



# May 2024

## YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS

*Find out more about our May programs on our website:*

*<https://programs.hplct.org/events>*





**May 2024**  
**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, 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

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, 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 @ **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

# 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](http://bit.ly/hplrsco)

**Odetta Mano | 860-306-9757** Email: [omano@hplct.org](mailto:omano@hplct.org) | Languages: Albanian, Greek, English  
*Albany Branch, Barbour Branch, Camp Field Branch, Ropkins*

**Gabriel Sorondo Guirola | 860-969-9148** | [gsguirola@hplct.org](mailto:gsguirola@hplct.org) | Languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, English  
*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](mailto: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

Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Katherine for relaxing stories and activities. Create a painted flower mandala suncatcher.

***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

## 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

## 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**

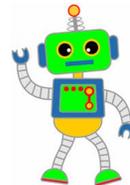
Monday-Friday, May 6-10, 3:00-5:00 pm

### 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

## Game Day

Ages 13-19. Come to the library for different kinds of game programming.

### *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

## 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, 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

## 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



# May 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS BARBOUR BRANCH

Find out more about our May programs on our website: <https://programs.hpclt.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, 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

Ages 6-19. Join the Barbour Branch and Dr. Keon Berry for beginner chess lessons! No Experience Necessary. Snacks & drinks provided.

**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 steepener.

### ***Barbour Branch***

Thursday, May 16, 4:00-5:00 pm

## **Barbours's Virtual Reality**

Ages 13-19. Join Ms. Fe at the Barbour branch for a fun afternoon of virtual reality.

### ***Barbour Branch***

Friday, May 24, 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)*



# May 2024 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS CAMPFIELD BRANCH

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## Children & Families

### Storytime @ Campfield

Ages birth-5. Ages birth-7. Join us for songs stories, games, and music movement.

#### *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



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**DWIGHT BRANCH**

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# Children & Families

### Storytime @ Dwight

Ages 5 and under with parent/caregiver. Join Ms. Erin for stories, rhymes, and music

**Dwight Branch**

Friday, May 17, 10:00 am



### 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

# Youth Programs 6-12

### May the 4th Be with You!

Ages 6-12. Make a Star Wars Bookmark!

**Dwight Branch**

Friday, May 3, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Children's Book Week!

Ages 12 and under. Check out a book and get a sticker! Maze and wordsearch activities.

**Dwight Branch**

Monday, May 6, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Card Making

Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Erin to make a flower card for Mother's Day!

**Dwight Branch**

Tuesday, May 7, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Lego Build-O-Rama

Ages 6-12. Join Ms. Erin to build with Legos, creations will be displayed in the library!

**Dwight Branch**

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30-4:30 pm

### RSCO Puzzle Day

All ages. Join RSCO to make puzzles!

RSCO Application assistance will be available.

**Dwight Branch** Thursday, May 16, 3:30-5:00 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

Ages 13-19. Drop in and de-stress with coloring pages and Refreshment.

**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**



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**SERVICES PROGRAMS**  
**BOUNDLESS @ RAWSON**

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## Children & Families

### Storytime

Join us for a story and a craft!

**Rawson Library**

Tuesday, May 7, 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

## 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

### Contact

*Boundless Library @ Rawson*

*260 Holcomb St.*

*Tuesday and Thursday*

*3:30 - 5:00 pm*

*860-695-6300*



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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**  
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