**DECEMBER 2023**

**YOUTH & FAMILY**

**SERVICES PROGRAMS**

**CHILDREN'S ROOM**

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# 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, 11:00am.

### Sensory Storytime
Ages birth-7. Join us for a storytime program geared towards kids with varying sensory needs. Great for kids on the spectrum.
*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

## 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

## 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
Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Katherine for cozy winter stories, hot chocolate and free carousel rides. Get info about school choice options for your child and application assistance for the 2024/2025 school year.
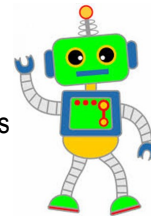*Bushnell Park Carousel*
Friday, Dec 22, 2:00 pm

## 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.
*Downtownt 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*

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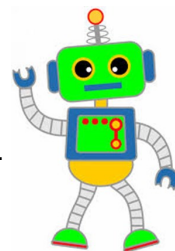Ages 8-12. Come to Albany on alternate Thursdays for programs just for tweens.
*Albany Branch*
Thursday, Dec  3:00-4:00 pm

**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

**Tween Thursdays**
Ages 9-12. Programs every other Thursday specifically for tweens.
*Albany Branch*
Thursday, Dec 14, 3:00-4:00 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

# 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**
Ages 11-19. Boost your chess skills, make new friends, and experience the thrill of competition.
*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**
Ages 11-19. Create art in Virtual Reality.
*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

*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*

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# 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

# Youth Programs Contd

**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

# Teen Programs

**Barbours's Virtual Reality**
Ages 13-19. Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour branch for a fun afternoon of 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)*

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**Storytime @ Campfield**
Ages birth-5. Join us for songs stories, games, and music movement.
*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*

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**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 , 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.
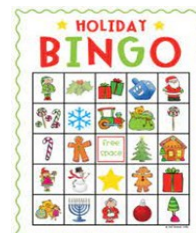*Dwight Branch*
Tuesday, Dec 26, 1:00-2:00 pm

**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**
Ages 13-19. Scented candles make a perfect holiday gift. Make one in a jar with your choice of scent.
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Dec 7, 2:30-3:30 pm

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Friday Dec 8, 2:30 pm

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*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Dec 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

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**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. 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 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*

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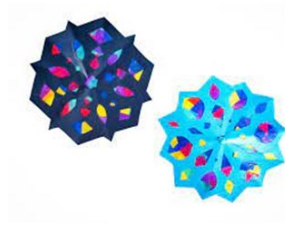*260 Holcomb St.*
*Tuesday and Thursday*
*3:30 - 5:00 pm*
*860-695-6300*

**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

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**Storytime with Ms. Linda**
Ages 2-5 with Parent/Caregivers.
Explore the World of
Books and Music & Movement
with Ms. Linda.
***Ropkins Branch***
Monday, Dec 11, 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, 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

**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

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

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