

### Downtown Library

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103  
860.695.6330 [hplct.org](http://hplct.org)  
M-Th 10-8, F & Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5

### Programs for All Ages

#### Family Holiday Concert

Join Sam Pasco and his band for a musical celebration of the holiday season!

**Downtown Library Atrium—Wednesday, December 14, 12:00**

#### Kwanzaa Celebration

Join us for a unique celebration of family, community and culture. Featuring Sankofa Kuumba Cultural Arts: Kwanzaa Ceremony, Master Drummer Inara Ramin and Piragramac Cultural Arts: African Drumming and Dance, RapOet Khaiim Kelly (Self-Suffice): Open Mic, Jacki Bright: African Jewelry Workshop, Soul Food Dinner, and more for your family to enjoy!

**Thursday, December 29, 12:00-5:00**

### 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 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.

**Mondays, Dec 5 & 19 and Jan 9, 23, 30, 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 or email [rbusgith@hplct.org](mailto:rbusgith@hplct.org)

**Wednesday, December 7, 11:00-12:00**

#### Gingerbread Fun

Ages 3-5. "Run, run, run as fast as you can..." Listen to the story of the Gingerbread Man and then visit our gingerbread stations for more fun.

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

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### Homework Club

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

#### Stone Soup

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**Thursday, December 1, 4:00-5:00**

#### Read with Gizmo

Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring him/her every first and third Saturday to meet Gizmo and her handler Jen. Call 860-695-6330 for an appointment time between 12:30-2:00 or just drop in for a session.

**Saturdays, Dec 3, 17 and Jan 7 & 21, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

#### Let's Get Coding

Celebrate the Hour of Code this December by visiting your local library and learning to computer program like the best of them! Choose one of the many fun programs and see if you can complete all of the levels.

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#### 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.

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#### Festive Paper Stars

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**Wednesday, December 28, 3:00-4:00**

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**Every Tuesday in January, 5:30-6:30**

#### Your Elastic Brain

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**Saturday, January 14, 2:30-3:30**

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## Programs for Children and Families

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#### **Chinese New Year**

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Join us for traditional Chinese folklore, a movie, and create your own coin tree to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The coin tree is a popular Chinese ornament believed to bring good luck and prosperity.

**Wednesday, January 25, 6:00-7:00**

#### **Paper Plate Puzzles for National Puzzle Day**

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**Friday, January 27, 3:00-4:00**

### Programs for Parents

#### **Mind in the Making Workshop—Taking on Challenges**

Taking on Challenges is an essential Life Skill that children need to take on the stresses and challenges of life, instead of avoiding them or simply coping with them. Learn about it in this workshop.

**Saturday, December 3, 1:00-3:00**

**Albany Branch**  
1250 Albany Avenue Hartford, CT 06112  
860.695.7380 [hpplct.org](http://hpplct.org)  
M-Th 11-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat. and Sun.

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

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

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#### **Oh SNAP!**

You are what you eat and nutritious food will keep you healthy & happy for life! From the SNAP-ed program at UCONN comes Krissy Anderson to help you make healthy choices. And, of course, there's free food!

**Monday, January 23 & 30, 4:30-5:30**

#### **Pointillism Poinsettias**

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**Barbour Branch**

261 Barbour St. Hartford, CT 06120  
860.695.7400 hplct.org  
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**Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5**

**The Grinch**

Listen to the story of How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss and make your own Grinch to take home.

**Wednesday, December 7, 4:00-5:00**

**The Polar Express Storytime**

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the beloved book at the library. Enjoy seasonal stories and make a Believe bell ornament. Your child is welcomed to wear his/her pajamas for the occasion.

**Monday, December 19, 4:00-5:00**

**Early Childhood Music**

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

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**HPL Graphic Novel Studio**

Join us as we go on a virtual visit to the art studio of Jarrett Krosoczka, author/illustrator of the Lunch Lady series. Learn techniques to create and illustrate your own graphic novel!

**Monday, Jan 9, 4:00-5:00 and Friday, Jan 13, 3:30-4:30**

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#### Blue Hills Branch

649 Blue Hills Ave. 06112

860.695.7420 hplct.org

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#### Programs for All Ages

##### **Bending Gravity with Eric Girardi and School Application Assistance**

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**Tuesday, January 24, 3:00-5:30**

#### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

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**Thursdays, Dec 1 & 15 and Jan 12 & 26, 11:30-12:00**

#### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

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**Thursday, December 1, 4:30-5:30**

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##### **You're So Random**

Random Acts of Kindness week is the perfect opportunity to showcase your authentic, if slightly strange, generosity. Make someone's day better with a Random Act of Kindness!

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**Camp Field Branch**  
30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114  
860.695.440 hplct.org  
M-Th 11-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat. and Sun.

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

#### **Rhyme Time**

Stories, songs, puppets, poems, and action for little children and their caregivers, Individual families are welcome without registration.

**Wednesday, December 7 & Monday, December 12, 10:00-11:00**

#### **Winter Wonderland**

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.

**Wednesday, December 21 & December 28, 1:00-2:00**

#### **Snowballs**

Ages: 3-5. Explore Lois Ehlert's delightful story, Snowballs and make your own snowman afterwards.

**Wednesday, January 4 & January 25, 10:00-11:00**

#### **Storytime**

Ages: 3- 5 Rhymes, stories, songs, finger plays and more. Individual families welcome without registration: group, please register in advance. by calling 860-695-7443

**Thursday, January 5 & 26, 1:00-2:00**

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#### **Basic Crochet Club**

Learn the basics of Crochet as well as how to read written crochet instructions in the series of lessons. Make your own scarf or hat. Materials are provided.

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#### **Winter Wonderland Storytime**

What do sleepy bears, snowy owls, and curious foxes do during the winter? Come listen to stories at the library and find out!

**Wednesday, December 7, 11:00-11:45**

#### **Let It Snow Storytime**

The weather outside may be frightful, but inside the library is so delightful! Cozy up and join us for a story time about all the things we love about the winter.

**Wednesday, December 21, 11:00-11:45**

#### **City Kids Storytime**

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!

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#### **Winter Wonderland Storytime**

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#### **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.

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#### **Presidential Inauguration 2017**

On January 20th, President Trump will be sworn into office. Come to the library to watch coverage of this historic event and learn how the new president's policies will affect your life.

**Friday, January 20, 3:30-4:30**

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**Thursday, January 26, 4:00-5:00**

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**Monday, January 30, 4:00-5:00**

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**Sat, Dec 24, Sun Dec 25, & Mon Dec 26 for Christmas**

**Sun, Jan 1 & Mon, Jan 2 for New Year's**

**Monday, Jan 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

### Goodwin Branch

460 New Britain Ave. Hartford CT 06106  
860.695.7480 [hplct.org](http://hplct.org)  
M-Th 11-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat. and Sun.

### Programs for All Ages

#### Bending Gravity with Eric Girardi and School Application Assistance

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**Monday, January 30, 3:00-5:30**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

#### 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.

**Friday, December 9 & January 6, 10:00-11:00**

#### The Mitten Tree

Come in from the cold and get creative! Join us for cozy winter stories and help decorate our paper library tree with mittens made from recycled materials.

**Wednesday, December 14, 10:00-11:00**

#### Little Lego Club

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregivers. Join us for creative fun with stories all about building things! Then, bring your bright ideas to our play area to design and build animals, people, places and things with Legos.

**Wednesdays, January 4 & 11, 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, 3:00-5:30**

#### Let's Get Coding

Celebrate the Hour of Code this December by visiting your local library and learning to computer program like the best of them! Choose one of the many fun programs and see if you can complete all of the levels.

**Monday, December 5, 4:30-5:30**

#### Gingerbread House Contest

Do you have what it takes to create a Gingerbread Masterpiece? Team up to see what amazing structure you can make during this fun program.

**Monday, December 12, 4:30-5:30**

#### Sensational Stargazing

Have you ever looked up into the night sky and wondered what on Earth is going on up there? Wonder no more! During this program we will explore space and time, learning about the various planets and constellations and the intriguing mythology behind their names.

**Wednesday, December 14, 4:30-5:30**

#### Pointillism Poinsettias

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**Monday, December 19, 4:30-5:30**

#### Winter Solstice Celebration

The winter solstice may be the shortest day of the year, but there is plenty of light to be found at the library! Come learn about this unique day of the year and celebrate the arrival of longer days by making your very own bit of sunshine to take home with you.

**Thursday, December 22, 4:30-5:30**

#### Kwanzaa Celebration: Weave a Mkeka

At Kwanzaa families and friends gather to celebrate family ties, remember ancestors, support community and give thanks for the good things in life. All Kwanzaa symbols are traditionally placed on the mkeka, a woven straw mat that represents reverence for tradition. You are invited to the library to weave a paper mkeka for use in your home.

**Wednesday, December 28, 2:00-3:00**

#### If I Were a Time Traveler...

Where would you go? What would you do? Would it be in the past, present, or maybe even the future? Look through nonfiction texts at the library about different time periods & civilizations then let your imagination take over.

**Thursday, December 29, 2:00-3:00**

#### Paint a Winter Scene

It's cold out there, come into the library and paint a winter scene like a master painter!

**Wednesday, January 4, 4:30-5:30**

#### Gravity Science

Ever wonder what you might weigh on Mars or the Moon? Join other young physicists at the Library to explore this concept.

**Thursday, January 5, 4:30-5:30**

#### Tower Bucket Challenge

Calling all junior engineers! Can you build a tower out of straws that hold a bucket full of pennies? Come and try using our cool Strawbees.

**Monday, January 9, 4:30-5:30**

#### Brainiacs!

Your brain controls everything your body can do from walking to talking to solving puzzles! Get to know the different parts of your brain with fun facts then create your own brain hat to take home!

**Monday, January 23, 4:30-5:30**

#### Your Elastic Brain

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**Wednesday, January 25, 4:30-5:30**

#### Chinese New Year

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Join us for traditional Chinese folklore, a movie, and create your own coin tree to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The coin tree is a popular Chinese ornament believed to bring good luck and prosperity.

**Thursday, January 26, 4:30-5:30**

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**Sun, Jan 1 & Mon, Jan 2 for New Year's**

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### Park Branch

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

### Programs for All Ages

#### School Choice Application Assistance

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**Tuesday, January 24, 9:00-11:00**

### Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

#### Gingerbread Fun

"Run, run, run as fast as you can..." Listen to the story of the Gingerbread Man and then visit our gingerbread stations for more fun.

**Tuesday, December 6, 10:00-11:00**

#### Holiday Stories

Enjoy Holiday themed stories, finger plays and paint a winter scene.

**Tuesday, December 20, 10:00-11:00**

#### Snowy Season Storytime

Celebrate winter with picture books, songs and movement. Create a snowflake craft to take home

**Tuesday, January 10, 10:00-11:00**

#### Eric Carle Storytime

Listen to stories by Eric Carle, learn some rhymes and make a caterpillar craft.

**Tuesday, January 31, 10:00-11:00**

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### Homework Club

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**Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-4:30**

#### Mix-in-Math: So Long

How are your estimation skills? Put them to the test with this fun math program.

**Thursday, December 1, 4:30-5:30**

#### Sweet Celebrations

Learn about the different ways people celebrate special days in their cultures with special activities and special foods. Make no bake cookies to celebrate the season.

**Wednesday, December 7, 2:00-3:00**

#### Gingerbread House Contest

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**Wednesday, December 21, 2:00-3:00**

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**Wednesday, January 11, 2:00-3:00**

#### Paint Like Pollock

Learn all about modern artist Jackson Pollock and his style of action drip painting. They try your hand at making your own Pollock-inspired work of art!

**Wednesday, January 18, 2:00-3:00**

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**Monday, January 23, 3:30-4:30**

#### Chinese New Year

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**Wednesday, January 25, 1:00-2:00**

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### **Ropkins Branch**

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### Programs for All Ages

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**Wednesdays, December 7, 14, & 21, 10:00 and 10:30**

#### **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**

Enjoy a bear story, song, and craft.

**Wednesdays, January 11, 18, & 25, 10:00 and 10:30**

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### **Homework Club**

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

#### **Legos in the Library**

We have Legos and a challenge for you. What will you create? Do you have what it takes to be a master builder?

**Thursday, December 1, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Stone Soup**

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**Thursday, December 8, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Fly Your Freak Flag**

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**Thursday, December 15, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Pointillism Poinsettias**

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**Thursday, December 22, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Three Kings' Day**

Learn all about Dia de los Reyes, a holiday traditionally celebrated in the Hispanic community. Listen to a Three King's story and create your own crown to take home.

**Thursday, January 5, 4:15-5:15**

#### **Aerodynamics of Paper Airplanes**

What's that in the sky? It's a paper airplane! Make a perfect paper airplane by learning about elements that help to fly it.

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