

# HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## SEPTEMBER: CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### 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

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##### 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*

# SEPTEMBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: AGES 6-12

## 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*

## 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*

## 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*

### 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*

