



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS CHILDREN'S ROOM



Find out more about our March programs on our website: <https://programs.hplct.org/events>

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

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

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.



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

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.

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.

Youth Programs 6-12

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/hplrsco

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

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, 12:30-5:00pm on Wednesdays & Fridays.

Downtown Library, Room 141

Wednesdays & Fridays in March



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, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate Read Across America

Ages 6-12. Ready, Set, Read "A Crown for Corina" and make your own flower crown.

Downtown Library, Room 141

Thursday, March 7, 5:00-6:00 pm

Book Nook & Robot Play

All ages. Drop by the library to get some books for your child's weekend reading and play with the Children's Museum robots!

Downtown Library, X Space

Friday, March 8, **Book Nook:** 2:00-5:00pm: **Robot Play** 3:30-5:00 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

Contact
Hartford Public Library
Children's Room
860-461-5060
860-461-5106



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS ALBANY BRANCH

Find out more about our March programs on our website: <https://programs.hplct.org/events>

Children & Families

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

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

Tween Thursdays

Ages 9-12. Programs every other Thursday specifically for tweens.

Albany Branch

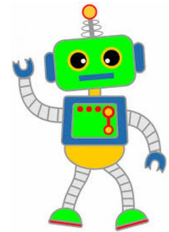
Thursdays, Mar 7 & 21, 3:00-4:00 pm

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 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

Ages 13-19. Work on a puzzle with April and enjoy some Lo-fi tunes.

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

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



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

Dungeons and Dragons

Ages 11-19. Experience D&D magic in our workshop. Unleash creativity, master storytelling, characters, and dungeon mastering. Join for endless adventures!

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

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



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS BARBOUR BRANCH

Find out more about our March programs on our website: <https://programs.hplct.org/events>

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

Ages 13-19. Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour branch for a fun afternoon of 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 accommo-
date our Connecticut Foodshare
distribution)*



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS CAMPFIELD BRANCH

Find out more about our March programs on our website: <https://programs.hplct.org/events>

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

Ages birth-5. Join us for songs stories, games, and music movement.
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



Zine Workshop

Ages 6-18. Learn how to make a Zine (a self published book) on any topic of your choice.

Campfield Branch

Tuesday, Mar 19, 4:00-5:00 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*



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS DWIGHT BRANCH

Find out more about our March programs on our website: <https://programs.hplct.org/events>

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



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

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



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS PARK BRANCH

Find out more about our March programs on our website: <https://programs.hplct.org/events>

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.

Autumn Bus pick up: 9:30 am; Drop off: 12:30 pm



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



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS BOUNDLESS @ RAWSON

Find out more about our March programs on our website: <https://programs.hplct.org/events>

Children & Families

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



Contact

Boundless Library @ Rawson

260 Holcomb St.

Tuesday and Thursday

3:30 - 5:00 pm

860-695-6300

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



MARCH 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS ROPKINS BRANCH

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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

Tuesday, Mar 19, 9:30-10:15 am



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



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, Mar 4-28, 3:30-4:45 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

Wednesday, Mar 6, 3:00-4:00 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