

Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
December 2013

Downtown Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

Teens

My Word, My Space: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Open computer time for teens, with assistance available if you wish!

Downtown Library – Learning Lab, Mondays-Thursdays, December 2-23, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

A Season of Giving: Art (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. These eye-catching holiday gifts are fun to make and a pleasure to give or receive.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, December 19, 4:30 p.m.

Gingerbread Build-Off: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Join a team and compete in our gingerbread build-off competition. Build a house, a car, or anything else you can dream up. But you only have 90 minutes to sculpt your creation.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Friday, December 20, 3:00 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Fall back into great homework habits with a great trip to the library. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, December 2-23, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Illustrated Books: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5-8. Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa, and enjoy some of the best picture books found in the Library!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.

Run, Run, As Fast As You Can: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Jan Brett's illustrations for *The Little Gingerbread Boy* are delicious! Be inspired by them, and enjoy tasty treat!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Saturday, December 7, 2:30 p.m.

Poets Kwanzaa-Poetry Slam Workshop: Education (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Express yourself through poetry! Share well-known African poetry and African proverbs, or create an original work based on Nguzo Saba, The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. Youth branch representatives will be selected to participate in our read-aloud at our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Monday, December 9 and 16, 4:30 p.m.

Gingerbread Man Is On The Loose Again!: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5-10. Compare and contrast any two popular versions of this classic folk tale and enjoy a tasty seasonal gingerbread cookie treat!

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 p.m.

Shimmer n Sparkle: Arts (Downtown)

Ages 7 and up. Turn ordinary rubber bands into cool jewelry you will love. Create unique bracelets, necklaces, rings and more for the holidays!

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.

Polar Express: Education (Downtown)

Ages 7 and up. Find out why the boy and his sister can hear the bell while their parents can't. Make a Christmas ornament to take home.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Wednesday, December 18, 4:30 p.m.

Universal Vibrations: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Drums talk, express, ease, warn, transform, and bridge gaps. Join us as we travel the world to learn the significance of drums across various cultures. Work to create a set of drums for our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Monday, December 23, 4:30 p.m.

Glitter Balloons: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy a read out-loud, *The Night Before New Year's* by Natasha Wing, and make glitter balloons to pop in the New Year!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Monday, December 30, 4:30 p.m.

Children and Families**First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages birth–5, with adult friends. Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books and music while your child meets other children.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 a.m.

Snowflakes Storytimes: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Tuesdays, December 3, 10, and 17, 10:00 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 2-5. Come and enjoy interactive songs, stories, and finger plays to build early literacy & English language skills.

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Tuesdays, December 3, 19, and 17, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Family Holiday Musical Concert: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 3 and up, with adult friends. Join Sam Pasco and his band for a musical celebration of the holiday season.

Downtown Library – Atrium, Wednesday, December 4, 10:00 and 12:30 p.m.

Toddler time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 12–24 months. No registration required. Join us for song, finger play, movement activities and stories that build early literacy skills. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

Downtown – Children’s Library, Wednesdays, December 4 and 18, 10:15 -11:00 a.m.

Baby & Me: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages Newborn-12 months. No registration required. Come sing, move, listen to finger plays and stories, and enjoy playtime with your baby. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

Downtown – Children’s Library, Wednesday, December 4 and 18, 11:15 -12:00 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Bring your family to the library every Saturday to hear stories from the best in children’s illustrated books, sing songs, share rhymes, and make a craft!

Downtown Library – Children’s Library, Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21, 11:00 a.m.

Kwanzaa Festival: Heritage (Downtown)

All children and adults. Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration honoring our African-American culture. Join us as we celebrate through stories, music, art, dance, and craft.

Downtown Library – Children’s Library, Saturday, December 28, 11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

Homework Help: Education (Albany)

Grades K and up. Join our homework club to receive help with your assignments!

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, December 2 – 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Brush up on your math by using these tasty candies!

Albany Branch, Monday, December 2, 4:30 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Dig through our bin of the month and play with fun toys and early literacy manipulatives.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Seek the unknown and stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, December 4, 4:30 p.m.

Right on the Money @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

Albany Branch, Thursday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.

Money Wise @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 13 and up. Join us to receive lots of helpful financial tips to prepare for college and life after high school.

Albany Branch, Friday, December 6, 1:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, December 6, 3:30 p.m.

Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. We provide the supplies. You and your child supply the creativity.

Albany Branch, Saturdays, December 7, 16, 21 and 28, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holidays Around the World: Education (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Learn about holidays celebrated around the world, and make a scrap book to take home.

Albany Branch, Monday, December 9, 4:30 p.m.

Gingerbread Man is on the Loose: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 4-9. Compare and contrast two popular versions of this classic folktale and enjoy a tasty gingerbread treat.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.

Sweet Confections: Career (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Learn all about being a professional cupcake decorator and make a mouth-watering treat.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, December 11, 2:30 p.m.

Universal Vibrations: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Drums talk, express, ease, warn, transform, and bridge gaps. Join us as we travel the world to learn the significance of drums across various cultures. Work to create a set of drums to send on to our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year!

Albany Branch, Thursday, December 12, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.

Right on the Money @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

Albany Branch, Monday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.

Kwanzaa Poets: Poetry Slam Workshop: Education (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Express yourself through poetry! Share well-known African poetry and African proverbs, or create an original work based on Nguzo Saba, The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. Youth branch representatives will be selected to participate in our read-aloud at our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.

Baby Time: Early Literacy (Albany)

Birth-24 months. Read, sing, and play with your little one.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, December 18, 12:30 p.m.

Polar Express Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Read this popular winter classic, make a holiday craft, and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, December 18, 4:15 p.m.

Gingerbread Build-Off: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join a team and compete in our gingerbread build-off competition. Build a house, a car, or anything else you can dream up. But you only have 90 minutes to sculpt your creation.

Albany Branch, Thursday, December 19, 5:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, December 20, 3:00 p.m.

Early Reader's Book Club: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 5-9. Take turns reading from our book of the month and do a fun craft.

Albany Branch, Monday, December 23, 2:30 p.m.

Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Calling all Lego fans! Get wildly creative with fun Lego projects! Bring a friend along.

Albany Branch, Thursday, December 26, 2:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, December 27, 2:30 p.m.

Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Design a necklace, bracelet, or anklet for you or a friend.

Albany Branch, Monday, December 30, 2:30 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Play board games with other kids and teens your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life, and Disney Scene It?

Albany Branch, Monday, December 31, 2:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Barbour Branch
281 Barbour Street
Hartford, CT 06120

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400

Homework Club: Education (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Yummy snacks, homework assistance and fun enrichment activities await your participation in our Homework Club.

Barbour Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, December 2-19, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Gingerbread Man Is On The Loose Again! Education (Barbour)

Ages 5-10. Compare and contrast any two popular versions of this classic folk tale and enjoy a tasty seasonal gingerbread cookie treat!

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, December 3, 4:00 p.m.

Holidays Around the World: Education (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Children will learn about some of the holiday we celebrate around the world such as U.S.A, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Africa, Dominican Republic and many other countries, then make a scrapbook to take home.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.

A Season of Giving: Art (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. These eye-catching holiday gifts are fun to make and a pleasure to give or receive.

Barbour Branch, Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19, 3:30 p.m.

Universal Vibrations: Education (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Drums talk, express, ease, warn, transform, and bridge gaps. Join us as we travel the world to learn the significance of drums across various cultures. Work to create a set of drums to send on to our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year!

Barbour Branch, Tuesday December 10, 4:00 p.m.

If you're Happy ...: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5, with adult caregivers. Enjoy stories, songs and finger plays about happy times and holiday celebrations.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

Polar Express: Education (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Find out why the boy and his sister can hear the bell while their parents can't. Make a Christmas ornament to take home.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, December 11, 4:00 p.m.

Sweet Confections: Careers (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Share a story, *The Baker's Dozen* by Dan Andreasen, and make a mouth-watering winter treat!

Barbour Branch, Friday, December 13, 4:00 p.m.

Poets Kwanzaa-Poetry Slam Workshop: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Express yourself through poetry! Share well-known African poetry and African proverbs, or create an original work based on Nguzo Saba, The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. Youth branch representatives will be selected to participate in our read-aloud at our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.

Gingerbread Build-Off: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Join a team and compete in our gingerbread build-off competition. Build a house, a car, or anything else you can dream up. But you only have 90 minutes to sculpt your creation.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, December 18, 4:00 p.m.

Mona Lisa Rediscovered!: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. On December 12, 1913 the famous painting, *The Mona Lisa* by Leonardo Da Vinci, was recovered after it was stolen by a famous Italian art thief. To celebrate its return, children will recreate the Mona Lisa with pastels. Books on Leonardo Da Vinci will be available along with books about other famous painters.

Barbour Branch, Friday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Blue Hills Branch
649 Blue Hills Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For more information on Blue Hills Branch programs, call 860.695.7420

Homework Club: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments. Don't have anything to do? Engage in a variety of literacy-based challenges sure to boggle and bend your academic brain!

Blue Hills Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, December 2-20, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Stop by for wintry treats while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, December 2, 4:00 p.m.

Sweet Confections: Careers (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Share a story, *The Baker's Dozen* by Dan Andreasen, and make a mouth-watering winter treat!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, December 3, 5:00 p.m.

Convincing Chatter: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Pretend and play in a fun way! Learn about communication through a fun acting game full of nouns and adjectives.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.

Alphabet City: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Letters, letters everywhere! Join us for a fun alphabet story time featuring stories, songs and a make-your-own street sign activity.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, December 5, 1:30 p.m.

For the Birds: Education (Blue Hills Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Make a treat for our fine feathered friends as we learn about birds native to New England.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.

ArtLab: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Partake in creative adventures in drawing, painting, printmaking, paper and mixed media. Experiences to include creating a cardboard relief print and Batik landscape.

Blue Hills Branch, Fridays, December 6 and 27, 2:00 p.m.

Universal Vibrations: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Drums talk, express, ease, warn, transform, and bridge gaps. Join us as we travel the world to learn the significance of drums across various cultures. Work to create a set of drums to send on to our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, December 10, 5:00 p.m.

Poets Kwanzaa- Poetry Slam Workshop: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Express yourself through poetry! Share well-known African poetry and African proverbs, or create an original work based on Nguzo Saba, The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. Youth branch representatives will be selected to participate in a read-aloud at our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, December 11, 4:00 p.m.

Drop-In Seasonal Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Stop by the library and check out our craft table. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity!

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.

Paper Adornments: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills Branch)

Ages 12 and up. Craft intricate paper ornaments to add cheer to your holiday celebrations.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

Reel Kids: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. It's family movie night! Join us for a seasonal showing, accompanied by theatre treats!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Just for You-Family Story Hour: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 1 and up with adult caregivers. Join us for a playful time of award winning stories, open-ended play, and new experiences. Please register in advance by calling (860) 695-7420.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, December 18, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo Sighted: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Play Dolch Sight Word Bingo to win a book.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, December 18, 4:00 p.m.

'Tis the Season: Community Gathering (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate the season with a festive neighborhood gathering in the library!

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, December 19, 2013

New Year Be Coming! A Gullah Year: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Share delightful Gullah poems and share in the beauty and richness of the culture with a special dish, *Hopping John*.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, December 30, 2:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford CT 06114

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments. Don't have anything to do? Engage in a variety of literacy-based challenges sure to boggle and bend your academic brain!

Camp Field Branch, Mondays -Thursdays, December 2 - 23, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sweet Confection: Careers (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Share a story, *The Baker's Dozen* by Dan Andreasen, and make a mouth-watering winter treat!

Camp Field Branch, Monday, December 2, 3:30 p.m.

National Cookie Day: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3 and up, with adult friends. Celebrate National cookie day with us! Read *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff. Play games, make a craft, and don't forget your sweet tooth!

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18, 10:00 a.m.

Bin Day: Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18, 3:00 p.m.

A Season of Giving: Holiday Craft (Camp Field)

Ages 7 and up. These eye catching holiday gifts are fun to make and a pleasure to give or receive.

Camp Field Branch, Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19, 3:30 p.m.

Gingerbread Man is on the Loose Again!: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 5-10. Compare and contrast any two popular versions of this classic folk tale and enjoy a tasty seasonal gingerbread cookie treat!

Camp Field Branch, Monday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.

Holidays around the World: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 7 and up. Children will learn about some of the holidays we celebrate around the world such as U.S.A., Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Africa, Dominican Republic and many other countries, then make a scrapbook to take home.

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.

I Spy: Science (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Come and join us with the game of giving clues about the size, shape, position and color of an object, but did you know it is also a science investigation?

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.

Mona Lisa Rediscovered!: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 8 and up. On December 12, 1913 the famous painting, *The Mona Lisa* by Leonardo Da Vinci, was recovered after it was stolen by a famous Italian art thief. To celebrate its return, children will recreate the Mona Lisa with pastels. Books on Leonardo Da Vinci will be available along with other books about famous painters.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, December 23, 3:30 p.m.

Polar Express: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 7 and up. Find out why the boy and his sister can hear the bell while their parents can't. Make a Christmas ornament to take home.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, December 26, 2:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Dwight Branch
7 New Park Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460.

Homework Club: Education (Dwight)

Kindergarten-grade 5. Yikes! Homework! Need help with homework? Our friendly library staff is here to help. Stop by the library for reading materials for your school reports and special projects too! Homework supplies provided.

Dwight Branch, Mondays-Fridays, December 2-30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Holiday Ornament: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

All ages. Create a festive ornament that will bring cheer to an already cold winter.

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.

Wintery Story Time: Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5. Stories all about the wonderful winter season. Individual families welcome without registration; groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7462.

Dwight Branch, Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18, 3:30 p.m.

Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

All ages. School is done for the week, start your weekend with fun and exciting activities at the library.

Dwight Branch, Fridays, December 6, 13, 20 and 27, 3:30 p.m.

Pine Cone Bird Feeders: Education (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Learn about the birds that don't fly south for the winter. Then make a cute pine cone bird feeder to hang by your window or near a tree and watch the birds feed joyfully.

Dwight Branch, Monday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.

Swans a-Swimming: Art and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Turn a pocketful of pinecones into a wintery Swan craft activity.

Dwight Branch, Monday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.

Winter Painting: Career (Dwight)

Ages 13 and up. Ever wanted to learn how to paint? We will be painting a winter scene with acrylic paint. Space is limited, registration is required, call 860-695-7460.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, December 19, 3:00 p.m.

Comets!: Science (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Learn about comets and make a glow-in-the-dark comet to play catch.

Dwight Branch, Friday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.

Good-Luck Gold Fish: Holiday (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Welcome the New Year with colorful, sun-catching goldfish, a traditional Chinese symbol of good fortune.

Dwight Branch, Friday, December 27, 3:30 p.m.

Glitter Balloons: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy a read out-loud of, *The Night Before New Year's* by Natasha Wing, and make glitter balloons to pop in the New Year!

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Goodwin Branch Programs, call 860.695.7480

Homework Help: Education (Goodwin)

Grades K and up. Join our homework club to receive help with your assignments!
Goodwin Branch, Mondays –Thursdays, December 2–19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gingerbread Man is on the Loose Again!: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 5-10. Compare and contrast any two popular versions of this classic folk tale and enjoy a tasty seasonal gingerbread cookie treat!

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.

Marble Paper: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 7 and up. Learn about this traditional European paper design technique and create your own marbled paper.
Goodwin Branch, Friday, December 13, 3:45 p.m.

Bin Day: Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, December 16, 3:45 p.m.

I Spy: Science (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a game of giving clues about the size, shape, position and color of an object. But did you know it is also a science investigation?

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.

Holidays Around the World: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 7 and up. Children will learn about some of the holidays celebrated around the world such as U.S.A, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Africa, Dominican Republic and other countries, then make a scrapbook to take home.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, December 18, 3:45 p.m.

Polar Express: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 7 and up. Find out why the boy and his sister can hear the bell while their parents couldn't? Make a Christmas ornament to take home.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, December 19, 3:00 p.m.

Glitter Balloons: Entertainment (Goodwin)

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy a read out-loud, *The Night Before New Year's* by Natasha Wing, and make glitter balloons to pop in the New Year!

Goodwin Branch, Friday, December 20, 2:00 p.m.

Universal Vibrations: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. Drums talk, express, ease, warn, transform, and bridge gaps. Join us as we travel the world to learn the significance of drums across various cultures. Work to create a set of drums to send on to our Downtown Kwanzaa celebration at the end of the year!

Goodwin Branch, Monday, December 23, 3:45 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Mark Twain Branch
55 Forest Street
Hartford CT 06105

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

A Season of Giving: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. These eye catching holiday gifts are fun to make and a pleasure to give or receive.

Mark Twain Branch, Mondays, December 2 and 9, 4:00 p.m.

Mitten Tree: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3 and up. Share your favorite winter stories and help decorate our Mitten Tree with pictures and words from your favorite winter picture books!

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, December 4 - Tuesday, December 31, 12:30 p.m.

I Spy: Science (Mark Twain)

Ages 5 and up. Join us in a game of giving clues about the size, shape, position and color of an object. But did you know it is also a science investigation?

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.

Hour of Code: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Learn the basics of computer coding with fun, interactive games.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesdays, December 4 and 11, 4:00 p.m.

Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Say it, Sing it, Write it. Join our new teen book club to share favorite books and connect with other book lovers.

Mark Twain Branch, Fridays, December 6 and 13, 3:00 p.m.

Hartford Otaku Manga Club: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Calling all manga fans! Choose a manga name and join us for dramatic readings, conversation and fun activities while exploring Asian languages and cultures. Follow us on Instagram at Hartford Otaku, #hartfordotaku.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, December 12, 3:00 p.m.

Marble Paper: Art (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Learn about this traditional European paper design technique and create your own marbled paper.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

World Cultures Holiday Party: Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for a multicultural themed holiday party celebrating different holidays around the world. Sign up to bring a dish, native to your family's culture.

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, December 20, 3:30 p.m.

Jar of Dreams: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Join us as we write the dreams of our heart and use them to create a beautiful piece of art.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, December 23, 4:00 p.m.

Mittens and Cocoa: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

All ages. Join us as we share stories from our Mitten Tree and enjoy a warm cup of cocoa.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, December 26, 1:30 p.m.

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Homework Help: Education (Park Branch)

Grade K and up. Need help with your homework? Stop by and get it done.

Park Branch, Monday-Friday, December 2-23, 3:00 p.m.

Paper Fun: Education (Park Branch)

Ages: 7 and up. Enjoy doing seasonal word searches, mazes, unscrambles sheets of the day.

Park Branch, Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 3:45 p.m.

Marble Creation: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages: 5 and up. Explore colorful creation with one of your favorite toy the marble.

Park Branch, Tuesday, December 3, 3:45 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

Park Branch, Wednesdays, December 4 and 18, 3:45 p.m.

A Season of Giving: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. These eye catching holiday gifts are fun to make and a pleasure to give or receive.

Park Branch, Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19, 3:45 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games.

Park Branch, Fridays, December 6, 3:30 p.m. and December 27, 2:00 p.m.

Polar Express: Education (Park Branch)

Ages: 7 and up. Find out why the boy and his sister can hear the bell while their parents couldn't. Make a holiday ornament to take home.

Park Branch, Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Park Branch)

Ages: 6 and up. Stop by for a snack while we listen to the story of the day.

Park Branch, Wednesday, December 11, 3:45 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages: 5 and up. End the week with a movie and a snack.

Park Branch, Friday, December 13, 3:45 p.m.

Gingerbread Man Is On The Loose Again! Education (Park Branch)

Ages: 5 and up. Compare and contrast any two popular versions of this classic folk tale and enjoy a tasty seasonal gingerbread cookie treat!

Park Branch, Tuesday, December 17, 3:45 p.m.

Holiday Bingo: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing a traditional game, Bingo, with a holiday flare.

Park Branch, Friday, December 20, 3:45 p.m.

Umoja: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the first day of Kwanzaa by creating a placemat that signifies unity.

Park Branch, Thursday, December 26, 2:00 p.m.

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Homework Club: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Fall back into great homework habits with a trip to the library. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays-Fridays, December 2-20, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

I Spy: Science (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Join us in a game with clues about the size, shape, position and color of an object. Did you know it is also a science investigation?

Ropkins Branch, Monday, December 2, 4:00 p.m.

The Gingerbread Man is on the Loose Again!: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5-10. Compare and contrast any two popular versions of this classic folk tale and enjoy a tasty seasonal gingerbread cookie treat!

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.

Polar Express: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. Find out why the boy and his sister can hear the bell while their parents can't. Make a Christmas ornament to take home.

Ropkins Branch, Thursday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.

Holidays Around the World: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. Children will learn about some of the holidays we celebrate around the world, including U.S.A, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Africa, Dominican Republic and others. Then they will make a scrap book to take home.

Ropkins Branch, Monday-Friday, December 9-13, 4:00 p.m.

Gingerbread Build-Off: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Join a team and compete in our gingerbread build-off competition. Build a house, a car, or anything else you can dream up. But you only have 90 minutes to sculpt your creation.

Ropkins Branch, Monday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.

Mona Lisa Rediscovered!: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. On December 12, 1913 the famous painting, *The Mona Lisa* by Leonardo Da Vinci, was recovered after it was stolen by a famous Italian art thief. To celebrate its return, children will recreate the Mona Lisa with pastels. Books on Leonardo Da Vinci will be available along with books about other famous painters.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.

A Season of Giving: Art (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. These eye-catching holiday gifts are fun to make and a pleasure to give or receive.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, December 18, 4:00 p.m.

Sweet Confections: Careers (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Share a story, *The Baker's Dozen* by Dan Andreasen, and make a mouth-watering winter treat!
Ropkins Branch, Thursday, December 19, 4:00 p.m.

Marble Paper: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. Learn about this traditional European paper design technique and create your own marbled paper.
Ropkins Branch, Friday, December 20, 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Celebration: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. Join us in making a special artwork or craft for your favorite holiday and enjoy a festive treat.
Ropkins Branch, Monday, December 23, 3:00 p.m.