

Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut
Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
October 2013

October is the month for MYSTERY! Mysterious books, films, and programs await you!

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 – Learning Lab, Mondays-Thursdays, October 1-31, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Glee Tribute: Entertainment: (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Calling all Gleeeks! Join us to watch clips of Glee episodes featuring Cory Monteith as Finn Hudson while we await the Finn Tribute episode on Glee airing October 10th.

Downtown – Program Room, Thursday, October 10, 3:45 p.m.

Seek the Unknown at Your Library: Education (Downtown)

Ages 12-18. There was a murder at the library last Sunday when the library was closed! Katniss Everdeen was found clobbered to death by a book on the library rug. Was it the librarian? A patron? Or one of the other tributes? Read books during Teen Read Week or vote for the Top Ten Teen Books to collect clues to solve the murder.

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesday, October 22, 4:00 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

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.

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, October 1-31, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Mystery Story Writing Contest: Education (Downtown)

Ages 8-12. Write the scariest story and win a prize! Entries should be one to two pages long and are due no later than October 31.

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, October 7-31, 4:00 p.m.

Sor Juana Ines De La Cruz: The First Great Latin American Poet: Education (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about one of the greatest poets and feminist writers of the 17th Century, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz. Learn about her life through key events, poems and images.

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesday, October 15, 3:45 p.m.

Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Kitchen Fires: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Learn about fire safety and what to do in the event of a home fire.

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, October 18, 3:45 p.m.

Musical Books: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, Musical Chairs, and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the Fall!

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 p.m.

Hydration Nation: Health (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Did you know that the human body is more than 60 percent water? Try a variety of refreshing infused waters and talk about their benefits.

Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, October 24, 4:00 p.m.

Halloween Fun: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Halloween will certainly be fun when children design their own jack-o'-lanterns, build skeletons, play gruesome games, and read scary poems aloud.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday, October 26, 2:00 p.m.

Spooky Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Let's enjoy some not-so-spooky stories with some spookier rhymes and finger plays. Make and take home some friendly ghosts.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, October 28, 4:00 p.m.

Sweet Tooth: Education (Downtown)

All ages welcome! Stop by the library for a treat to soothe your sweet tooth!

Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, October 31, 3:45 p.m.

Children and Families

Spooky Story Times: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Enjoy 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 – Children's Library, Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10:00 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 – Children's Library, Saturdays, October 5, 14, 12, 19, and 26, 11:00 a.m.

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 – Children's Library, Mondays, October 7 and 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Every Child Ready to Read Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth-5, with adult friends. An interactive program based on the five practices of the Every Child Ready To Read Initiative – Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, and Playing. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, sing songs, play games and make a craft to take home!

Downtown – Children's Library, Fridays, October 11 and 18, 10:30 a.m.

I am Little, You are Big--An Hour of Opposites: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Share stories, rhymes and songs all about opposites!

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, October 21, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Mother Goose Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Infants with adult friends. You are your little one's first teacher! Enjoy classic rhymes and finger plays.

Downtown - Children's Library, Friday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, please join us with adult friends. "On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another." Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, October 28, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Family Mystery Night: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-10, with adult friends. Bring your whole family to the Library, play some mystery games and listen to the best in children's picture book mysteries! Make a cool mystery craft to take home.

Downtown Library – Youth Program Room, Wednesday, October 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112
October 2013

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, October 1–31, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Invisible Ink: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Learn the science behind invisible ink and write secret messages to a friend.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, October 1, 4:30 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. Come play games with kids and teens your own age.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, October 2, 4:30 p.m.

Glee Tribute: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 12 and up. Calling all Gleeeks! Join us to watch clips of Glee episodes featuring Cory Monteith while we await the Finn Tribute episode airing next Thursday.

Albany Branch, Thursday, October 3, 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, October 4, 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, October 5, 12, 19, and 26, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Post-It Mural: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Design a masterpiece on a Post-It and put it up on our Post-It mural.

Albany Branch, Monday, October 7, 4:30 p.m.

Musical Books: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Play a version of the classic favorite, Musical Chairs, and explore exciting mystery books to read for the fall.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, October 8, 4:30 p.m.

Fire Prevention Week: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. Come meet your friendly neighborhood fire fighters and learn all about fire safety.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Brush up on your math by using these tasty candies! Kids 5-11, brush up on your addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Teens 12 and up, explore percentages, fractions, long division, and mean, median, and mode.

Albany Branch, Thursday, October 10, 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, October 11, 3:30 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Albany)

Ages 6-18. Seek the unknown and stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Albany Branch, Monday, October 14, 4:30 p.m.

Hydration Nation: Health (Albany)

Ages 12 and up. Did you know the human body is more than 60% water? Seek the unknown and try a variety of refreshing infused waters and talk about their benefits. Ages 12 and up

Albany Branch, Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 p.m.

Baby Time: Early Literacy (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Wednesday, October 16, 12:30 p.m.

Dictionary Races: Education (Albany)

Ages 10 and up. Seek the unknown and join our dictionary races to win prizes.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, October 16 4:30 p.m.

Monster Makeover: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 12 and up. Seek the unknown and peruse theater make-up books to find cool zombie, vampire, and fairy make-up ideas.

Albany Branch, Thursday, October 17, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Teens--Seek the unknown while watching one of the original Star Wars episodes.

Albany Branch, Friday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.

Alphabet City Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3-5. Letters, letters everywhere! Join us for a fun alphabet storytime and make your own street sign.

Albany Branch, Monday, October 21, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Just Want to Have Fun: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 10 and up. Join us for the first meeting of our all-girls club! Make friendship bracelets, gossip about celebrities, and trade fashion tips.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, October 22, 4:30 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, Wednesday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.

Spooky Tales: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. Listen to some spooky tales and rhymes. Make a spooky ghost and enjoy a spooky snack.

Albany Branch, Thursday, October 24, 6:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark: Education (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Listen to scary stories and tell a few of your own in the light of a flashlight.

Albany Branch, Monday, October 28, 4:30 p.m.

Halloween Crafts: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Design your own paper jack-o-lanterns, cats, bats, and more.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, October 29, 4:30 p.m.

Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

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

Haunted House Extravaganza: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Take a walk through our haunted house and try not to scream! Costumes are encouraged.

Albany Branch, Thursday, October 31, 4:15 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Barbour Branch
281 Barbour Street
Hartford CT 06120
October 2013

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400

Spooky Story Times: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5. Let's enjoy some not-so-spooky stories with some spookier rhymes and finger plays. Make and take home some friendly ghosts.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.

Salty Art: Arts and Crafts (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Salt painting creates hues of diffused colors. Learn the technique and create your own master piece of Salty Art.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, October 2, 4:00 p.m.

Science Corner: Science (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Science projects are around the corner! Get ideas, tips, books, and practice lifting ice with a string. It takes a secret ingredient — and a little old-fashioned chemistry.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, October 3, 4:00 p.m.

The Story Bag: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Take a peek in the story bag to see the stories waiting to be told...by you.

Barbour Branch, Tuesdays, October 8 and 15, 4:00 p.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5, please join us with adult friends. "On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another." Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individuals welcome. Groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7480.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.

Musical Books: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages: 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, Musical Chairs, and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the Fall!

Barbour Branch, Thursday, October 10, 4:00 p.m.

Beads and Cords: Arts and Crafts (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. There are beads and cords and much more for you to make eye-catching art (jewelry) to wear.

Barbour Branch, Fridays, October 11 and 18, 3:30 p.m.

Seek the Unknown at Your Library: Education (Barbour)

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Barbour Branch, Monday through Thursday, October 14-17, all day.

Dictionary Day: Education (Barbour)

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Barbour Branch, Wednesday, October 16, 4:00 p.m.

Hydration Nation: Health (Barbour)

Ages 12 and up. Did you know that the human body is more than 60 percent water? Try a variety of refreshing infused waters and talk about their benefits.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, October 17, 4:00 p.m.

Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz: The First Great Latin American Poet: Education (Barbour)

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Barbour Branch, Tuesday, October 22, 4:00 p.m.

Fall Leaves Fall: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Why do leaves turn color and fall? You'll find the answer to this as you examine an array of colorful leaves while getting some fun facts about them. Make a decorative craft using the fall leaves.

Barbour Branch, Thursday October 24, 4:00 p.m.

Halloween Fun: Education (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Halloween will certainly be fun when children design their own jack-o'-lanterns, make fighting masks, Halloween cats, spider webs, bats, and more. Build skeletons, play gruesome games, and read scary poems aloud.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Blue Hills Branch
649 Blue Hills Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112
October 2013

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, October 1-31, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Writers Block: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Challenged by your schoolwork these days? Drop in to create a pencil sure to erase your worries.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, October 1, 5:00 p.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another. Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individuals and groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7420.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesdays, October 2 and 16, 10:00 a.m.

Ghoulishly Glamorous: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Learn to craft a ghost from glue, and turn it into a necklace sure to make people gasp!

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, October 3, 4:00 p.m.

Game On: Life Skills (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Challenge friends to a game of chess, checkers, Scrabble or Boggle. Light snacks provided.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, October 4, 3:00 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Fall is in the air! Stop by for autumn-flavored treats while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Blue Hills Branch, Mondays, October 7 and 21, 4:00 p.m.

Carnival Days: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy the onset of crisp autumn days with traditional carnival games and treats, inside the library! Win tickets for prizes, get a henna tattoo, and enjoy the season!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, October 8, 4:30 p.m.

Children's Magazine Month: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Browse through the best in children's periodicals and use old titles to create an easy-weave basket.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, October 10, 4:00 p.m.

Seek the Unknown at your Library: Education (Blue Hills)

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Blue Hills Branch, Monday-Thursday, October 14-19, all day.

Hydration Nation: Health (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Did you know that the human body is more than 60 percent water? Try a variety of refreshing infused waters and talk about their benefits.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, October 15, 5:00 p.m.

There's a Pigeon in the Library!: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Let us introduce you to a pretty feisty pigeon, desperate to drive a bus (Mo Willems)!

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, October 17, 4:00 p.m.

Kandinsky for Kids: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Color and design have meaning in and of themselves. Explore the works of abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky, and create either a 2D or 3D replica of his work, *Concentric Circles*.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, October 18, 2:00 p.m.

Fright Fest: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Dare to be scared with brain-busters, a movie, and snack!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, October 22, 5:00 p.m.

Patterned Leaves: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Investigate patterns made naturally by nature. Afterwards, chose a leaf shape that appeals to you, and fill it with funky designs.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, October 23, 4:00 p.m.

Zombigami: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. In honor of World Origami Day, hone your paper folding skills as we create delicately gruesome, zombie inspired paper projects.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.

Pumpkin, Pumpkin, Pumpkin: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate all things fall with an Autumn Festival. Share seasonal treats, make a spooky mask, and decorate a mini jack-o-lantern sure to ward off ghouls and goblins.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, October 29, 5:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford CT 06114
October 2013

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, October 1-30, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Spooky Time: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Let's enjoy some not-so-spooky stories with some spookier rhymes and finger plays. Make and take home some friendly ghosts.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, October 2 and 9, 10:00 a.m.

Fun with Legos: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Grades K and up. If you love Legos, design and build a fantastic creation with us! And you can check out Lego books with your library card.

Camp Field Branch, Friday, October 4, 11, 3:00 p.m.

Hydration Nation: Health (Camp Field)

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Camp Field Branch, Monday, October 7, 3:00 p.m.

Dictionary Day: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate *Dictionary Day* by reading the "Good Book"the Dictionary! We challenge you to learn some new words today.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, October 14, 3:30 p.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5. Please join us with adult friends. On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another. Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individuals welcome. Groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7443.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, October 16 and 23, 10:00 a.m.

Science Corner: Science (Camp Field)

Grades 3-5. Science projects are around the corner. Get ideas, tips, books, and practice by lifting ice with a string. It takes a secret ingredient — and a little old-fashioned chemistry.

Camp Field Branch, Friday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.

Musical Books: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, 'Musical Chairs' and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the fall!

Camp Field Branch, Monday, Oct. 21, 3:30 p.m.

Halloween Fun: Holiday Craft (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Halloween will certainly be fun when children design their own jack-o'-lanterns, make fighting masks, Halloween cats, spider webs, bats, and more. Build skeletons, play gruesome games, and read scary poems aloud.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, October 24, 3:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Dwight Branch
7 New Park Avenue
Hartford CT 06106
October 2013

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, Monday-Friday, October 1-31, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Youth Adult Community Service Opportunities: Life Skills (Dwight)

Teens only. The Dwight Branch Library is looking for young adults each month to read new teen novels and write a brief review which will be displayed in the Youth Adult area of the Library. When you finish the book, write a review and return it to the library. Upon receiving your review, you will earn a certificate for an half hour of community service. You can select books at any time throughout the year.
Dwight Branch, Monday-Friday, October 1-31, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pop-up Story Time Books: Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5. Not your average story time.... Enjoy great story time with pop-up story books and a fun activity. Groups must register by calling 860-695-7460.
Dwight Branch, Wednesday, October 2 and October 16, 10:00 a.m.

Discovery Word Bottles: Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 5 and up. Need help with learning your sight words or spelling words? Stop by the library and make a fun discovery word bottle. As fillers you can use rice, sand, elbow pasta, confetti, glitter, pom-poms, tissue paper pieces, etc. Make sure you have your words to place inside the discovery bottle.
Dwight Branch, Wednesday, October 2, 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, October 4, 11, 18, and 25, 3:30 p.m.

Peek-a-Boo with You Story time: Literacy (Dwight)

Infant-18 months. Join us for this Halloween celebration! We will sing silly songs, have some rhyming fun, and make a BOO-tiful craft! Afterwards we will have a costume parade around the library.
Dwight Branch, Wednesday, October 9 and 30, 10:00 a.m.

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Dwight Branch, Friday, October 18, 3:30 p.m.

Butterflies in the Sky: Nature (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Don't just learn about Monarch Butterflies...learn about the thousands of butterfly species throughout the world with research and a butterfly craft activity.

Dwight Branch, Monday, October 21, 3:30 p.m.

Apples, Apples, and more Apples: Literacy (Dwight)

All ages. Listen to the story *Our Apple Tree*, by Gorel Kristina Nashlund, write a poem about apples and enjoy a variety of apples for snack.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat Holiday: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

All ages. Beware! Sweet, sweet treats! Stop by the library for a fun afternoon of ghostly crafts and treats.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, October 31, 3:30 p.m.

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Goodwin Branch
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Glow Tees: Arts (Goodwin Branch)

Ages 12 and up. It's mystery month! Create a glow-in-the-dark T-shirt using one of our stencils or your own design. Please register in advance by calling 860-860-7480.

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, October 29, 3:30 p.m.

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Goodwin Branch, Thursday, October 24, 3:30 p.m.

Spooky Time: Early Literacy (Goodwin Branch)

Ages 5 and up. Let's enjoy some not-so-spooky stories with some spookier rhymes and finger plays. Make and take home some friendly ghosts.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, October 28, 10:00 a.m.

Sweet Tooth: Education (Goodwin Branch)

All ages welcome! Stop by the library for a treat to soothe your sweet tooth!

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, October 31, 3:30 p.m.

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

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.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.

Spooky Story Times: Early Literacy (Goodwin Branch)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Enjoy rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7480.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10:00 a.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Goodwin Branch)

Ages 3-5, please join us with adult friends. "On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another." Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7480.

Goodwin Branch, Monday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.

The Goodwin Branch Library's listen and learn center is available for children ages 3 and up Mondays through Saturdays. No registration is required. Please ask the Librarian for the AWE computer.

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Park Branch
744 Park Street
Hartford CT 06106
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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, October 1-31, 3:00 p.m.

I Spy: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy reading and searching for the clues in *I Spy* books by Walter Wick.

Park Branch, Tuesday, October 1, 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, Wednesday, October 2 and 23, 3:45 p.m.

Loteria: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy celebrating Hispanic Heritage month by playing a Mexican version of bingo.

Park Branch, Thursday, October 3, 3:45 p.m.

Gotcha! Movie Madness: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Family. ARGHHH! If scary movies are something you're into, then this is the place to be. Join us for an out of this world experience as we explore the most mysterious movies the library has to offer. Snacks will be provided.

Park Branch, Friday, October 4 and 18, 3:45 p.m.

Got to Get Out: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy doing seasonal paper mazes to stimulate your mind.

Park Branch, Monday, October 7, 3:45 p.m.

Yum! Yum! Cookie: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Cookie Month with *The Doorbell Rang* and *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* as well as math activities with treats.

Park Branch, Tuesday, October 8, 3:45 p.m.

Spooky Time: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 3-5. Let's enjoy some not-so-spooky stories with some spookier rhymes and finger plays. Make and take home some friendly ghosts.

Park Branch, Wednesday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.

Not So Scary: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 3-5. Let's enjoy some not-so-scary stories with a treat.

Park Branch, Wednesday, October 9, 3:45 p.m.

Musical Books: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, Musical Chairs, and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the Fall!

Park Branch, Thursday, October 10, 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, Friday, October 11 and 25, 3:30 p.m.

Go Searching: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy completing seasonal word searches.

Park Branch, Monday, October 14, 3:45 p.m.

Apples, Apples, and More Apples: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

All ages. Listen to the story on apples, write a poem about apples, and enjoy a variety of apples for snack.

Park Branch, Tuesday, October 15, 3:45 p.m.

Dictionary Day: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Dictionary Day by reading the "Good Book"...the Dictionary! We challenge you to learn some new words today.

Park Branch, Wednesday, October 16, 3:45 p.m.

Seek the Unknown: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 12 and up. Celebrate teen week with creating a glow in the dark T-shirt.

Park Branch, Thursday, October 17, 3:45 p.m.

Creative Colors: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy coloring a seasonal picture or create your very own.

Park Branch, Monday, October 21, 3:45 p.m.

Math Madness: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Have fun doing hands on math activities.

Park Branch, Tuesday, October 22, 3:45 p.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 3-5, please join us with adult friends. "On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another." Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time.

Park Branch, Wednesday, October 23, 10:00 a.m.

Masquerade: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy coloring your mask for the holiday.

Park Branch, Thursday, October 24, 3:45 p.m.

Puzzlemania: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 8 and up. Word puzzles, picture puzzles -- it's puzzlemania!

Park Branch, Monday, October 28, 3:45 p.m.

Hydration Nation: Health (Park Branch)

Ages 12 and up. Did you know that the human body is more than 60 percent water? Try a variety of refreshing infused waters and talk about their benefits.

Park Branch, Tuesday, October 29, 3:45 p.m.

A Pumpkin Harvest: Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Listen to pumpkin stories and make some unusually beautiful paper pumpkins to celebrate the fall season.

Park Branch, Wednesday, October 30, 3:45 p.m.

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Homework Club: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 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, October 1 to 31, 3:00 p.m.

Spooky Time: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5. Let's enjoy some not-so-spooky stories with some spookier rhymes and finger plays. Make and take home some friendly ghosts.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:00 a.m.

Dictionary Day: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Dictionary Day by reading the "Good Book"...the Dictionary! We challenge you to learn some new words today.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, October 2, 4:00 p.m.

Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz: The First Great Latin American Poet: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about one of the greatest poets and feminist writers of the 17th Century, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz. Learn about her life through key events, poems and images.

Ropkins Branch, Thursday, October 3, 4:00 p.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5, please join us with adult friends. "On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another." Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individuals welcome. Groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7522.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays, Oct 7, 21 and 28, 10:00 a.m.

"Prevent Kitchen Fires" for Fire Prevention Week: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. During this week, children will learn about fire safety. We can make sure that they know just what to do in the event of a home fire, knowledge that could very well save their lives. They will also get special visit from a Firefighter and a Fire truck!

Ropkins Branch, Monday to Friday, October 7 to 11, 4:00 p.m.

Seek the Unknown at Your Library: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 12-18. There was a murder at the library last Sunday when the library was closed! Katniss Everdeen was found clobbered to death by a book on the library rug. Was it the librarian? A patron? Or one of the other tributes? Read books during Teen Read Week or vote for the Top Ten Teen Books to collect clues to solve the murder.

Ropkins Branch, Monday-Friday, October 14-18, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

First Friends Play Group: Family Literacy (Ropkins)

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.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, October 16 and 30, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Hydration Nation: Health (Ropkins)

Ages 12 and up. Did you know that the human body is more than 60 percent water? Try a variety of refreshing infused waters and talk about their benefits.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, October 22, 4:00 p.m.

Musical Books: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, Musical Chairs, and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the Fall!

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, October 23, 4:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN FUN: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Halloween will certainly be fun when children design their own jack-o'-lanterns, make fighting masks, Halloween cats, spider webs, bats, and more. Build skeletons, play gruesome games, and read scary poems aloud.

Ropkins Branch, Thursday, October 31, 4:00 p.m.

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55 Forest Street
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Glee Tribute: Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 12 and up. Calling all Gleeeks! Join us to watch clips of Glee episodes featuring Cory Monteith as Finn Hudson while we await the Finn Tribute episode on Glee airing October 10th.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, October 3, 3:30 p.m.

Birthday Mystery: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a birthday celebration as we read *The Eleventh Hour* by Graeme Base and search throughout the library on a birthday scavenger hunt. Cake will be served!

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, October 4, 4:00 p.m.

Teen Lounge: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Bring your laptop, iPod, or cell and join us for a relaxed teen-only zone with snacks. No earphones required!

Mark Twain Branch, Fridays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 3:30 p.m.

STEAMers Club: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. STEAM is the new STEM! Join us for fun projects that combine creativity with science, technology, engineering and math that also support the new science standards.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, October 7, 21 and 28, 4:00 p.m.

Let the Wild Rumpus Begin: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5, please join us with adult friends. "On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another." Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individuals welcome. Groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7543.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.

Garbology: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Join us to talk about trash and learn how you can help make the world cleaner with your own trash.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, October 9 and 16, 4:00 p.m.

Manga Club: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Calling all manga fans! Join us for dramatic readings, conversation and fun activities while exploring Asian languages and cultures. Sign up to be a blogger on our Manga Club Tumblr.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, October 10, 4:00 p.m.

Seek the Unknown @ Your Library: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 12 and up. Join us as we celebrate Teen Read Week with out-of-this-world special effects for video, photos and music and join teens from all over the country to vote for the YALSA Top Ten Teen Books of 2013!

Mark Twain Branch, Monday-Thursday, October 14-17, 3:30 p.m.

Hartford Paint Out: Art (Mark Twain)

Ages 5 and up. Join us for an outdoor painting party to capture the places and faces we love most about Hartford. Watercolor canvas and paints provided!

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, October 23, 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Bones: Health (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for a fun holiday game and healthy snack to learn about foods that will keep your bones healthy and strong.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.