

### Downtown Library

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103

860.695.6330 [hplct.org](http://hplct.org)

M-Th 10-8, F & Sat 10-5, open Sundays in November 1-5

### Programs for All Ages

#### Family Yoga

Join us for a family yoga and mediation class to learn how to de-stress and get healthy as a family led by a West Hartford Yoga (WHY) instructor. Free giveaway for each family! *Sponsored by the Cigna Keep Hartford Healthy grant.*

**Saturday, October 1, 2:00-3:00**

#### “Mexico Antiguo” Mariachi Performance

Enjoy this fun performance and then learn all about being a musician in a mariachi band!

**Wednesday, October 5, 1:00-2:00**

#### Autumn Festival

Celebrate all things fall with autumnal stories, crafts and spooky treats!

**Thursday, October 20, 4:00-5:00**

#### Family Fort Night

Gather around our campfire to hear folk tales and learn about storytelling traditions. Build a blanket fort, enjoy some s'mores, and create your own stories!

**Tuesday, October 25, 5:30-6:30**

#### Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree

Gather together for a story time to celebrate Thanksgiving. Then work individually or as a family to create a unique decorative keepsake for your home.

**Wednesday, November 23, 3:00-4:00**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### Every Child Ready to Read Storytime

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, and sing songs.

**Every Friday, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 18, 11:00-12:00**

#### First Friends Play Group

Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books, and music while your child meets other children.

**Every Monday, 11:00-12:00**

#### Family in Motion

Join us as we swing and sway to some of our favorite children's music while learning school readiness skills. **Registration required: Call 860-695-6373.**

**Every Wednesday, September 7—November 16**

**\*Ages Birth-2 from 11:00-11:30**

**\*Ages 3-5 from 11:30-12:00**

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### Homework Club

Need a little help getting started with your assignments? Drop in after school for a snack and homework supplies to help you get going.

**Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-4:00**

#### Makey Makey

Create keyboards made from different materials like play-doh, fruits, and vegetables. Learn about electric circuits, energy and technology with this fun kit.

**Wednesday, October 5, 4:00-5:00**

#### Duck for President

Adults get to vote on Election Day for the next President of the United States. Now you get to decide whether you would vote for Farmer Brown or Duck to be the next President! We will read the story and then do some fun activities.

**Thursday, October 27, 4:00-5:00**

#### Make Your Own Monster

Let your imagination run wild and create your very own friendly monster! Check out books about spooky and silly monsters for further fun.

**Monday, October 31, 4:00-5:00**

#### Bouncy Ball Science

October 16-22 is National Chemistry Week. Learn all about the science of polymers and experiment with common chemicals to create your own bouncy ball!

**Thursday, November 4, 4:00-5:00**

#### Fantastic Beasts in the Library

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**Wednesday, Nov 9, 4:00-5:00**

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**Friday, November 18, 3:30-4:30**

#### Dramatizing Native American Folktales

Celebrate Native American Month at the Library. Read and act out folktales from various Native American cultures.

**Saturday, November 19, 2:30-3:30**

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**Friday, November 4 for staff training**

**Friday, November 11, for Veteran's Day**

**Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving**

### Albany Branch

1250 Albany Avenue Hartford, CT 06112

860.695.7380 [hplct.org](http://hplct.org)

M-Th 11-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat. and Sun.

### Programs for All Ages

#### **Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree**

Gather together for a story time to celebrate Thanksgiving. Then work individually or as a family to create a unique decorative keepsake for your home.

**Monday, November 21, 4:30-5:30**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### **Born to Read Storytime and Play Group**

Inspire, stimulate and create a love of reading in your child by visiting the library for developmentally appropriate stories, songs and finger plays. There will be bubbles and parachute games with time for socialization and play time afterwards. No registration is required.

**Wednesdays, Oct 5 & 19 and Nov 2, 16, & 30, 11:30-12:00**

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### **Homework Club**

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**Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30**

#### **International Music Day**

Join us for International Music Day! We will be celebrating by creating our own instruments out of recycled materials while we listen to music from around the world.

**Monday, October 3, 4:30-5:30**

#### **Charades!**

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**Friday, October 7, 3:30-4:30**

#### **Hip Hop Dance Lessons**

Learn how to hip hop with Studio 860.

**Fridays, Oct 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2:00-3:30**

#### **Glow Germs All Around**

Germs can be found on things that we use every day, but keeping our hands clean can help keep us healthy. Put your hand washing skills to the test with our cool "glow germs" and learn what you can do to stop those germs from making you sick.

**Monday, October 24, 4:30-5:30**

#### **Make Your Own Monster**

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**Monday, October 31, 4:30-5:30**

#### **Day of the Dead**

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**Tuesday, November 1, 4:30-5:30**

#### **Native American Heritage Month**

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**Thursday, November 3, 4:30-5:30, Wampum**

**Monday, November 7, 4:30-5:30, Corn Husk Dolls**

#### **Election Day**

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**Tuesday, November 8, 4:30-5:30**

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**Tuesday, November 15, 4:30-5:30**

#### **Mad Libs for Kids**

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**Monday, November 28, 4:30-5:30**

#### **All locations will be closed on:**

**Friday, November 4, for staff training**

**Friday, November 11, for Veteran's Day**

**Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving**

**Barbour Branch**  
261 Barbour St. Hartford, CT 06120  
860.695.7400 [hpclt.org](http://hpclt.org)  
M-Th 11-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat & Sun

### Programs for All Ages

#### **Autumn Festival**

Celebrate all things fall with autumnal stories, crafts and spooky treats!  
**Tuesday, November 22, 3:30-4:30**

#### **Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree**

Gather together for a story time to celebrate Thanksgiving. Then work individually or as a family to create a unique decorative keepsake for your home.  
**Wednesday, November 23, 3:30-4:30**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### **Bilingual Baby Storytime**

Enjoy simple rhymes, stories, vocabulary, counting, and songs in Spanish and English. The best time to start teaching your baby Spanish is now. No prior Spanish skills or Knowledge is required. Registration required call 860-695-7400.

**Wednesday, October 5 & November 16, 4:00-4:30**

#### **Fire Fighter Storytime**

Celebrate fire prevention week with books, activities, fingerplays and a craft program.

**Wednesday, October 12, 4:00-4:30**

#### **Basic Art Skills**

Parent/child learn how to use glue, scissors, paintbrushes, crayons and more while they develop fine motor skills and prepare for the future art classes. Work together with your little one as they experiment with basic art supplies and tools while creating art. One adult can register with up to two children. Registration required call 860-695-7400.

**Wednesday, October 19, 4:00-4:30**

#### **Early Childhood Music**

Program activity includes singing and chanting, moving to music with scarves, parachutes, balls, and playing assorted percussion instruments.

**Wednesday, November 2, 4:00-4:30**

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

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**Mondays-Thursdays, 5:00-6:00**

#### **Drive the Magnet Car**

Everyone loves playing with magnets! Now is your chance to "drive" a car without touching it. Explore the power of different types of magnets.

**Monday, October 3, 3:30-4:30**

#### **Abstract Art Exploration**

Learn about abstract artist Frank Stella, whose artwork is on display at the Wadsworth. Find out all about his abstract, minimalist style and then create your own masterpiece to take home.

**Thursday, October 6, 3:30-4:30**

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#### **Fun with Fractions—Double the Bubbles**

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**Thursday, October 27, 3:30-4:30**

#### **Paper Shapers Origami**

Explore the ancient art of origami. Participants will create an easy origami project each week as they develop their listening and folding skills.

**Tuesday, November 1, 3:30-4:30**

#### **Measure Up: Fun with Math**

How many cubits tall are you? What is a cubit? Find out in this program using fun measuring tools.

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**Monday, November 14, 3:30-4:30**

#### **Diary DIY**

September 23 is Dear Diary Day! This is a day to celebrate that one place where it is safe to pour all your secrets, wishes, hopes and dreams. Your diary will always keep your secrets. Join us at the library to make your own diary and write your first entry.

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**Wednesday, November 30, 3:30-4:30**

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**Camp Field Branch**  
30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114  
860.695.440 hplct.org  
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### Programs for All Ages

#### **Back to School with School Choice**

Welcome the new school year with fun activities to learn about library resources and get information about the School Choice process. Sign up or renew your library card, explore the library, enjoy some refreshments, and enter our raffle for a Kindle fire!

**Thursday, October 13, 3:00-5:00**

#### **Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree**

Gather together for a story time to celebrate Thanksgiving. Then work individually or as a family to create a unique decorative keepsake for your home.

**Monday, November 14, 4:00-5:00**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### **Groovy Buttons**

"My buttons, my buttons, my four groovy buttons!" Enjoy listening to Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin. Afterward, play a button game.

**Thursday, October 6, 10:30-11:30**

#### **Baby Time**

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

**Thursday, October 13, 10:00-11:00 & Monday, October 24, 10:30-11:30**

#### **Story Time Treats**

Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's picture books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7440.

**Thursday, November 10, 10:00-11:00**

#### **Harvest Story Time**

Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, finger plays, book-based activities, and - as always - the best in children's books! Individuals welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7443

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**Wednesday, October 5, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Positive Thinking Day**

Come to the library to learn about the power of positive thinking! Discover new ways to keep your stress level in check and create a calming craft to bring home.

**Wednesday, October 12, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Fabulous Fingerprint Art**

Who knew you had a work of art right at your fingertips? Create funny animals with just your fingers, ink, and some doodles and dots. Inspired by Ed Emberley's Great Thumbprint Drawing Book.

**Thursday, October 20, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Hip Hop Dance Lessons**

Learn how to hip hop with Studio 860.

**Tues, Oct. 25 & Nov 1, Thurs Oct 27 & Nov 3, 4:00-5:30**

#### **Paper Shapers Origami Club**

Join a paper crafting program exclusively for children ages 6-12. This month we will explore the ancient art of origami. Participants will create an easy origami project each week as they develop their listening and folding skills.

**Wednesday, October 26, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Yarn Week**

Teens and youth learn to knit and crochet! Bring some yarn, and we will supply the tools and expertise needed.

**Thursday, November 3, 4:00-5:00**

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**Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving**

**Dwight Branch**  
7 New Park Ave. Hartford CT 06106  
860.695.7460 [hpict.org](http://hpict.org)

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#### **Autumn Festival**

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**Friday, October 28, 3:30-4:30**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### **Fall Frolic Storytime**

Join us as we read stories and sing songs about this fantastically fun season. After, create a festive craft to take home with you.

**Wednesday, October 12, 11:00-11:45**

#### **Spooky Storytime**

Come on over to the library to hear spooky stories and make a creepy craft to take home with you!

**Wednesday, October 26, 11:00-11:45**

#### **City Kids Story time**

We're so lucky to live in the beautiful city of Hartford, so we're going to sing some songs and tell some stories about city living!

**Wednesday, November 2, 11:00-11:45**

#### **Turkey-tastic Storytime**

Have a gobbly-good time as we listen to silly songs and stories about turkeys and make a craft to take home before the holiday.

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#### **Celebrate Fire Prevention Month**

Learn more about firefighters and how to keep your home safe from our special guests from the Fire Department.

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#### **The Art and Science of Leaf Rubbings**

Explore autumn in New England with a story time and craft that combines science and art. Find out why leaves change color in the fall and learn to identify the parts of a leaf. Participants will then create a unique art piece that they get to take home.

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**Goodwin Branch**  
460 New Britain Ave. Hartford CT 06106  
860.695.7480 hpct.org  
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### Programs for All Ages

#### **School Choice Application Assistance**

Do you need help completing the School Choice application? Our school choice coordinator, Lauren Thompson, will be here to help answer any questions you have to ensure your child's application is ready to go!

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#### **Build It Big Storytime**

Ages 3-5. Join us for creative fun with stories all about building things! Then, bring your bright ideas to our activity center to design and build your own invention from different household materials. Will it be a building, a bridge, a boat? It's your choice!

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#### **Every Child Ready to Read Storytime**

Ages 3-5. 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, and sing songs.

**Wednesday, October 26, 10:00-11:00**

#### **Happy Piggy Day**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregivers. Join us for a very piggy storytime featuring the Elephant & Piggy books by Mo Willems! We'll sing silly songs and make our own Elephant & Piggie puppets to play pretend at home!

**Wednesday, November 9, 10:00-11:00**

#### **Market Day**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregivers. The library market is open filled with fruits, breads, vegetables and cheese! Join us for stories and songs about going food shopping and create your own market book.

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#### **Phenomenal Fractals**

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#### **Dale Chihuly: Macchia Bowls**

Create a faux glass art piece inspired by the work of the artist Dale Chihuly. A series begun in 1981, Macchia are organic, pleated glass bowls named after the Italian word for spotted. Learn all about this artist then make a project of your own to take home.

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#### **Global Jeopardy**

Wander the world with a game of Jeopardy. Test your knowledge of people, places, and times. Gain pertinent information about the world around us. Learn about different people and cultures, as well as historical and current events that shape our world. Learn to see the world from different perspectives.

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**Friday, November 4, for staff training**

**Friday, November 11, for Veteran's Day**

**Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving**

**Goodwin Branch**

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M-Th 11-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat. and Sun.

**City Beautiful: Hartford**

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena is the award-winning story of a child discovering the beauty around his city. Join us to discover this story and adapt it to our own neighborhoods in Hartford to make a community neighborhood collage!

**Wednesday, November 2, 4:30-5:30**

**Election Day**

With the Presidential election approaching, your local library is hosting an election of our own. What issues are important to you? Create a campaign of your own and convince your peers that YOU are the one for the job!

**Thursday, November 3, 4:30-5:30**

**Fantastic Beasts in the Library**

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**Tuesday, Nov 8, 4:30-5:30**

**Measure Up: Fun with Math**

How many cubits tall are you? What is a cubit? Find out in this program using fun measuring tools.

**Wednesday, November 9, 4:30-5:30**

**Native American Heritage Month**

Celebrate Native American History Month at your library with DIY crafts and projects. Explore traditions of the pre-Columbian Native people in New England. Day 1, hear the legend of the corn husk doll and then construct your own doll. Day 2, Explore the true meaning of the wampum belt and design one that tells your personal story.

**Thursday, November 10 & 17, 4:30-5:30**

**Glow Germs All Around**

Germs can be found on things that we use every day, but keeping our hands clean can help keep us healthy. Put your hand washing skills to the test with our cool "glow germs" and learn what you can do to stop those germs from making you sick.

**Monday, November 14, 4:30-5:30**

**Groovy Buttons**

"My buttons, my buttons, my four groovy buttons!" Enjoy listening to Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin. Afterward, play a button game.

**Wednesday, November 16, 4:30-5:30**



### Park Branch

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### Programs for All Ages

#### Back to School with School Choice

Welcome the new school year with fun activities to learn about library resources and get information about the School Choice process. Sign up or renew your library card, explore the library, enjoy some refreshments, and enter our raffle for a Kindle fire!

**Tuesday, October 4, 8:30-10:30**

#### Autumn Festival

Celebrate all things fall with autumnal stories, crafts and spooky treats!

**Thursday, October 27, 4:00-5:00**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### STEM Story Time: Shapes

Age 3-5. Shape stories and games are part of this STEM story time. Make a pretty shape book to take home.

**Wednesday, October 12, 10:00-11:00**

#### Spooky Storytime

Come on over to the library to hear spooky stories and make a creepy craft to take home with you!

**Wednesday, October 26, 10:00-11:00**

#### STEM Storytime: Same and Different

Age 3-5. Let's talk about what's same and what's different about the animals in our selected books with beautiful pictures. Play match the animal part game.

**Tuesday, November 8, 10:00-11:00**

#### Stories of Nancy Tafuri

Ages 3-5. This is a special story time with a collection of Nancy Tafuri's beautiful picture books. Enjoy stories, songs and paint a picture.

**Tuesday, November 22, 10:00-11:00**

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### Homework Club

Need a little help getting started with your assignments? Drop in after school for a snack and homework supplies to help you get going.

**Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-4:00**

#### Hispanic Heritage Month

During Latin/Hispanic Heritage Month stop by the library to learn about Latin American history and culture through stories and a coloring book that includes various Latin American leaders.

**Thursday, October 6, 4:00-5:00**

#### Bouncy Ball Science

October 16-22 is National Chemistry Week. Learn all about the science of polymers and experiment with common chemicals to create your own bouncy ball!

**Thursday, October 13, 4:00-5:00**

#### Makey Makey

Create keyboards made from different materials like play-doh, fruits, and vegetables. Learn about electric circuits, energy and technology with this fun kit.

**Wednesday, October 19, 3:30-4:30**

#### Make Your Own Monster

Let your imagination run wild and create your very own friendly monster! Check out books about spooky and silly monsters for further fun.

**Thursday, October 20, 4:00-5:00**

#### Positive Thinking Day

Come to the library to learn about the power of positive thinking! Discover new ways to keep your stress level in check and create a calming craft to bring home.

**Thursday, November 3, 4:00-5:00**

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**Thursday, Nov 10, 4:30-5:30**

#### Native American History with the Mohegan Tribe

Learn about the Mohegan tribe in this interactive presentation. Activities will include a Tribal Welcome Ceremony, woodland flute performance, artifact exhibits, storytelling, Mohegan Tribe history lecture, and interactive Tribal dance. Q & A to follow.

**Thursday, November 17, 3:30-4:30**

#### Fibonacci Fun

Discover the mysterious math patterns in fruits and flowers. Figure out the Fibonacci sequence by following a simple format.

**Tuesday, November 22, 4:30-5:30**

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**Friday, November 11, for Veteran's Day**

**Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving**

### Ropkins Branch

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### Programs for All Ages

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**Tuesday, October 4, 3:00-5:00**

#### **Autumn Festival**

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**Thursday, October 27, 4:15-5:15**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### **The Art of Leaf Rubbing**

Enjoy stories, songs and finger plays of leaves and then create a leaf rubbing picture to take home.

**Wednesday, October 5, 19, & 26, 10:00-11:00**

#### **Thanksgiving Gratitude Tree**

Gather together for a story time to celebrate Thanksgiving. Then work individually or as a family to create a unique decorative keepsake for your home.

**Wednesday, November 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:00-11:00**

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### **Homework Club**

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**Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-5:00**

#### **Art of Mexico**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the art of Mexico! Join us for a colorful arts program inspired by the Huichol Indians of Mexico, and learn to make yarn art.

**Thursday, October 6, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Hip Hop Dance Lessons**

Learn how to hip hop with Studio 860.

**Mon & Wed, Oct 10, 12, 17, & 19, 4:00-5:30**

#### **Duck for President**

Adults get to vote on Election Day for the next President of the United States. Now you get to decide whether you would vote for Farmer Brown or Duck to be the next President! We will read the story and then do some fun activities.

**Thursday, October 13, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Bouncy Ball Science**

October 16-22 is National Chemistry Week. Learn all about the science of polymers and experiment with common chemicals to create your own bouncy ball!

**Thursday, October 20, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Spoken Word Workshops with Iron Poets**

**Monday, Oct. 24 and Wednesday, Oct. 26, 4:00-5:30**

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**Wednesday, Nov 9, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Fabulous Fingerprint Art**

Who knew you had a work of art right at your fingertips? Create funny animals with just your fingers, ink, and some doodles and dots. Inspired by Ed Emberley's *Great Thumbprint Drawing Book*.

**Thursday, November 17, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Glow Germs All Around**

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**Monday, November 21, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Makey Makey**

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**Monday, November 28, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Native American History with the Mohegan Tribe**

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**Wednesday, November 30, 3:30-4:30**

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**Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving**