September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month
Get a new card or check out a book to be entered in a raffle to win a Kindle Fire. All branches, all month

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
Drop In Any Time (all ages)

Week of 9/2
Make Your Own Monster
Make a friendly, silly or spooky monster. Albany

Washi Tape Fun
Use colorful Washi tape to make your own bookmark! Camp Field

Build With Strawbees
What can you build with straws and plastic connectors? Dwight

Cool Coloring
Back to School. Albany

Week of 9/9
Washi Tape Fun
Use colorful Washi tape to make your own bookmark! Barbour

International Dot Day
Make your mark and see where it takes you! Albany, Downtown, Dwight, Park, Ropkins

Cool Coloring
Hartford’s Sister City Ocotal, Nicaragua. Albany

Week of 9/16
Hispanic Heritage Month
Learn about our Nicaraguan Sister City, Ocotal! Camp Field, Park, Ropkins

Washi Tape Fun
Use colorful Washi tape to make a bookmark! Downtown

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? Barbour

Cool Coloring
Pura Belpre. Albany

A Bracelet for All Seasons
Paracord Bracelets are used as survival tools besides being a fashion accessory. Dwight

Week of 9/23
Hispanic Heritage Month
Learn about our Nicaraguan Sister City, Ocotal! Barbour, Downtown

Banned Bookshelf
Banned Books Abound at HPL, read one and let us know if you would ban it! Albany, Camp Field, Dwight, Park, Ropkins

Cool Coloring
Fall, Albany

Amazing Autumn Craft-Stravaganza!
Celebrate the season with cool crafts! Park

Week of 9/30
Hispanic Heritage Month
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Celebrate the season with cool crafts! Barbour, Camp Field

Loom It Up!
Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain. Park, Ropkins

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Cool Coloring
Hartford Athletic/Soccer, Albany

Leap Into Learning
Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver
Every Child Ready to Read Story Time
The five practices of the Every Child Ready to Read initiative are talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.
Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown
Wed | 10-10:30 | Camp Field
Tues & Thur | 10-10:30 & 10:30-11 | Ropkins
Thur | 10 - 10:45 | Park

Sensational Sensory Wednesdays
Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity. Wed | 11-12 | Downtown

Orbeez: A Sensory Blast
Experiment with Orbeez, tiny beads that grow into squishy, bouncy balls. Tues | Sept. 3 | 3-5 | Barbour

Storytime in the Park
Join us for stories and songs at Bushnell Park near the carousel! Mon | September 16 | 11-12 | Bushnell Park
**STEM Fun!**

**3D Printer Exploration**
Learn all about 3D printing and print something special.
*Tues | Sept 3 & 17 | 5-6:30 | Downtown*
*Thur | Sept 5 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field*

**STEAM Wednesdays**
Join us for hands on activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math!
*Sept 4: Ozobots | Sept 11: Time for Slime | Sept 18: Crazy 8s Club*
*Wed | 4-5 | Downtown*

**Ozobots**
Come learn all about coding by playing with our fun Ozobots!
*Tues | Sept 3 | 4:30-5 | Dwight*

**Time for Slime**
Make your own batch of slime!
*Wed | Sept 4 | 3-4 | Albany*

**Magnet Power**
Investigate, explore, and learn all about the science of magnetism.
*Thur | Sept 5 | 4-5 | Park*

**Imagine and Build with Legos**
We have the legos, bring your imagination!
*Thur | Sept 5 | 4-5 | Albany*

**Beebots**
Come learn all about coding by playing with our fun BeeBots!
*Wed | Sept 11 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field*

**Borax Crystals Part 1 & 2**
Let make our own crystals! 2 visits needed to create crystals together.
*Tues & Thur | Sept 24 & 26 | 4-5 | Downtown*

**Geology: Volcanos!**
Experiment with “lava” of different thicknesses to solve a mystery.
*Thur | Sept 26 | 5:30-6:30 | Downtown*

**Banned Books Week Bingo**
Learn about different books that have been banned from schools and libraries over the years and celebrate your right to read by playing an informative game of Banned Book Bingo.
*Thur | Sept 26 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins*

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**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!**

**Who Was Pura Belpre?**
Come and learn about the first Latina Librarian in the New York Public Library system, and Storyteller, Pura Belpre to help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!
*Wed | Sept 18 | 3-4 | Albany*
*Thur | Sept 19 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field, Ropkins & 4-5 | Park*

**Ojo de Dios**
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating this traditional Mexican craft.
*Sat | Sept 21 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown*
*Wed | Sept 25 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field*

**Get Creative!**

**3D Purple Yarn Art**
Create a purple yarn art inspired by Harold and the Purple Crayon.
*Wed | Sept 4 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field*
*Thur | Sept 24 | 3:30-4:30 | Albany*

**Mask Making**
Join us to sew and decorate a felt mask perfect for wearing!
*Tues | Sept 24 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight*

**Mess Around with Playdoh**
Join us for Playdoh fun!
*Thur | Sept 12, 26 | 4-5 | Albany*

**Superhero Watercolors**
Paint your favorite superheroes!
*Thur | Sept 19 | 4-5 | Albany, Children’s Room*

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**Orbeez: A Sensory Blast!**
Orbeez are tiny beads that grow into squishy, bouncy balls when soaked in water. Anyone who like slime will love Orbeez. Come experiment with us and enjoy a new sensory experience!
*Wed | Sept 25 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins*

**The Big Read Snack & Chat:**
**George by Alex Gino**
Like George, have you ever experienced a time when you felt unseen or like no one understood you? Join other kids in our musical card discussion game and participate in other activities based on the book, George, by Alex Gino.
*Mon | Sept 9 | 3-4 | Barbour*
*Tues | Sept 17 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight*
*Thur | Sept 26 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field*

**Hooks and Needles Yarn Club**
Whether you’re a new or experienced crafter, join us to knit and crochet together!
*Thur | Sept 5, 19 | 1-3 | Downtown*

**Homework Help**
Get help with your homework and reading at the library!
*Mon-Fri | 3-4 | Camp Field*
*Mon-Fri | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight*
*Mon-Fri | 3-4 | Park*
*Mon, Wed, Thur | 3:30-5 | Ropkins*
*Tues | 2-3:30 | Ropkins*

**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.
*Thur | Sept 26 | 4-5 | Park*

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**Other Events**

**Celebrate International Dot Day!**
Celebrate International Dot Day with us – honoring the book The Dot by Peter Reynolds and the power of creativity. Make your mark and see where it takes you!
*Tues | Sept 10 | 4:30-5 | Dwight*
*Thur | Sept 12 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins*
*Sat | Sept 14 | 2-3 | Downtown*
*Wed | Sept 18 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field*