Children & Families

Family Storytime
Ages 5 and under with parents/caregivers.
Join us for stories, activities, and music movement.
South Church
Mondays, Dec 4, 11, & 18, 11:00 am.
Tuesdays, Dec 5, 12, & 19, 11:00 am.
Thursdays, Dec 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:00 am.

Sensory Storytime
South Church
Friday, Dec 15, 11:00 am

Leap Into Learning (LIL)

Winter Field Trip: 49th Annual Festival of Trees and Traditions
Wadsworth Atheneum
Leap into Learning participants
Join us to view Leap into Learning’s holiday tree at the 49th Annual Festival of Trees and Traditions. Wear your favorite Christmas-themed attire (ugly sweaters, holiday colors) to see your child’s ornament on display. Each child will receive a holiday-themed gift bag! Plus, something special for providers, parents/caregivers too!
Wadsworth Atheneum
Saturday, Dec 2, 12:00-2:00 pm.

Supercharged Storytime Playgroup: Holly Jolly Parent Café
Leap into Learning Home Participants.
Are you a parent/caregiver with children from birth to age 5 with questions about your child’s development? Join our first parent café Q&A session with early education and literacy specialists. Plus, UCONN Husky Health Nutrition and Sports Nutritionist will engage families in an interactive nutrition education session and holiday themed food demonstration. Participants will receive recipe ingredients, literacy resources, DIY Holly Jolly Hot Cocoa Mix, and a mug set!
Virtual Event: Thursday, Dec 7, 9:30-11:00 am

Wednesday Workshop: Language Development and ASL
Leap into Learning participants.
We will continue our sign language learning journey. For this Workshop session, we will discuss how to effectively combine sign language with early language development skills.
Virtual
Wednesday, Dec 13, 1:00-2:30 pm.
Youth Programs 6-12

Gingerbread Engineers
Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Katherine for a holiday favorite, make and decorate your own Gingerbread House!
Downtown Library, CCC Room
Wednesday, Dec 13, 4:00 pm

Welcome Winter!
Ages 6-12. Snowflakes, icicles, mittens, and scarfs! Join Ms. Katherine to welcome the new season with winter poems and holiday ornament-making.
Downtown Library, CCC Room
Wednesday, Dec 20, 4:00 pm

RSCO: Hot Cocoa Tales
Bushnell Park Carousel
Friday, Dec 22, 2:00 pm

Robot Party
All ages. It's school vacation and the library robots want to play! Join Ms. Katherine to play with the library robots and check-out a robot of your choice to bring home!
Downtown Library, CCC Room
Tuesday, December 26, 2:00-4:00 pm

Snow Much Fun
All ages. Join Ms. Katherine for snowy stories and magical snowflake crafts.
Downtown Library, CCC Room
Wednesday, December 27, 2:00 pm

Kwanzaa Festival 2023
All Ages. Join us for a unique celebration of family, community, and culture.
Downtown Library CCC Room
Saturday, Dec 30, 12:30-4:30 pm

Contact
Downtown Library
Children’s Room
500 Main St.
860-461-5060
860-461-5106

RSCO
School Coordinator
Open Office Hours
School Choice Coordinators are available to meet with you at the branches during Open Office Hours, RSCO special events or by appointment. For more information visit bit.ly/hplrscoco

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Downtown Library, Dwight Branch, Park Street Library @ the Lyric, Boundless Library @ Rawson

RSCO Open Office Hours
Parents of students PreK - 12. The Regional School Choice application for the 2024/2025 school year kicks off on December 4! 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, 12:30-5:00pm on Wednesdays & Fridays.
Downtown Library, Room 141
Wednesdays & Fridays in December

Family Holiday Concert
All Ages. Come feel the magic of the season with Sam Pasco band
Downtown Library, CCC Room
Wednesday, Dec 6, 11:00 am

Holiday Village
All Ages. Join Ms Katherine to create a holiday village inside the downtown library on the first floor.
Downtown Library, Room 140
Wednesday, Dec 6, 2:00 pm

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
Friday, Dec 8, 3:30-5:00 pm; Dec 15, 12:00-3:00 pm; Dec 29, 2:00-5:00
Children & Families

Sensory Storytime
Albany Branch
Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 19, 10:30 am

Storytime @ Albany
Ages birth-5. Join us for songs stories and early literacy tips
Albany Branch
Tuesdays, Dec 12 & 26, 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, Dec 9, 10:30 –11:30 am

Youth Programs 6-12

STEM Building
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to do build something unique and we will put it on display!
Albany Branch
Mondays, Dec 4, 11, & 18, 3:00-4:00 pm

Lo-Fi Days with a Librarian
Ages 6-19. Come to the Community room for low-lights, relaxing music, tea, comfy seats, and homework help if you need it!
Albany Branch
Tuesdays, Dec 5, 12, & 19, 4:00 pm

Arts and Crafts
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to draw, paint, and create.
Albany Branch
Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, & 20, 3:00-4:00 pm; Dec 27 1:00-2:00 pm

Tween Thursdays: STEM-tivities
Ages 8-12. Come to Albany on alternate Thursdays for programs just for tweens.
Albany Branch
Thursday, Dec 3:00-4:00 pm

Robot Club
Ages 6-12. Come to the library after school to play with different kinds of robots.
Albany Branch
Thursdays Dec 7 & 21, 3:00-4:00 pm

Scavenger Hunt
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to do a scavenger hunt and win a prize.
Albany Branch
Friday, Dec 8, 1:00-2:00 pm

Teen Programs

Teen Days with April
Ages 13-19. Come to the library for a variety of programs with April!
Albany Branch
Fridays, Dec 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2:00 pm

Find out more about our December programs on our website: https://programs.hplct.org/events
Youmedia @ Albany

**Fursuit Making**  
Ages 11-19. Come watch some of our talented students finish their own animal costumes! Learn the process and geek out!  
*Albany Branch*  
Monday-Friday, Dec 4-8, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Albany Esports: Fighting Game**  
Ages 11-19. Discover the thrill of competitive gaming. Get ready to compete, create teams, and have fun!  
*Albany Branch*  
Mondays, Dec 4, 11, & 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

**VR Exploration**  
Ages 11-19. Explore the latest VR games!  
*Albany Branch*  
Mondays, Dec 4, 11, & 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Chess Club**  
*Albany Branch*  
Tuesdays, Dec 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Greenscreen Podcasting**  
Ages 11-19. Create your own streaming show with the green screen and OBS Studio.  
*Albany Branch*  
Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Albany Esports: Sport Games**  
Ages 11-19. Discover the thrill of competitive gaming. Get ready to compete, create teams, and have fun!  
*Albany Branch*  
Thursdays, Dec 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:00-5:00 pm

**VR Art**  
*Albany Branch*  
Fridays, Dec 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:00-3:00 pm

**Plushie Making**  
Ages 11-19. Interested in learning how to make your own froggie plushie? From embroidery to machine sewing, this program will teach you many plushie making skills.  
*Albany Branch*  
Monday-Friday, Dec 11-15, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Game Design**  
Ages 11-19. Create a game on the PC or on our new Quest 3 VR headset!  
*Albany Branch*  
Monday-Friday, Dec 18-22, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Digital Animation**  
Ages 11-19. The holidays are coming! Let's make holiday animations to turn into digital eCards for friends and family.  
*Albany Branch*  
Monday-Friday, Dec 18-22, 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, Dec 4 & 11, 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, Dec 8, 15, & 29, 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, Dec 4 & 18, 4:00 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, Dec 6: Open Art Studio; Dec 13: Perler Bead Creations; Dec 20: Ornament Decorating; Dec 27: Rock Photo Holder, 4:00-5:00 pm

Gift Box Decorating
Ages 3-19. Have a small gift for a friend or loved one but need something cute to put it in? Come to Barbour to decorate a small gift box!
Barbour Branch
Thursdays, Dec 7, 4:00-5:00 pm

Read to a Librarian
Ages 3-12. Come one come all to the Barbour branch to practice your reading with Ms. Fe or a stuffed animal. Bring your own book or use one from the library!
Barbour Branch
Thursdays, Dec 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30-5:00 pm

Barbour’s Taste Testers
Ages 6-19. Feeling hungry? Drop by the Barbour Branch to decorate your own holiday sugar cookie
Barbour Branch
Tuesday, Dec 12, 4:00-5:00 pm

Find out more about our December programs on our website: https://programs.hplct.org/events
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, Dec 14 & 28, 3:00 pm

RSCO Kick-off Event @ Barbour
All Ages. Join Barbour branch and the RSCO team for a fun kick-off event! Play games, win raffles, and enjoy some yummy refreshments while learning all about what Regional School Choice has to offer!
*Barbour Branch*
Friday, Dec 15, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sensational STEM
Ages 6-19. Swing by Barbour to create your own glow in the dark slime!
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesday, Dec 26, 4:00-5:00 pm

Barbours's Virtual Reality
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 19, 4:00-5:00 pm

Teen Time @ Barbour
Ages 13-19. Calling all teens! Come to the Barbour branch and create your own mod podge coasters.
*Barbour Branch*
Thursday, Dec 21, 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)

Happy Holidays
Children & Families

Storytime @ Campfield
Campfield Branch
Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 19, 10:00-10:30 am

Little Builders Club
Ages birth-5. Have fun and build spacial and motor skills by playing with different kinds of blocks each month.
Campfield Branch
Thursday Dec 7, 4:00-5:00 pm

Youth Programs 6-12

Game Creation Club
Ages 6-12. Learn the basics of building games and play with your creations with your friends.
Campfield Branch
Wednesday, Dec 6, 3:00-4:30 pm

Holiday Slime
Ages 6-12. Make slime with festive colors and add-ins.
Campfield Branch
Tuesday, Dec 12, 4:00-5:00 pm

Winter Garland Craft
All Ages. Get ready for the holiday season by making a festive winter garland to decorate your space.
Campfield Branch
Thursday, Dec 14, 4:00-5:00 pm

Winter Solstice Party
Ages 6-12. Celebrate the beginning of winter with crafts, coco, and more.
Campfield Branch
Thursday, Dec 21, 4:00-5:00 pm

Reading Practice
Ages 6-12. Come practice your reading skills with Mr. Miles the librarian or a stuffed furry friend.
Campfield Branch
Wednesday, Dec 27, 4:00-5:00 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
Thursday, Dec 28, 4:00-5:30 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

Happy Holidays
DECEMBER 2023
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS
DWIGHT BRANCH

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.
Dwight Branch
Monday, Dec 4, 3:30-4:00 pm

Get Puzzled!
Ages 6-12. Take the cognitive challenge and solve geometric Shape by Shape puzzles.
Dwight Branch
Monday, Dec 4, 3:30 pm

Holiday Candles
All Ages. Scented candles make a perfect holiday gift. Make one in a jar with your choice of scent.
Dwight Branch
Tuesday, Dec 5, 3:30-4:30 pm

One-of-a-Kind Ornaments
All Ages. Craft unique ornaments to celebrate the season.
Dwight Branch
Wednesdays, Dec 6, 1:00-2:00 pm; Dec 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

A Minute to Win It
Ages 6-12. A minute is all you have to prove your strategic & creative prowess.
Dwight Branch
Monday, Dec 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

Gingerbread Houses
Ages 6-12. Come join us to make delectable, scrumptious & pretty gingerbread houses.
Dwight Branch
Tuesday, Dec 12, 3:30-4:30 pm

Quill a Holiday Card
Ages 6-12. Roll a poinsettia, holly leaves & berries or candles to create an awesome holiday card for someone special.
Dwight Branch
Monday, Dec 18, 3:30-4:30 pm

DIY No-Bake Sweet Treats
Ages 6-12. Just right to celebrate the season & to satisfy your sweet tooth. Mix & roll a nutritious sweet treat.
Dwight Branch
Tuesday, Dec 19, 3:30-4:30 pm

‘Tis the Season
All Ages. A cozy afternoon with holiday stories and hot chocolate.
Dwight Branch
Wednesday, Dec 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

Charades
Ages 6-12. Are you interested in Acting? Act out characters and actions with a chance to win a prize.
Dwight Branch
Tuesday, Dec 26, 1:00-2:00 pm

Holiday Bingo
Ages 6-12. Bring your luck to the Holiday Bingo. Amazing prizes waiting!
Dwight Branch
Friday, Dec 29, 1:00-2:00 pm
Teen Programs

**Holiday Candles**
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Dec 7, 2:30-3:30 pm

**Get Puzzled!**
Ages 13-19. Take the cognitive challenge and solve geometric Shape by Shape puzzles.  
*Dwight Branch*
Friday Dec 8, 2:30 pm

**Gingerbread Houses**
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday Dec 14, 2:30 pm

**A Minute to Win It**
Ages 13-19. A minute is all you have to prove your strategic & creative prowess.  
*Dwight Branch*
Friday, Dec 15, 2:30-3:30 pm

**Quill a Holiday Card**
Ages 13-19. Roll a poinsettia, holly leaves & berries or candles to create an awesome holiday card for someone special.  
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Dec 21, 3:30-4:30 pm
Children & Families

**Storytime with Ms. Nancy**
Ages birth-5 with parent/caregiver.
*Park Branch*
Wednesdays, Dec 6 & 20, 10:00 am.

Youth Programs 6-12

**Book Writing Workshop**
Ages 5-10. Join our afterschool writing workshop and learn how to create unique characters and interesting stories.
*Park Branch*
Monday, Dec 4, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Homework Help**
Ages 6-12. Stop by if you need help with your school work. Children under 12 must come with their parent/caregiver.
*Park Branch*
Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 19, 3:00-4:00 pm

**Family Dinner & Movie Night**
All ages. Join us for family and a movie night!
*Park Branch*
Wednesday, Dec 6, 3:00-5:00 pm

**RSCO Holiday Event & Application Assistance @ PARK**
All Ages. RSCO Application opens December 4, 2023. Join us for a variety of fun games, pizza, and a visit from a special holiday friend!
For more information contact Gabriel Sorondo Guirola
860-969-9148 gsguirola@hplct.org
*Park Branch*
Tuesday Dec 12, 3:00-6:00 pm

Holiday Programs

**Holiday Art Workshop**
All Ages. Have fun and be creative with others in the spirit of the holidays!
*Park Branch*
Monday, Dec 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

**Winter Snowmaking**
All Ages. Did you know every snowflake is different?
*Park Branch*
Tuesday, Dec 26, 1:00-2:30 pm

**Holiday Movie Special**
Parranda~Puerto Rican Traditional Holiday Party!
All ages welcome. Enjoy hot cocoa & Popcorn.
*Park Branch*
Dec, 27, 3:00-5:30 pm

Teen Programs

**Beadfulness: Waistbeads**
All ages. All ages. Join us for family and a movie night!
*Park Branch*
Wednesday, Dec 13, 3:00-5:00 pm

Contact
*Park Street Library @ the Lyric*
603 Park St.
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

Happy Holidays
Youth Programs 6-12

**Snowflake Suncatchers**  
All Ages. Create a snowflake that won’t melt in the sun!  
*Rawson Library*  
Tuesday, Dec 5, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Cardboard Lacing Snowflake**  
All Ages. Using yarn and cardboard, create your own woven snowflake.  
*Rawson Library*  
Tuesday, Dec 12, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Dino Snowglobes**  
All Ages. Create a prehistoric wintery scene in your own snow globe.  
*Rawson Library*  
Tuesday, Dec 19, 4:00-5:00 pm
**Children & Families**

**RSCO: Waterless Snow Globes**
All Ages. Join us for a fun activity, stories, and make your own waterless snow globes! Get info about school choice for your child. RSCO Application opens December 4, 2023. For more information contact Odeta Mano at omano@hplct.org
(860)306-9757
*Ropkins Branch*
Tuesday Dec 12, 3:30-4:30 pm

**Strawbees**
Ages 6-12. Stop by and use connectors and straws to build.
*Ropkins Branch*
Wednesday, Dec 13, 4:00 pm

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**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, Dec 1-30, 3:30-4:45 pm

**Crafty Kids**
Ages 6-12. Crafty Kids Join Ms. Linda at the Ropkins Branch on Mondays to explore your creativity with a fun weekly craft!
*Ropkins Branch*
Mondays Dec 4: Candy canes; Dec 11: Reindeers, 4:00 pm

**Ozobots**
Ages 6-12. Learn basic coding skills through fun playing with Ozobots. Create a code for your robot to move.
*Ropkins Branch*
Wednesday Dec 6, 3:00-4:00 pm