PreK - 12. The Regional School Choice application for the 2024/2025 school year is now open through March 15! Get information about school choice options for your child and application assistance at the Downtown Library by appointment only. Contact School Choice Coordinator, Gabriel Sorondo Guirola, gsguirola@hplct.org or text/call 860-969-9148 to make an appointment, 12:30-5:00 pm on Wednesdays & Fridays.

**Downtown Library, Room 141**
Wednesdays & Fridays in April

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**Solar Eclipse Viewing Party**
All ages. Join us for a viewing of the Solar Eclipse at the Downtown Library. Enjoy music, STEAM activities, and refreshment. A limited supply of solar glasses will be given out while supply lasts.

**Downtown Library, CCC Room**
Monday, April 8, 4:00 pm

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**Book Nook**
All ages. Drop by the library to get some books for your child’s weekend reading and a fun activity kit.

**Downtown Library, X Space**
Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:00-5:00 pm

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Contact
Hartford Public Library
Children’s Room
860-461-5060
860-461-5106
April 2024
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS
ALBANY BRANCH

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Children & Families

Family Fieldtrip to Lutz Museum
All ages. Explore Lutz’s miniature city play space, visit the museum animals, and participate in a special STEM activity.
Autumn Bus pick up: 9:30 am; Drop off: 12:30 pm
Albany Library
Monday, April 1, 9:30 am

Storytime @ Albany
Ages birth-5. Join us for songs stories and early literacy tips
Albany Branch
Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 am

Family Playgroup
Ages birth-5 (Siblings welcome)
A storytime playgroup for caregivers to meet each other and give kids time to play with their peers. Games and activities will be provided.
Albany Branch
Saturday, April 13, 10:30-11:30 am

Youth Programs 6-12

Arts & Crafts
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to draw, paint, and create.
Albany Branch
Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:00-4:00 pm

Tween Thursdays
Ages 9-12. Programs every other Thursday specifically for tweens.
Albany Branch
Thursdays, April 4 & 18, 3:00-4:00 pm

Scavenger Hunt
Ages 6-12. Join us for our monthly scavenger hunt and win a prize.
Albany Branch
Friday April 5, 1:00-2:00 pm

Solar Eclipse Viewing
All ages. Come to Albany to view the solar eclipse and enjoy some fun crafts and activities. (A limited number of glasses will be provided.)
Albany Branch
Monday, April 8, 3:00-4:00 pm

Spring STEM Series
Ages 6-12 with parents/caregivers and siblings. Join the Children’s Museum during April vacation week to learn all about the human body! Registration required for all three days!
Albany Branch
Tuesday-Thursday, April 9-11, 2:00-3:30 pm
Fieldtrip to Roaring Brook Nature Center
Friday, April 12, 1:45 pm.
Bus pick-up at Albany Library, 1:45 pm; Drop off 4:45pm.

Robot Club
Ages 6-12. Come to the library after school to play with different kinds of robots.
Albany Branch
Thursdays April 11 & 25, 3:00-4:00 pm

STEM Building
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to do build something unique and we will put it on display!
Albany Branch
Mondays, April 1, 15, 22, & 29, 3:00-4:00 pm

RSCO Earth Day Craft
All ages. Come visit us at the Albany branch for a fun Earth Day Mosaic craft and school choice application assistance.
Albany Branch
Tuesday April 2, 4:00-5:00 pm
**Teen Programs**

**Hot Cocoa and Lo-fi Tunes**
*Albany Branch*  
Friday, April 12, 2:00 pm

**Teen Choice Movies and Popcorn**
Ages 13-19. Enjoy watching a movie and some yummy popcorn  
*Albany Branch*  
Friday, April 19, 2:00 pm

**Paint Party**
*Albany Branch*  
Friday, April 26, 2:00 pm

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**VR Art**
Ages 11-19. Using the Meta Quest virtual reality headsets, we'll dive into various apps to create unique art and indulge in immersive experiences by playing your favorite VR games.  
*Albany Branch*  
Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:00-4:00 pm

**X-Box/Playstation Game Tournament**
Ages 13-19. Play some games against your friends after school.  
*Albany Branch*  
Friday, April 5, 2:00-3:00 pm

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**Albany Esports**
Ages 11-19. Experience the excitement of competitive gaming! Prepare to engage in competition, form teams, and enjoy the thrill. We'll be playing Madden 23 and 2K 23 on the XBox.  
*Albany Branch*  
Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3-5:00 pm

**Game Design**
Ages 11-19. Craft a game either on your PC or our latest Quest 3 VR headset! Delve into the diverse facets of game design such as character creation, story, or world building.  
*Albany Branch*  
Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Music Production**
Ages 11-19. Dive into music creation! Explore recording tricks, unleash creativity, and craft awesome tracks.  
*Albany Branch*  
Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Dungeons and Dragons**
*Albany Branch*  
Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3:00-5:00 pm

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**Contact**

*Albany Library*  
1250 Albany Ave.  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Fridays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturdays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
860-695-7380
Children & Families

**Yoga Story Time**
Ages birth-5 with parents/caregivers. Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour Branch for a story and a stretch!

**Barbour Branch**
Mondays, April 1, 8, & 29, 11:00-11:30 am

**Barbour Play-Dough Storytime**
Ages 3-5 with parents/caregivers. Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour Branch for a fun half hour of play-dough and stories!

**Barbour Branch**
Fridays, April 12 & 26, 11:00-11:30 am

Youth Programs 6-12

**Barbour Loco for Lego Club**
Ages 4-19. Calling all Lego engineers! Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour Branch to create something unique with Legos, then display your build for all to see!

**Barbour Branch**
Mondays, April 1 & 29, 4:00 pm

**Children’s Museum 3D-Printing Drop-in Workshop**
Ages 6-12. Explore the exciting world of 3-D printing with The Children’s Museum. Learn the basics of 3-D modeling and design while working with your family to create a file to print.

**Barbour Branch**
Tuesday, April 2, 10:15-11:15 am

**Smart Moves: Tuesday Chess Club @ Barbour**
Ages 6-19. Join the Barbour Branch and Dr. Keon Berry on the first Tuesday of each month for beginner chess lessons! No experience necessary. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Barbour Branch**
Tuesdays, April 2 & 16, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Barbour Craft & Create**
All ages. Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour Branch to unlock your inner creativity with a fun weekly craft!

**Barbour Branch**
Wednesdays, April 3: Kindness Rocks; April 17: No Sew Pillows; April 24: Spring Slime, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Solar Eclipse Viewing Party @ Barbour**
Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour Branch to view the solar eclipse! A limited number of glasses will be supplied. Other activities include edible constellations, solar eclipse chalk art, and solar system bracelets!

**Barbour Branch**
Monday, April 8, 3:00-4:00 pm

**Barbour Library of Things Show, Tell, & Try**
All ages. Celebrate National Library Week at Barbour by interacting with our Library of Things materials! Try air fryer donuts, take home seed packets, look through a telescope, and more!

**Barbour Branch**
Wednesday, April 10, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Foodshare @ Barbour**
All ages. The Barbour Branch might be closed today but we still have services for you! Stop by at 3:00 and pick up your own free bag of shelf stable groceries and learn about community resources.

**Barbour Branch**
Thursdays, April 11 & 25, 3:00-4:00 pm

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Youth Programs Contd

RSCO Earth Day Celebration
All Ages. Join RSCO for a fun mosaic art craft.
RSCO Application assistance will be available.
*Barbour Branch*
Thursday, April 11, 4:00-5:00 pm

Barbour Family Robotics Club
All Ages. Learn to code and program a robot with The Children’s Museum at your neighborhood library. Work with your family to complete hands-on coding challenges.
*Barbour Branch*
Thursdays, April 18 & 25, 4:00-5:30 pm

Barbour’s Taste Testers
Ages 6-19. Feeling hungry? Drop by the Barbour Branch to create your own pinwheel rollups with meats, Cheese, and pickles!
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesday, April 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

Sensational STEM
Ages 6-19. Swing by Barbour to create a fun design on Geoboards
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesday, April 30, 4:00-5:00 pm

Contact
*Barbour Branch Library*
261 Barbour St.
Monday through Thursday
9:00-6:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00-5:00 pm
860-695-7400
(On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month the library will only be open from 3-6 pm to accommodate our Connecticut Foodshare distribution)

Teen Programs

Teen Time @ Barbour
Ages 13-19. Calling all teens for a sticker swap afternoon!
Stickers and mini notebooks provided.
*Barbour Branch*
Thursday, April 4, 4:00-5:00 pm

Barbour’s Blackout Poetry
Ages 13-19. Celebrate National Poetry Month with Ms. Fe by creating your own blackout poetry!
*Barbour Branch*
Monday, April 15, 4:00-5:00 pm

Barbour’s Virtual Reality
*Barbour Branch*
Friday, April 26, 4:00-5:00 pm
Children & Families

**Little Builders Club**
Ages 5 and under. Have fun and develop fine motor skills with experimenting with different styles of building blocks monthly
*Campfield Branch*
Monday, April 1, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Sensory Storytime**
*Campfield Branch*
Tuesdays, April 9 & 23, 10:00-10:30 am

**Leap Into Learning (LIL)**
Leap into Learning participants.
Join us for our Spring Field Trip to the Lutz Children’s Museum.
We will explore the Lutz Children’s Museum in Manchester, CT. We will enjoy free play, a story, snack, meet and pet a creature, and view animals that live at the museum.
Autumn Bus pick up: 9:30 am; Drop off: 12:30 pm
*Campfield Library*
Monday, April 22, 9:30 am

**Origami Bookmark**
All ages. Come learn how to make your own origami bookmark
*Campfield Branch*
Monday, April 22, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Printmaking Workshop**
Ages 6-18. Learn how to make prints with a variety of methods
*Campfield Branch*
Tuesday, April 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Celebrate Earth Day**
Ages 6-12. Plant a seed with us to celebrate Earth Day
*Campfield Branch*
Wednesday, April 24, 3:30-5:00 pm

**Board Game Bonanza**
All ages. Bring friends and family and make new friends with open time to play a variety of board games
*Campfield Branch*
Tuesday, April 2, 4:00-5:30 pm

**RSCO Family Movie Night**
All ages. Watch a movie with your family and receive information about and help with the school choice application.
*Campfield Branch*
Wednesday, Mar 20, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Solar Eclipse Viewing**
All ages. Have fun watching the eclipse and playing and learning outside at the library. Receive one pair of eclipse glasses while Supplies last.
*Campfield Branch*
Monday, April 8, 2:30-4:00 pm

**Fun with Code**
All ages. Have fun playing games while learning how to code
*Dwight Branch*
Tuesday, April 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Herb Planting**
All ages. Plant your own herbs to take home with you
*Campfield Branch*
Monday, April 15, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Contact**
Campfield Branch Library
30 Campfield Ave.
Monday through Thursday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
860-695-7440
Children & Families

**Storytime @ Dwight**
Ages 5 and under with parent/caregiver. Join Ms. Erin for stories, rhymes, and music.
*Dwight Branch*
Wednesday, April 19, 10:00 am

Youth Programs 6-12

**RSCO April’s Fool Day**
All ages. Join us for fun activities! Get information about School Choice options and application information.
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, April 4, 3:30-5:00 pm

**STEAM: Solar Eclipse**
Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Erin to learn about the solar eclipse and make eclipse-inspired art.
*Dwight Branch*
Friday, April 5, 3:30 pm

**Solar Eclipse Viewing**
All ages. Have fun watching the eclipse and playing and learning outside at the library. Receive one pair of eclipse glasses while Supplies last.
*Dwight Branch*
Monday, April 8, 3:30-5:00 pm

**Build It Clinic**
All ages. Build Structures with straw connectors, crystal climbers, and more!
*Dwight Branch*
Wednesday, April 17, 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Programs

**Calling All Teens**
*Dwight Branch*
Monday, April 15, 3:00-5:00 pm

RSCO Paint Night
All ages. Join us to create your own canvas painting! Get information about School Choice options and application information.
*Dwight Branch*
Wednesday, April 18, 3:30-5:00 pm

**Lego-Build-O-Rama**
All ages. Join Ms. Erin to make your own Lego creations! Completed projects will be displayed in the Children’s Department.
*Dwight Branch*
Wednesday, April 24, 3:30-4:30 pm

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Contact
Dwight Library
7 New Park Ave
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
860-695-6300
Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Math Comes Alive @ Park!
All ages. Let’s have fun coloring & practicing math skills!
**Park Branch**
Thursday, April 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

CT Humanities Book Voyager: Picture This Cuento
This Book Voyagers series is a joyful celebration of the many ways people communicate with one another: pictures; gestures; oral; and written language. The four books have their full text written in Spanish AND English, so it also offers the opportunity to experience familiar and perhaps less familiar languages.
**Park Branch**
Monday, April 22, 4:00-5:30 pm

Family Dinner & a Movie @ Park!
Ages. Join us for fun family time with dinner & a movie!
**Park Branch**
Wednesday, April 24, 3:00-5:00 pm

Teen Programs

Gaming with the Librarian
Ages 13-19. Play Nintendo Switch/Oculus with friends at the library.
**Park Branch**
Friday, April 26, 3:00-4:30 pm

Contact
Park Library
603 Park Street
Monday through Thursday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturdays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm
(through May 19th)
860-695-7500
Children & Families

Storytime
Join us for a story and a craft!
Rawson Library
Tuesday, April 16, 4:00-5:00 pm

Youth Programs 6-12

Kids Paint Night
Ages 6-12. Create with paint at the Rawson library!
Rawson Library
Tuesday, April 2, 4:00-5:00 pm

Mad Libs Poetry
All ages. Celebrate National Poetry Month at Rawson by making your own twist on classic poems with silly and fun mad libs!
Rawson Library
Tuesday, April 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

Friendship Bracelets
All Ages. Learn how to make unique friendship bracelets to share with a friend or keep for yourself.
Rawson Library
Tuesday, April 30, 4:00-5:00 pm

Contact
Boundless Library @ Rawson
260 Holcomb St.
Tuesday and Thursday
3:30 - 5:00 pm
860-695-6300

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Children & Families

Storytime with Ms. Linda
Ages 2-5 with Parent/Caregivers. Explore the World of Books and Music & Movement with Ms. Linda.

**Ropkins Branch**
Monday, April 22, 9:30-10:15 am

Youth Programs 6-12

Homework Help
Ages 6-12. Stop by if you need help with your school work. Children under 12 must come with their parent/caregiver.

**Ropkins Branch**
Mon-Thurs, April 1-30, 3:30-4:45 pm

Get Puzzled
Ages 6-12. Create your own puzzle to take home.

**Ropkins Branch**
Monday, April 1, 4:00 pm

You Are Special!
Ages 6-12. Celebrate National Poetry Month. Stop by the library and share your special poem or create one with Ms. Linda.

**Ropkins Branch**
Wednesday, April 3, 4:00 pm

Solar Eclipse Viewing
All ages. Come to Ropkins to view the solar eclipse and enjoy some fun eclipse crafts and activities. (A limited number of glasses will be provided.)

**Ropkins Branch**
Monday, April 8, 2:30-4:00 pm

Bin Day
Ages 6-12. Explore a wordsearch, maze, I Spy, or Dot to dot in one of the activity in the bin.

**Ropkins Branch**
Tuesday, April 9, 3:00-4:00 pm

Fuse Out
Ages 6-12. Stop by and create a pattern out of perler beads on a pegboard.

**Ropkins Branch**
Wednesday, April 10, 3:00-4:00 pm

National Library Week: Celebrate Libraries!
Ages 6-12. Stop by and enjoy a book about a library and a craft with Ms. Linda.

**Ropkins Branch**
Thursday, April 11, 3:00-4:00 pm

Scratch Art
Ages 6 and up. Stop by and create your own scratch art.

**Ropkins Branch**
Monday, April 15, 4:00 pm

Ozobot
Ages 6 and up. Stop by and create a code for your robot to move.

**Ropkins Branch**
Wednesday, April 17, 3:00-4:00 pm

CT Humanities Book Voyagers/ Li Liu
Ages 6-12. Li Liu is an astonishing acrobatic performer who shares Chinese language, culture, tradition, and dance. Born in the Northeast of China, she began training at age six and has been living and performing in the US since 2003. Her talent and passion inspire participants to want to know more and understand Chinese culture. For further information or to register, contact the library at (860) 695-7520

**Ropkins Branch**
Monday, April 22, 4:00 pm
Youth Programs 6-12
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**Strawbees**
Ages 6 and up. Stop by and use connectors and straws to design and build structures.
*Ropkins Branch*
Wednesday, April 24, 3:00 pm

**Read to a Librarian**
Ages 6-12. Stop by the Ropkins Library to share or read your favorite book with the Youth Librarian Ms. Linda.
*Ropkins Branch*
Monday, April 29, 3:30 pm

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**Contact**
Ropkins Branch Library
1750 Main St.
Monday through Thursday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
860-695-7520