Children & Families

Family Storytime
Ages 5 and under with parents/caregivers.
Join us for stories, activities, and music movement.
South Church
Mondays, March 4, 18, & 25, 11:00 am.
Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, 9:30 am.
Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:00 am.

Sensory Storytime
South Church
Fridays, Mar 1 & 15, 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
Downtown Library
Monday, Mar 11, 9:30 am.

Leap Into Learning (LIL)
Leap into Learning
The Two I’s of A Reader
Leap into Learning participants.
Fiction or Non-Fiction, that is the question. Discover how children learn through information or imagination and the benefits of fiction and non-fiction books for early learners.
Virtual
Thursday, Mar 14, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Virtual Thursday, Mar 14, 1:00-2:30 pm.

Reading & Recipes Provider Training: Supporting Self-Care
Leap into Learning participants.
Our UConn Nutritionist will engage families in an interactive nutrition education and food demonstration. All participants will receive literacy resources and ingredients. Our topic for this session is One Pan Meals. We will make Roasted Chicken and Root Vegetables.
Virtual
Thursday, Mar 21, 6:30-8:00 pm.

MARCH 2024
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS
CHILDREN’S ROOM

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A Special “Beary” Supercharged Storytime Playgroup
Leap into Learning Home Participants.
Ages birth-5 with parents/caregivers.
Did you know March is National Reading Month?
Join us for a fun storytime, activities, and snacks. Children will receive a “beary” special reading buddy to promote reading and supports social-emotional development. Take home a bear-themed book set donated by the United Way Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
Start your little ones’ National Reading Month off right!
Downtown Library CCCRoom
Thursday, Mar 14, 9:00-10:30 am.

Wednesday Workshop:
Dramatic Play and Language Development
Leap into Learning participants.
Play is the work of children. Join us to learn why dramatic play is an effective way for children to boost language, literacy, and social emotional skills.
Virtual
Wednesday, Mar 27, 1:00-2:30 pm.
Lucky Leprechauns
All ages. Join Ms. Katherine to celebrate St Patrick’s Day with stories and a scavenger hunt. Find the pot of gold and win a prize!
**Downtown Library, Room 140**
Wednesday, March 13, 2:00 pm

Planetary Gravity
Ages 6-12. Learn about gravity and how to order the planets based on gravitational pull.
**RM 141 Ages 6-12**
**5-6pm**
**Downtown Library, Room 141**
Thursday, March 14, 5:00-6:00 pm

RSCO Holi Hai!
All ages. Join us to celebrate Holi, the Festival of Colors, with music, food, and stories!
**Get information about School Choice options and application assistance for the 2024/2025 school year.**
**Downtown Library, CCCRoom**
Wednesday, Mar 20, 2:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate Holi @ Bushnell Park!
All ages. Holi Festival of Colors is a popular Hindu festival celebrated around the world to mark the dawn of Spring.
Join us for a colorful family party @ the Bushnell Park Pavilion.
**Enjoy music, dance, crafts, food, and a colorful burst of Gulal (colored powder)!**
**Bushnell Park Carousel Pavilion**
Monday, March 25, 4:00-6:00 pm

What is a Solar Eclipse?
Ages 6-12. Presented by ASGH—Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford. Learn what a solar eclipse is and how the Moon plays a vital role in this event.
Create a pinhole camera to view the next Solar Eclipse.
**Downtown Library Room 141**
Wednesday, Mar 27, 5:00-6:00 pm

RSCO’s Easter Egg Decorating Bonanza
All ages. Come join us to decorate your Easter eggs, enjoy stories and go on an Easter Egg Hunt! Get information about School Choice options and application assistance for the 2024/2025 school year.
**Bushnell Park Carousel Pavilion**
Wednesday, March 27, 4:00 pm

Celebrate Women’s History Month
Ages 6-12. Join us and explore a digital CT Women’s Suffrage movement exhibit.
**Downtown Library, Room 141**
Thursday, March 28, 5:00-6:00 pm
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**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*
Saturdays, Mar 2 & 23 10:30-11:30 am

**Storytime @ Albany**
Ages birth-5. Join us for songs stories and early literacy tips
*Albany Branch*
Tuesdays, Mar 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 am

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**Youth Programs 6-12**

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

**STEM Building**
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to do build something unique and we will put it on display!
*Albany Branch*
Mondays, Mar 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3:00-4:00 pm

**Arts & Crafts**
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to draw, paint, and create.
*Albany Branch*
Wednesday, Mar 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3:00-4:00 pm

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**Teen Programs**

**Cricut 101 for Teens**
Ages 13-19. Join April and learn how to use the Cricut to make cool stickers!
*Albany Branch*
Friday, Mar 1, 2:00 pm

**Puzzlemania**
*Albany Branch*
Friday, Mar 8, 2:00 pm

**About Me Jenga**
Ages 13-19. Play Jenga with April and learn more about each other.
*Albany Branch*
Friday, Mar 15, 2:00 pm

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**Tween Thursdays**
Ages 9-12. Programs every other Thursday specifically for tweens.
*Albany Branch*
Thursdays, Mar 7 & 21, 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*
Thursday Mar 14 & 28, 3:00-4:00 pm

**RSCO Youth Art Month**
Join us for School Choice application assistance, art activities and snacks!
*Albany Branch*
Saturday, Mar 16, 3:00-4:00 pm
**Teen Choice Board/Card Game Day**  
Ages 13-19. Play some board or card games with friends.  
*Albany Branch*  
Friday, Mar 22, 2:00 pm

**Dungeons and Dragons**  
*Albany Branch*  
Thursdays, Mar 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:00-5:00 pm

**College Transition Workshop with All Hues**  
Ages 13-19. Join us for a workshop designed to help you successfully transition into college!  
*Albany Branch*  
Tuesday, Mar 12, 3:00-4:00 pm

**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, Mar 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2:00-4:00 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, Mar 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:00-5:00 pm

**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*  
Wednesdays, Mar 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, Mar 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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

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, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:00-11:30 am

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, Mar 4 & 25, 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, Mar 4 & 25, 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, Mar 5, 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**
Tuesday, Mar 5, 3:00-5:00 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, Mar 6: Perler Bead Jewelry; Mar 13: Best Friend Bracelets; Mar 20: Bingo; Mar 27: Hot Cocoa Picture with Pastels, 4:00-5:00 pm

RSCO Youth Art Month
Join us for School Choice application assistance, art activities and snacks!
**Barbour Branch**
Thursday, Mar 7, 4:00 pm

Barbour’s Taste Testers
Ages 6-19. Feeling hungry? Drop by the Barbour Branch to create your own fruit and yogurt parfait cup!
**Barbour Branch**
Monday, Mar 11, 4:00-5:00 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, Mar 14 & 28, 3:00 pm
Youth Programs Contd

**Family Robotic Club: Finch Robots**
Ages 6-12. 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, Mar 14 & 28, 4:00-5:30 pm

**Sensational STEM**
Ages 6-19. Swing by Barbour to make a fun creation with 3D pens! 3/26
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesday, Mar 26, 4:00-5:00 pm

Teen Programs

**Barbours’s Virtual Reality**
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesday, Mar 19, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Teen Time @ Barbour**
Ages 13-19. Calling all teens! Come to the Barbour branch and make your own jar of hot cocoa powder with different yummy toppings! 3/21
*Barbour Branch*
Thursday, Mar 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)
Children & Families

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

**Storytime @ Campfield**
*Campfield Branch*
Tuesday, Mar 12 & 26, 10:00-10:30 am

**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

Youth Programs 6-12

**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, Mar 5, 4:00-5:30 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.
*Campfield Branch*
Tuesday, Mar 12 & 26, 3:30-5:30 pm

**Spring Craft**
All Ages. Families, welcome in the spring with a craft to celebrate the new season.
*Campfield Branch*
Monday, Mar 18, 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
Teen Programs

Teen Time @ Dwight
Ages 13-19. Calling all teens! Come to the Dwight branch and create your own self portrait on canvas!
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Mar 28, 4:00-5:30 pm

Youth Programs 6-12

What is a Solar Eclipse?
Ages 6-12. Learn about the dos and don'ts of a solar eclipse.
*Dwight Branch*
Wednesday, Mar 6, 3:30-4:30 pm

Family Robotic Club: Finch Robots
Ages 6-12. 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.
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Mar 7, 3:00-5:00 pm

Dwight Craft & Create
All ages. Unlock your inner creativity creating your own Perler Beads masterpiece!
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Mar 14, 4:00-5:30 pm

Celebrate Read Across America Day
Ages 6-12. Ready, Set, Read “A Crown for Corina” and make a fancy flower crown. Dwight Branch ages 6-12 3:30-4:30pm
*Dwight Branch*
Wednesday, Mar 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

RSCO’s STEM Day
All ages. Join us to play with some of the library’s fun STEM kits! Get information about School Choice options and application assistance for the 2024/2025 school year.
*Dwight Branch*
Thursday, Mar 21, 3:30-5:00 pm

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
Children & Families

**Storytime with Ms. Nancy**
Ages birth-5 with parent/caregiver.
*Park Branch*
Wednesdays, Mar 6 & 20, 10:00 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.
*Park Branch*
Monday, Mar 18, 9:30 am

**Family Dinner & a Movie @ Park!**
Ages. Join us for fun family time with dinner & a movie!
*Park Branch*
Wednesday, Mar 20, 3:00-5:00 pm

Youth Programs 6-12

**REACH Book Contest Writing Workshop**
Ages 5-10. Join our afterschool writing workshop and learn how to create unique characters and interesting stories.
*Park Branch*
Monday-Thursday, Mar 4-7, 3:00 pm

**Family Game Nights**
All ages. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon which consists of a nice dinner, games, and prizes. Everyone is welcome—Featured games include bingo, air hockey, chess, domino, sorry, uno, & nintendo.
*Park Branch*
Thursdays, Mar 7, 14, 21, & 28 4:00-5:30 pm

**RSCO Women’s Soccer Day**
All Ages. Join us to celebrate Women Soccer Stars with games and giveaways! Get information about School Choice options and application assistance for the 2024/2025 school year.
*Park Branch*
Tuesday, Mar 12, 3:30-5:00 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

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Women’s History Month Storytime
Join us to celebrate Women’s History Month with a book and a craft!
Rawson Library
Tuesday, Mar 19, 4:00-5:00 pm

Youth Programs 6-12

Family Lego Night
All ages. Work together to complete a lego challenge as a family.
Rawson Library
Tuesday, Mar 5, 4:00-5:00 pm

Finger Knit Bookmark
Ages 6-19. Learn how to create a custom bookmark using just your fingers!
Rawson Library
Tuesday, Mar 12, 4:00-5:00 pm

Rock Painting
Ages 6-19. Join us for a relaxing rock painting session. Make a rock to give to a friend or keep to decorate your home!
Rawson Library
Tuesday, Mar 26, 4:00-5:00 pm

Contact
Boundless Library @ Rawson
260 Holcomb St.
Tuesday and Thursday
3:30 - 5:00 pm
860-695-6300
Celebrate Read Across America
Ages 6-12. Ready, Set, Read a story and create a craft.
*Ropkins Branch*
Thursday, Mar 7, 4:00 pm

RSCO Youth Art Month
Join us for School Choice application assistance, art activities and snacks!
*Ropkins Branch*
Tuesday, Mar 12, 4:00 pm

Women History Month BINGO!
Ages 6-12. Celebrate Women History Month by playing BINGO. Youth prizes will be given out.
*Ropkins Branch*
Wednesday, Mar 13, 4:00 pm

STEM Day
Ages 6-12. Stop by the library and explore one of the STEM activities of the day.
*Ropkins Branch*
Wednesday, Mar 20, 3:00 pm

Crafty Kids
Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Linda at the Ropkins Branch to explore your creativity with a fun Spring craft!
*Ropkins Branch*
Mon, Mar 25, 4:00 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*
Wednesday, Mar 27, 3:30 pm

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