

**Downtown Library**

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103  
860.695.6330 hplct.org  
M-Th 9:30-8, F & Sat 9:30-5, Sundays 1-5

**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.  
Every Monday, January 8th—February 26th, 11:00-12:00

**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, January 5th—February 23rd, 11:00-12:00

**Sensational Sensory Wednesdays**

Interactive play time for children. Each week children will enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.  
Every Wednesday 11:00-12:00

**Tots and Tunes**

A group for little ones to come together and experience movement and music with songs, finger plays, musical instruments and more.  
Every Wednesday 12:00-12:30

**Snowflake Storytime**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to celebrate winter with great winter stories, rhymes, songs and a snowflake craft!  
Tues, February, 6th & 13th 10:00-11:00

**Triple P Parenting Storytime**

A special family storytime designed to provide parenting support for families.  
Tues, Feb, 20th & 27th, 10:00-11:00

**Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime**

**Celebrate Black History Month**

Celebrate Black History Month in February. Learn about the African American heritage, notable figures, culture, art, and music using library resources and create a paper quilt to display.  
Monday, January 29th—Monday, February 26th, 3:00-5:00

**The Duckling Gets a Cookie - Celebrate Mo Willems Birthday**

Celebrate Mo Willems' birthday with a reading of *The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?*, play an interactive game, and check out other Mo Willems books.  
Tuesday, February 13th, 5:00—6:00

**Programs for Students Ages 6-12**

**Paper Shapers Club: Easy Origami**

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.  
Mon. Feb 19th—26th, 4:30-5:30

**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, 3:30-4:30

**Read with Gizmo**

Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring him/her every first and third Saturday to meet Gizmo (our specially trained Paws for Friendship Therapy Dog) and her handler Jen. Call 860-695-6330 for an appointment time between 12:30-2:00 or just drop in for a session.  
Sat, Feb 3rd & 17th 12:30-2:00

**S.T.E.M. PlayTime: The E in Engineering**

Come hang out and Play! We will have several types of building blocks to play with.  
Wed, Jan 3rd—Feb 28th, 4:00-5:30

**Wiggle-Bots**

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot! This is a real engineering project! Can you make it dance in circles, or maybe draw?  
Thurs, Feb 1st—Sat, Feb 3rd, 3:30-4:30

**Take Your Child to the Library Day**

**Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with a library tour and activities at your local library branch!**

**Saturday, February 3rd, 10:00-3:00**

***Special Story Faces program at 2:00!***



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### Programs for Students Ages 6-12 Cont'd

#### **Story Faces**

Christopher Agostino's brings, a one-of-a-kind performance to inspire and delight his audience. His stories are fully engaging with audience participation to showcase his skillful use of spoken word and visual art.

**Youth Program Room Sat, Feb 3rd, 2:00-3:00**

#### **Loom It Up**

Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain creation.

**Week of Feb 5th, 3:00-5:00**

#### **Explicable Magic**

Explore the magical realm of STEM with tricks you can understand and master.

**Wed, Feb 7th, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Portrait Collage: I am Unique**

Use words and mixed media to create a collage that represents your very own unique qualities!

**Sat, Feb 10th, 2:30-3:30**

#### **Model a Hurricane**

Explore the science of hurricane and simulate a hurricane model with shaving cream.

**Thursday, February 15th, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Acting Our African American Stories**

Learn simple improvisational skits on Black history and act them out in front of a green screen where we can drop backgrounds in.

**Saturday, Feb. 17th, 2:00**

#### **Bouncy Ball Science**

Learn all about the science of polymers and experiment with common chemicals to create your own bouncy ball!

**Wednesday, February 21st, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Family Literacy Night: Celebrate National African American Read-In**

Join us for a "Read In" to celebrate Black History Month listening to great literatures written by African American authors and illustrators.

**Thursday, February 22nd 5:00-7:30**

#### **Invent Like Ben Franklin**

Did you know Ben Franklin was responsible for countless inventions we still use today? Find out all about him and try your hand at some experiments to see if you can invent something new.

**Wednesday, February 28th, 4:00-5:00**

#### **Stepping Stones Museum for Children: Healthyville Mini Exhibit**

A small, portable exhibit promoting healthy choice. Shop at the Good Foods Market, use a pulse meter, balance food choices with physical activity, practice brushing and flossing a big mouth and more.

**Week of Feb 20th—March 13th.**

#### ***Biography Readathon Challenge.***

*Calling all 3-5 grade readers! How many biographies can you read this winter? The Children's Library is a great place to start. Check out the latest **Who Was** collection as well as any other biography of your choice for your reading adventure.*

*Anyone who reads 25 or more titles this winter will qualify to enter our raffle draw and the top 3 readers will be celebrated at the Downtown Library on Thursday, April 26th 2018.*

*Call the Children's Room at 860-695-6330 to pick up your reading log & recommended book list.*



**Albany Branch**

1250 Albany Avenue Hartford, CT 06112

860.695.7380 hplct.org

M & W 10-6, T & TH 10-8, F & Sat 10-5, closed Sun.

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

**Toddler Tunes**

Bring your little ones for a fun and interactive sing-a-long.

Musical instruments provided!

Feb 14th & 28th, 11:00-12:00

**Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime**

**Crafternoon**

Come enjoy a simple craft and take it home with you!

Week of Feb 5th—Sat, 17th

**Celebrate Black History Month**

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Tues, Feb 6th & Mon, Feb 19th, 4:00-5:00

**Perler Bead Bonanza**

We have a ton of perler beads and boards--what will you create?

Week of February 26th

**Programs for Students Ages 6-12**

**Tabletop Games**

Every Thursday, 4:00-5:30

**Fun Friday**

Every Friday, 1:00-4:00

**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, 3:30-5:30

**Take Your Child to the Library Day**  
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**Saturday, February 3rd, 11:00-2:00**

**Now You Know: Notan**

Notan is a Japanese paper craft that explores line and shape, light and dark and positive and negative space. Join us for a relaxing hands-on project that can be as simple or complex as you would like to design it.

**Wednesday, February 7th, 3:30-4:30**

**Ferdinand's Happiness Pasture**

Enjoy listening to the *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf. Then write and decorate a flower to put on the library pasture of what makes us happy and other activities of being unique.

**Thursday, February 8th, 3:00-4:00**

**Hogs and Kisses**

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with stories, crafts, and a sweet snack!

**Wednesday, February 14th, 4:00-5:00**

**Circuit Clay**

Come play and learn about electricity with our special circuit clay. Create a creature that lights up with LEDs!

**Tues—Wed, Feb 20th & 21st, 4:00-5:00**

**Drawing Black History**

Local cartoonist Joe Young will teach you the basics of cartooning and how to draw famous local and national African American leaders.

**Thursday, Feb 22nd, 4:15-5:15**

**Portrait Collage: I am Unique**

Use words and mixed media to create a collage that represents your very own unique qualities!

**Mon—Tues, Feb 26th & 27th, 4:00-5:00**



**Barbour Branch**  
261 Barbour St. Hartford, CT 06120  
860.695.7400 hplct.org

M & W 10-8, T & Th 10-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat & Sun

**Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages 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.

**Feb 14th & 21st, 11:30-12:00**

**Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime**

**Paper Plate Puzzles for National Puzzle Day**

Celebrate National Puzzle day by exercising your art skills and your puzzle building abilities! It's known to be good for your brain! Use your imagination to design a picture on a paper plate. You will then cut it into pieces to create a one-of-a-kind jigsaw puzzle.

Participants will share

**Tues, Jan 30th—Fri, Feb 2nd**

**Winter Olympics**

The 23rd Winter Olympic Games will be held February 9 - 25, 2018 in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Come to the library while we gear up to celebrate the games and the athletes. There will be indoor Olympic games and crafts celebrating this international event that happens every four years.

**Week of February 5th**

**Crafternoon**

Come enjoy a simple craft and take it home with you!

**Tues, Feb 13th—Fri, 16th**

**Perler Bead Bonanza**

We have a ton of perler beads and boards--what will you create?

**Tues, Feb 19th—Fri, 23rd**

**Build with Strawbees**

Calling all junior engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out!

**Week of February 26th**

**Programs for Students Ages 6-12**

**Take Your Child to the Library Day**

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**Friday, February 2nd**

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**Tues—Wed, Feb 13th & 14th, 4:00-5:00**

**Acting Our African American Stories**

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**Wednesday, Feb. 21st., 4:00-5:00**

**Celebrate Black History Month**

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**Tues & Thurs, Feb 20th—22nd, 4:00-5:00**

**Model a Hurricane**

Explore the science of hurricane and simulate a hurricane model with shaving cream.

**Wednesday, February 28th, 4:00-5:00**



### Camp Field Branch

30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114

860.695.440 hplct.org

M & W 10-6, T & Th 10-8, F 10-5 closed Sat. and Sun.

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

#### Toddler Tunes

1 - 2 yrs with parent/caregiver. Singing helps children get ready to read! Join us for fun songs and playtime with your terrific toddler. Younger siblings welcome!

Wednesday, February 21st, 10:00-10:30

#### Baby Talk

0-12 months with parent/caregiver. Babies need words every day! Join us to sing, read and talk about easy ways to build your baby's vocabulary each day. Siblings welcome!

Wednesday, February 28th, 10:30-11:00

#### Sounds All Around

Ages 0-5 with parent/caregiver. Sounds help tell the story of where you are at home, in the community or at school. Join us for a quiet and noisy exploration into the story of sounds!

Wednesday, February 7th, 10:00-11:00

#### Little Hearts Storytime

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for a storytime all about friendship and family love with great stories, songs and a valentine craft!

Wednesday, February 14th, 10:00-11:00

### Hang Out Programs for All Ages—Drop in Anytime

#### Library Lovers Month

Stop by your local library branch in February to share reasons you love the library! Decorate a paper heart and add to our display of library love.

Week of February 5th

#### Random Acts of Kindness

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!

Week of February 12th

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Week of February 19th



#### Just Weave It!

Learn about the ancient art of weaving and create a simple weaving loom from ordinary drinking straws. Then make a colorful woven friendship bracelet or a bookmark to take home.

Week of February 26th

### Programs for Students Ages 6-12

#### Homework Club

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Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-6:00

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day

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Friday, February 2nd, 10:00—5:00

#### Stone Soup

Join us for an interactive reading of the classic book Stone Soup. Explore the themes of sharing and community as we create a collaborative craft project.

Monday, February 5th, 3:30-4:30

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Tuesday, February 6th, 3:30-4:30

#### 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, February 7th, 3:30-4:30

#### Hugs & Kisses for Valentine's Day

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Wednesday, February 14th, 3:30-4:30

#### Drawing Black History

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Thursday, Feb 15th, 4:00-5:00

#### 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!

Tuesday, February 20th, 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.

Wednesday, February 21st, 3:30-4:30

#### Circuit Playground

We are celebrating the global event, Digital Learning Day, with Circuit Playground! Learn and explore the ABCs of electronics with the help of a curious little robot.

Thursday, February 22nd, 3:30-4:30

#### Yoga Time

Yoga is great for keeping your body healthy and your mind relaxed. Come learn some fun poses, no special mat or experience needed

Wednesday, February 28th, 3:30-4:30



**Ropkins Branch**

1750 Main St. Hartford CT 06120  
860.695.7520 hplct.org  
M, W, F 3-6, Tues 1:30-6, F 3-5

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

**Preschool Storytime**

Ages 3-5 with caregivers. Participate in an interactive program with books, songs, and movement to nurture pre-reading skills.

Wed, Feb 7th & 28th 10:00-10:30 & 10:30-11:00

Thurs, Feb 8th & 22nd 10:00-10:45 & 10:45-11:30

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Week of February 12th

**Fabulous Fingerprint Art**

Talk about ink on your fingers! Create funny animals with just your fingers, ink, and markers. Inspired by Ed Emberley's Great Thumbprint Drawing Book.

Week of February 19th

**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.

Week of February 26th

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Thursday, February 1st, 3:00-5:30

**Animation Film Festival**

Come and learn how to create your own movie in 30 minutes. Enjoy a small film festival with program participants at the end

Thursday, February 8th, 3:30-4:30

**Hogs and Kisses for Valentine's Day**

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Wednesday, February 14th, 3:30-4:30

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Tuesday, Feb 20th, 2:00

**Magic Sand**

Explore the reason behind what makes magic sand magic and create your own magic sculpture.

Thursday, February 22nd, 3:30-4:30

