May 2024
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Find out more about our May 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, May 6, 13, & 27, 11:00 am.
Tuesdays, May 7 & 21, 9:30 am.
Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:00 am

Sensory Storytime
South Church
Friday, May 24, 11:00 am

Leap Into Learning (LIL)

Leap into Learning: Mental Health Month
Breathe and Read SEL Extravaganza
LIL Participants.
Downtown Library CCC Room
Saturday, May 4, 12:00-3:00 pm

Leap into Learning
Wednesday Workshop—Bright Beads
Jewelry Making
LIL Participants. Jackie Bright will join the Leap into Learning FCCP for a fun virtual introduction to jewelry-making. Each provider will receive a kit and showcase their new jewelry-making skills to create statement piece necklaces. Our ASL coaching session will be held from 2-2:30.
Virtual
May 22, 2024 1-2:30 pm

Leap into Learning
Fieldtrip to Lutz Children's Museum
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.
Bus pick up is at Campfield Library: 9:30 am; Drop off: 12:30 pm
Monday, May 20, 9:30 am

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
Thursdays, May 23 & 30, 1:00-2:30 and 6:30 - 8:00 pm
RSCO Mother’s Day Celebration
All Ages. Join us to celebrate moms with a special craft and get application assistance for the School Choice extended application open now!
*Downtown Library, Room 141*
Friday, May 10, 3:30-5:00 pm

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Ages 6-12. Learn about the history of AAPI Heritage Month and listen to children’s voices about their culture, traditions, and experiences.
*Downtown Library, Room 141*
Thursday, May 16, 5:00-6:00 pm

Law of Motion - Inertia
Ages 6-12. Learn about the role of physics in rest, motion, and direction with fun activities and trivia.
*Downtown Library, Room 141*
Wednesday, May 22, 5:00-6:00 pm

Sensational STEM
Ages 6-19. Discover the magic of sun bead jewelry! Create your own unique piece and watch the colors transform in the sunlight.
*Downtown Library, Room 141*
Thursday, May 30, 5:00-6:00 pm

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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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Albany Branch, Barbour Branch, Camp Field Branch, Ropkins

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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 May

Breathe & Be: Flower Mandalas
*Downtown Library, Room 140*
Wednesday, May 1, 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*
Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 2:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate Mother’s Day
Ages 6-12. Decorate a piggy bank to gift to your mom.
*Downtown Library, X Space*
Monday, May 6, 4:30 pm

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

Find out more about our May 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
Saturday, May 4 & 25, 10:30-11:30 am

Storytime @ Albany
Ages birth-5. Join us for songs stories and early literacy tips
Albany Branch
Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 am

Youth Programs 6-12

Arts & Crafts
Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to draw, paint, and create.
Albany Branch
Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, & 29, 3:00-4:00 pm

Tween Thursdays
Ages 9-12. Programs every other Thursday specifically for tweens.
Albany Branch
Thursdays, May 2, 16, & 30, 3:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate Earth
Ages 11-14. Join UCONN to monitor air quality, assess biodiversity and enjoy snacks and prizes.
Albany Branch
Friday, May 3 1:00-2:00 pm

Scavenger Hunt
Ages 6-12. Join us for our monthly scavenger hunt and win a prize.
Albany Branch
Friday, May 3, 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, May 6, 13, & 20, 3:00-4:00 pm

T-Shirt Design
Ages 11-19. Combine skills like Graphic Design and Cricut application to make your own T-shirt that you can take home!
Albany Branch
Monday-Friday, May 6-10, 3:00-5:00 pm

Robot Club
Ages 6-12. Come to the library after school to play with different kinds of robots.
Albany Branch
Thursday, May 9, 3:00-4:00 pm

Reduce Reuse Recycle
Ages 5-11. Join us for games, educational kits, snacks and prizes with UCONN.
Albany Branch
Friday, May 10 1:00-2:00 pm

Math Fun with RSCO
Join us at the Albany branch for some fun games and snacks and School Choice application assistance
Albany Branch
Saturday, May 18, 4:00-5:00 pm
Teen Programs

Dungeons and Dragons
*Albany Branch*
Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3:00-5:00 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, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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

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, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:00-5:00 pm

Painting Day
Ages 11-19. Learn different aspects of color theory and use it to paint something amazing!
*Albany Branch*
Monday-Friday, May 13-17, 3:00-5:00 pm

Fursuit Making
Ages 11-19. Watch a furry character come to life! Those that were working on theirs can come in to finish!
*Albany Branch*
Monday-Friday, May 20-24, 3:00-5:00 pm

Video Editing
Ages 11-19. Using footage you filmed, learn to video edit in Davinci Resolve!
*Albany Branch*
Tuesday-Thursday, May 28-30, 3:00-5:00 pm

Animation
Ages 11-19. Learn how to easily animate in Canva with Mentor Abi!
*Albany Branch*
Tuesday-Friday, May 28-31, 3:00-5:00 pm

Game Day
*Albany Branch*
Friday, May 10, 2:00 pm

Magnet Tiles
Ages 13-19. Come to the Albany branch to decorate your own magnet tile.
*Albany Branch*
Friday, May 17, 2:00 pm

Karaoke
Ages 13-19. Come sing a song you love during our Karaoke program.
*Albany Branch*
Friday, May 24, 2:00 pm

Teen Choice
Ages 13-19. Tell April what program you would like to do today.
*Albany Branch*
Friday, May 31, 2:00 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*
Mondays & Wednesdays, May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, & 29, 3:00-5:00 pm

Mini Music Studio With Silas
Ages 11-19. Learn the basics of the music recording and song production process. Whether you have interest in vocal performance, or the technology behind the magic, we can work on growing your skill set and confidence with the music medium.
*Albany Branch*
Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 3-5:00 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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YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS
BARBOUR BRANCH

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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, May 3, 10, 24, & 31, 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, May 6 & 13, 11:00-11:30 am

Youth Programs 6-12

**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, May 1: Flower Pot Decorating; May 8: Tape and Canvas Painting; May 22: Beaded Key Chains; May 29: Scratch-off Bookmarks, 4:00-5:00 pm

**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, May 6 & 20, 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, May 7, 10:15-11:15 am

**Smart Moves: Tuesday Chess Club @ Barbour**
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesdays, May 7 & 21, 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, May 9 & 23, 3:00-4:00 pm

**RSCO Math Awareness Month**
All ages. Join us for application assistance and to play fun games to celebrate Math Awareness Month. Snacks will be provided.
*Barbour Branch*
Thursday, May 9, 4:00 pm

**Sensational STEM**
Ages 6-19. Swing by Barbour to make your own Sunbead jewelry and see how the colors change in the sunlight!
*Barbour Branch*
Tuesday, May 28, 4:00-5:00 pm
**Teen Programs**

**Teen Time @ Barbour**  
Ages 13-19. Calling all teens. Come to the Barbour branch and create your own DIY loose leaf tea jars! Comes with a heart shaped steeper.  
Barbour Branch  
Thursday, May 16, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Barbour's Virtual Reality**  
Barbour Branch  
Friday, May 24, 4:00-5:00 pm

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**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

**Storytime @ Campfield**

**Campfield Branch**
Tuesday, May 7 & 21, 10:00-10:30 am

**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**
Thursday, May 9, 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**
Thursday, May 2, 4:00-5:30 pm

**Herb Planting**
All ages. Plant your own herbs to take home with you

**Campfield Branch**
Tuesday, May 14, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Fun with Code**
All ages. Have fun playing games with while learning how to code

**Campfield Branch**
Thursday, May 16, 4:00-5:00 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, May 21, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Origami Bookmark**
All ages. Come learn how to make your own origami bookmark

**Campfield Branch**
Thursday, May 30, 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
Arts and Crafts
Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Erin to make a cherry blossom tree!
Dwight Branch
Tuesday, May 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

STEM Build-It-Clinic
Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Erin to try building challenges with K’Nex, crystal climbers and more!
Dwight Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Programs

Teen Uno
Ages 13-19. Join Ms. Erin to play Uno and have snacks!
Dwight Branch
Thursday, May 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

Calling All Teens
Dwight Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 3:00-5:00 pm

Playdough Creations
All ages. Join Ms. Erin to make Play Doh creations!
Dwight Branch
Friday, May 31, 3:30-4:30 pm

Contact
Dwight Library
7 New Park Ave
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
860-695-6300
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PARK BRANCH

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Children & Families

Storytime with Ms. Nancy
Ages birth-5 with parent/caregiver.

Park Branch
Wednesdays, May 8 & 22, 10:00 am.

Family Dinner & a Movie @ Park!
Ages. Join us for fun family time with dinner & a movie!

Park Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 3:00-5:30 pm

Bird Watching
Ages 6-12. Come scout and count what birds live and feed around the library

Park Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 3:30-5:00 pm

Youth Programs 6-12

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.

Park Branch
Tuesday, May 7 & 14, 3:30-5:30 pm

RSCO Mother’s Day Celebration
All Ages. Join us to celebrate moms with a special craft and get application assistance for the School Choice extended application open now!

Park Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 3:00-5:00 pm

2024 REACH Young Authors Awards
Join us as we celebrate winners of 2024 REACH Youth Authors Contest.

Park Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 3:00-5:30 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
Children & Families

Storytime
Join us for a story and a craft!
Rawson Library
Tuesday, May 7, 4:00-5:00 pm

Youth Programs 6-12

Origami Workshop
Ages 7-14. Learn the Japanese art of origami and make a sculpture with paper.
Rawson Library
Tuesday, May 14, 4:00-5:00 pm

Family Lego Night
All ages. Work together to complete a Lego challenge as a family.
Rawson Library
Tuesday, May 21, 4:00-5:00 pm

Mindfulness & Homemade Stress Balls
All Ages. Let’s destress with a little mindfulness practice and homemade stress balls.
Rawson Library
Tuesday, May 28, 4:00-5:00 pm

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Contact
Boundless Library @ Rawson
260 Holcomb St.
Tuesday and Thursday
3:30 - 5:00 pm
860-695-6300
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, May 13, 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, May 1-30, 3:30-4:45 pm

Super Lego Hour! What will you build?
Ages 6-12. Calling all Lego engineers! Join Ms. Linda at the Ropkins Branch to design and build your own Lego creations.
Ropkins Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 3:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate Mother’s Day
Ages 6-12. Decorate a piggy bank to gift to your mom.
Ropkins Branch
Monday, May 6, 4:00 pm

Children’s Book Week
Ages 6-12. Celebrate Children’s Book Week with Asian/Pacific read aloud.
Ropkins Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 4:00 pm

See Us Bloom
Ages 6-12. Celebrate Asian/Pacific Month with See Us Bloom by Kim Kyunghee and create an affirmation bookmark.
Ropkins Branch
Monday, May 13, 4:00 pm

RSCO Math Awareness Month
All ages. Join us for application assistance and to play fun games to celebrate Math Awareness Month. Snacks will be provided.
Ropkins Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 pm

Tangrams
Ages 6-12. An ancient Chinese puzzle game consisting of seven shapes—Enjoy creating pictures with these shapes.
Ropkins Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 3:00 pm

Fortune-Teller
Ages 6-12. Fold a panda fortune teller to answer questions about what you should do today.
Ropkins Branch
Wednesday, May 20, 4:00 pm

Sunny Day
Ages 6-12. Put together and decorate your own sun visor to take home.
Ropkins Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 4:00 pm

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