

# OCTOBER 2023 YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS



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

## 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, Oct 2, 9, 23, & 30, 11:00-11:30 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.

#### **Albany Branch**

Tuesdays, Oct 3 & 17, 10:30 am

#### **South Church**

Fridays, Oct 20 & 27, 11:00 am

### Family Storytime

Ages 5 and under with parents/caregivers. Join us for stories, activities, and music movement.

#### **South Church**

Mondays, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:00 am.

Tuesdays, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11:00 am.

Thursdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:00am.

### Storytime @ Albany

Ages birth-5. Join us for songs stories and early literacy tips

#### **Albany Branch**

Tuesdays, Oct 10, 17, & 24 10:30am

### Storytime @ Campfield

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

#### **Campfield Branch**

Tuesdays, Oct 10 & 31, 10:00 am



### Storytime with Ms. Nancy

Ages 0-5 with parent/caregiver.

#### **Park Branch**

Wednesdays, Oct 11 & 25, 10:00 am.

### Storytime with Ms. Linda

Ages 2-5 with Parent/Caregivers.

Explore the World of Books and Music & Movement with Ms. Linda. **Ropkins Branch:** Monday, Oct 16, 9:30-10:00 am

## Leap Into Learning (LIL)



### Art, Sensory Play, & SEL

Leap into Learning Home Participants.

Learn about the connection between art and social emotional learning to nurture creativity, build confidence in young learners as they develop tools to freely express themselves and soothe big feelings.

#### **Virtual Event**

Wednesday, Oct 4, 6:30-8:00 pm

### CATCH Health Training:

#### **University of Saint Joseph**

Leap into Learning Childcare Providers.

Let's get physical with The Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH)! Learn fun ways to incorporate and nurture the love of physical activity, classroom-based gardening, nutrition, healthy eating in children ages 3-5.

#### **University of Saint Joseph**

Monday, Oct 9, 8:00 am-4:00 pm

### Supercharged Storytime

#### **Playgroup**

Ages birth-5 with parents/caregivers. Are you a stay-at-home parent/caregiver desiring socialization and early learning for your little one?

Join our monthly Supercharged Storytime Playgroup filled with fun literacy practices, healthy snacks, and free bus passes!

#### **Ropkins Branch**

Thursday, Oct 12, 9:00-10:30 am

### LIL Field Trip to Eric Carle Museum of Picture Art

Leap into Learning Participants.

Leap into Learning is off to Amherst, MA. We will learn about and view artwork by author/illustrator Eric Carle, make art, and gain first-hand appreciation of picture books and storytelling.

#### **Eric Carle Museum**

Wednesday, Oct 25 9:00 am-1:00 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, October 2-26, 3:30-4:30 pm

### **Dwight Branch**

Monday, Oct 2, 3:30-4:00 pm

### **Park Branch: All Ages**

Tuesdays, Oct 10, 17 & 24 3:00-4:30 pm

## 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)

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**Albany Branch, Barbour Branch, Camp Field Branch, Boundless Library @ Rawson**

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**Downtown Library, Dwight Branch,**

## Family Robotics Club

Work with your family to complete hands-on coding challenges. Learn to code and program a robot with The Children's Museum at your neighborhood library. This brand new Family Robotics Club is a 3-part series of Families-Learn-Together programs focused on the basics of computer programming.

### **Downtown Library, Room 140: K-4th Grade**

Monday, Oct 2, 4:00 –5:30 pm

### **Dwight Branch: K-4th Grade**

Tuesdays Oct 3, 10, & 17, 4:00-5:30 pm

### **Campfield Branch: K-4th Grade**

Wednesday, Oct 4, 4:00-5:30 pm

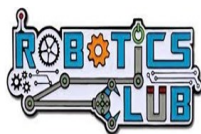
### **Albany Branch: 5-12 Grade**

Saturdays, Oct 7, 14, & 21, 2:00 –3:30 pm

### **Park Branch: 5-12th Grade**

Saturdays, Oct 7, 14, & 21, 11:00-12:30 pm

**Registration required:** [bit.ly/HPLRoboticsClub](http://bit.ly/HPLRoboticsClub)



## Glide to the Moon

Ages 6-12. Create a shuttle glider.

### **Ropkins Branch**

Monday, Oct 2, 4:00 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**

Monday, Oct 2 & 30, 4:00 pm

## Knitted Bookmarks

Ages 8-12. Learn a simple hand knitting technique to make your own bookmark!

### **Rawson Branch**

Tuesday, Oct 3, 4:00 –5:00 pm



## STEM Building

Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to do build something unique and we will put it on display!

### **Albany Branch**

Tuesday, Oct 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:00-4:00 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, Oct 4: **Mini Canvas Art**; Oct 11: **Beaded Breathing Wands**; Oct 18: **Wax Sculptures**; Oct 25, 4:00-5:00 pm: **Roll-a-Monster Game**

## Earth Fan

Ages 6-8. Learn about the layers of the earth by creating a fan.

### **Ropkins Branch**

Wednesday, Oct 4, 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**

Wednesday, Oct 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4:00 pm

## RSCO Assistance

All ages. Get information about school choice options.

### **Ropkins Branch**

Wednesday, Oct 4, 2:00 pm

## Board Game Bonanza

Ages 6-19. Chutes & Ladders, Sorry!, Trouble, oh my! Come to Barbour to face off with your friends or Ms. Fe in a friendly board game competition.

### **Barbour Branch**

Thursday, Oct 5, 4:00-5:00 pm

## Tween Thursdays

Ages 8-12. Come to Albany on alternate Thursdays for programs just for tweens.

### **Albany Branch**

Thursdays, Oct 5 & 19, 3:00-4:00 pm

## Fall Leaf Wreath Craft

Ages 5-12. Make fall leaf wreaths and garlands to decorate for the new fall season. **Campfield** Thurs, Oct 5 4:00-5:00 pm

# Youth Programs Contd

## Banned Books Discussion

Ages 5-12

**South Church**

Thursday, Oct 5, 3:30-4:30 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, Oct 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:00-5:30 pm

## Book Locker Meet and Greet

All Ages. The Children's Room Book Bag Delivery Service is moving to the new Downtown Book Locker! Join Ms Katherine Mondays to get help with the new service so you can pick up your books anytime!

**Downtown Book Locker**

Mondays, Oct 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

## Hartford Family Field Trip:

**Lutz Children's Museum**

Ages 5 and under. Explore Lutz miniature city play space, visit the museum animals, and participate in a special activity—

Experience the magic of metamorphosis! Bus Arrival: 9:30 am—

Drop off 12:30 pm.

Mondays, Oct 9: **Downtown Library**

Oct 16: **Park Library**

Oct 23: **Albany Library**



## RSCO Papel Picado for All!

All ages. Come join us for a Papel Picado making event for all!

**Park Branch**

Monday, Oct 9, 1-4pm

**Dwight Branch**

Friday, Oct 20, 3-5pm



## Space ABC

Ages 6-8. Design your very own Space ABC book!

**Ropkins Branch**

Monday, Oct 9, 4:00 pm

## Bats in the Belfry!

Ages 8-12. Bats are really not batty. Let's look at some bat myths, facts and also at some bat phrases. Make a Halloween Bat to bring home.

**Dwight Branch**

Monday, Oct 9, 4:00-5:30 pm

## Family Board Game Night

Ages 3-12. Come one come all to Barbour branch to practice your reading with Ms. Fe or a stuffed animal. Bring your own book or use one from the library!

**Rawson Branch**

Tuesday, Oct 10, 4:00-5:00 pm

## Hispanic Heritage Month Crafty Kids

Ages 6-8. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a fun craft.

**Ropkins Branch**

Wednesday, Oct 11, 4:00 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, Oct 12 & 26, 3:00 pm

## Explore HPL's Homework Help Webpage

Ages 5-12.

**South Church**

Thursday, Oct 12, 3:30-4:30 pm

## Scavenger Hunt

Ages 6-12. Come to Albany to do a scavenger hunt and win a prize.

**Albany Branch**

Thursday, Oct 12, 3:00-4:00 pm

## Board Game Bonanza

Ages 6-19. Bring friends and family and make new friends with open time to play a variety of board games.

**Campfield Branch**

Thursday, Oct 12 3:30-5:00 pm

## Boredom Buster Board Games

All Ages. 5-10. Bring that competitive spirit to play board games with your peers and with your Youth Librarian!

**Dwight Branch**

Fridays, Oct 13 & 27 4:00-5:00 pm

## Science/Mars Exploration Workshop

Ages 5-10. Discover the history and science behind NASA's exploration of Mars.

**Park Branch**

Monday, Oct 16 3:00-4:00 pm

## RSCO Haunted Cookie House

All ages. Join us for Halloween stories and make your own sweet spooky house to decorate then eat! Get info about school choice options for your child.

**Albany Branch**

Monday, Oct 16, 3:30 pm

**Downtown Library, Room 140**

Wednesday, Oct 25, 4:00 pm

**Barbour Branch**

Thursday, Oct 26, 3:30pm



# Youth Programs Contd

## **A Night Owl**

Ages 8-12. Owls are intriguing birds. Discover some facts & myths about them as well as have fun with owl phrases. Make an owl for your Halloween decoration.

### ***Dwight Branch***

Monday, Oct 16 4:00-5:00 pm

## **Barbour's Taste Testers**

Ages 6-19. Feeling hungry? Drop by the Barbour Branch for a mini tea party with iced tea and cucumber sandwiches!

### ***Barbour Branch***

Tuesday, Oct 17 4:00-5:00 pm

## **Family Dinner & Movie**

All ages. All ages. Join us for family and a movie night!

### ***Park Branch***

Wednesday, Oct 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

## **RSCO Lucia the Luchadora**

All ages. We are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Lucia! Join us for storytime and make a luchador mask. Get information about school choice options and a free book!

### ***South Church***

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2:00pm.

### ***Ropkins Branch***

Wednesday, Oct 25, 2:00-5:00 pm

## **Out of This World**

All ages. Stop by the library and decorate a space ornament.

### ***Ropkins Branch***

Wednesday, Oct 18, 4:00 pm

## **Explore World Book**

Ages 5-12.

### ***South Church***

Thursdays, Oct 19, 3:30-4:30 pm

## **Tween Thursdays: STEM-tivities**

Ages 8-12. Come to Albany on alternate Thursdays for programs just for tweens

### ***Albany Branch***

Thursday, Oct 19 3:00-4:00 pm

## **Pumpkin Painting**

Ages 6-12. Celebrate fall and the spooky season by painting a small pumpkin to take home and use to decorate.

### ***Campfield Branch***

Thursday, Oct 19 4:00 pm

## **Ghostly Games**

All Ages. Join us for storytime with Gustavo the Shy Ghost, play ghostly games and make a Gustavo night light.

### ***Bushnell Park***

Friday, Oct 20, 4:00 pm

## **Scented Candle Jars**

Ages 8-12. Learn about and use essential oils to make scented candle in a jar.

### ***Dwight Branch***

Monday, Oct 23, 4:00 –5:00 pm

## **Pumpkin Galore**

All Ages. Decorate a festive pumpkin.

### ***Albany Branch***

Monday Oct 23, 3:30 pm

### ***Ropkins Branch***

Monday, Oct 23, 4:00 pm



## **Sensational STEM**

Ages 6-19. Swing by Barbour to be a part of Ms. Fe's ice melt challenge!

### ***Barbour Branch***

Tuesday, Oct 24, 4:00-5:00pm

## **Family Lego Night**

Ages 6-19. Bring your family and work as a team to complete a Lego building challenge

### ***Rawson Library***

Tuesday, Oct 24, 4:00-5:00pm

## **Pumpkin Art**

Ages 8-12. Create some artsy Pumpkins for the season. Bring a Pumpkin Pie Cookie recipe home to bake later.

### ***Dwight Branch***

Tuesday, Oct 24, 4:00-5:00pm

## **Bilingual Child Month**

Ages 6-12. Celebrate this special day reading bilingual books with Ms. Linda.

### ***Ropkins Branch***

Wednesday, Oct 25, 4:00 pm

## **Explore Brainfuse**

Ages 5-12.

### ***South Church***

Thursdays, Oct 26, 3:30-4:30 pm

## **Lo-Fi Days with a Librarian**

Ages 6-12. Enjoy tea, cozy vibes, and Mr. Miles to help with homework.

### ***Campfield Branch***

Thursday, Oct 26, 4:00 pm

## **Albany Archive Escape Room**

All ages. Register online 3-6 people for an escape room session!

### ***Albany Branch***

Mon-Sat, Oct 27, 28, 30, & 31, 9:30-4:30 pm

## **Stick It!**

All ages. Create space characters using stickers.

### ***Ropkins Branch***

Monday, Oct 30 4:00 pm





# Youth Programs Contd

## Writing Workshop

All ages. Join our afterschool writing workshop and learn how to create unique characters and interesting stories.

### **Park Branch**

Monday, Oct 30 3:00 pm

## Not-So-Spooky-Spectacular

All ages. Come to the library in your costume to enjoy crafts, activities, and seasonal vibes

### **Campfield Branch**

Monday, Oct 30 4:00 pm

## Family Halloween Costume Party

**All Ages.** Spooky stories, games, music, and so much more!

### **Downtown Library CCC room**

Tuesday, Oct 31, 3:30-5:30 pm

## Barbour's Halloween Extravaganza

**All ages.** Ghouls, ghosts, and gremlins, oh my! Creep your way into the Barbour branch for a special Halloween party. Decorate spooky masks, eat some ice-SCREAM, and get a sweet treat!

### **Barbour Branch**

Tuesday, Oct 31, 4:00-5:00 pm

### **Park Branch**

Tuesday, Oct 31 2:00-5:00 pm

## Halloween Storytime and Craft

All ages. Happy Halloween! Visit Rawson to hear a not too spooky story and make a Halloween craft!

### **Rawson Branch**

Tuesday, Oct 31, 4:00-5:00 pm

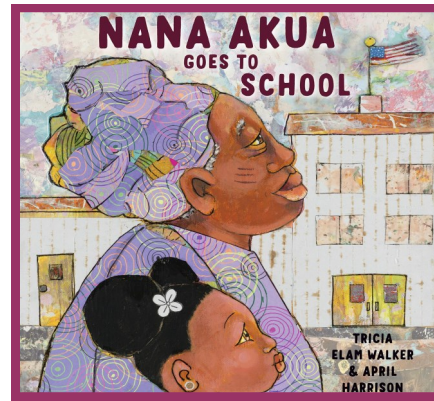
## Fall Craft Workshop

Ages 6-12. Indulge in crafting fall decorations.

Tuesday, Oct 31, 4:00-5:00 pm



# Big Read



## Treasures

Ages 6-12. Join us for a reading of *Nana Akua Goes to School* by Tricia Elam Walker, learn about family traditions in the book and share your own. Then explore Adrinka symbols and their meaning and make your own Adrinka print cloth bag. Free copies of the book included!

### **South Church**

Wednesday, Oct 11 4:00 pm

## Nana Akua Goes to School Storytime

Ages 6-12. Join us for a reading of *Nana Akua Goes to School* by Tricia Elam Walker, learn about family traditions in the book and share your own. Then create your very own quilt squares.

**Teens:** Discuss "waist beads" and what this tradition represents in today's culture. Free copies of the book included!

### **Park Branch**

Thursday, Oct 12, 3:30-5:00 pm

## NEA Big Read: Nana Akua Goes to school

All Ages. Learn about family traditions and share your own. Afterwards, explore Adrinka symbols and their meaning and make your own print art.

### **Ropkins Branch**

Monday, Oct 16, 4:00 pm



## Nana Akua Goes to School Storytime @ Rawson Library

Ages 5-11. Join us as we read *Nana Akua Goes to School* and then make a self or family portrait.

### **Rawson Branch**

Tuesday, Oct 17, 4:00-5:00 pm

# Teen Programs

## **Scented Candle Jars**

Ages 13-19. Learn about and use essential oils to make scented candle in a jar.

### ***Dwight Branch***

Thursday, Oct 5, 2:30-3:30 pm

## **Bats in the Belfry**

Ages 13-19. Bats are really not batty. Let's look at some bat myths, facts and also at some bat phrases. Make a Halloween Bat to bring home.

### ***Dwight Branch***

Thursday, Oct 12, 2:30-3:30 pm



## **Money Management Game Day**

Ages 13-19. Join April to play different money management board games like Monopoly.

### ***Albany Branch***

Friday, Oct 13, 2:00 pm

## **Teen Time @ Barbour**

Ages 13-19. Calling all teens! Come to the Barbour branch and make your own cell phone charm!

### ***Barbour Branch***

Thursday, Oct 19, 4:00-5:00 pm

## **A Night Owl**

Ages 13-19. Owls are intriguing birds. Discover some facts & myths about them as well as have fun with owl phrases. Make an owl for your Halloween decoration.

### ***Dwight Branch***

Thursday, Oct 19, 2:30-3:30 pm

## **Mind and Body Exercises**

Ages 13-19. Join April to do some calming mind and body Exercises.

### ***Albany Branch***

Friday, Oct 20, 2:00 pm

## **Pumpkin Art**

Ages 13-19. Create some artsy pumpkins for the season. Bring a Pumpkin Pie Cookie recipe home to bake later.

### ***Dwight Branch***

Thursday, Oct 26, 2:30-3:30 pm



# Youmedia @ Albany

## **Albany Branch Recording Sessions**

Ages 13-19. Bring your music into the world with mentor guided workshops setting up and recording vocals with FL studio & Logic Pro.

### ***Albany Branch***

Mondays, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 3:00-5:00 pm

Thursdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:00-5:00 pm

## **Albany Branch VR Exploration**

Ages 10-19. Explore the latest VR games!

### ***Albany Branch***

Mondays, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, & 3:00-5:00 pm

## **Digital Art**

Ages 13-19. Explore the world of digital art. Make your creative ideas come to life.

### ***Albany Branch***

Tuesdays, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, & 3:00-5:00 pm

## **Teen Tuesdays**

Ages 5-19. Join YouMedia staff for a special teen program!

### ***Albany Branch***

Tuesdays, Oct 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:30-5:00 pm

## **Game Design Workshop**

Ages 11-19. Create a video game with Roblox studio or Unity. We will explore character design, animation and 3D modeling.

### ***Albany Branch***

Wednesdays, Oct 4, 11, 18, & 25 3:00-5:00 pm

## **Cricut & Embroidery**

Ages 11-19. Create unique designs on various materials using the Cricut & Embroidery machine.

### ***Albany Branch***

Wednesdays, Oct 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3:00-5:00 pm

## **Albany Arts & Crafts**

Ages 11-19. Explore a wide range of artistic techniques & create one of a kind masterpieces.

### ***Albany Branch***

Thursdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, & 26 3:00-5:00 pm

## **Albany Esports League**

Ages 12-19. Discover the thrill of competitive gaming. Get ready to compete, create teams and have fun!

### ***Albany Branch***

Thursdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, & 26 3:00-5:00 pm

## **Cosplay, Props and More!**

Ages 13-19. Interested in crafting your own cosplay? This program is perfect for you!

### ***Albany Branch***

Fridays, Oct 13, 20, & 27, 2:00-4:00 pm

## **Script Writing**

Ages 11-19. Explore the art of storytelling, learn script structure, dialogue, and character development.

### ***Albany Branch***

Fridays, Oct 13, 20, & 27, 2:00-4:00 pm

## **VR Art**

Ages 11-19. Create art in Virtual Reality. ***Albany Branch***

Fridays, Oct 13, 20, & 27, 1:00-3:00 pm