

July 2018

Programs for Youth and Families



Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

<p>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? <i>Week of 7/9—Ropkins</i> <i>Week of 7/16—Barbour</i></p> <p>Magnetic Sculptures Discover the powers of magnetism & create something cool. <i>Week of 7/2—Dwight</i> <i>Week of 7/23 & 7/30—Downtown</i></p>	<p>Neighborhood Nature Scavenger Hunt Wherever you are, the community of living and nonliving parts of nature around you is called an ecosystem. Explore and identify the ecosystem around your neighborhood library! <i>Week of 7/16—Camp Field</i> <i>Week of 7/23—Camp Field & Albany</i> <i>Week of 7/30—Albany</i></p> <p>Engineering Table—Cup Towers How tall a structure can you build with our cups? <i>Week of 7/9—Park</i></p>	<p>Summer Craft Make and Take Get creative with our art supplies. <i>Week of 7/2 & 7/9—Camp Field</i> <i>Week of 7/23—Barbour and Park</i></p> <p>Loom It Up Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain creation. <i>Week of 7/2—Ropkins</i> <i>Week of 7/9—Albany</i> <i>Week of 7/16—Downtown & Park</i></p>
<p>Build with Strawbees Calling all jr. engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out! <i>Week of 7/2 & 7/9—Dwight</i> <i>Week of 7/30—Camp Field</i></p> <p>Perler Bead Bonanza We have a ton of perler beads and boards <i>Week of 7/9—Downtown</i> <i>Week of 7/16—Dwight</i> <i>Week of 7/23—Ropkins</i></p>	<p>Nature Photo-Thon Act like a Nat'l Geographic photographer! Spend the week snapping pictures on your phone of everything in nature. At the end of the week, bring your photos to the library to share & identify. <i>Week of 7/2—Barbour, Albany, Downtown & Park</i> <i>Week of 7/30—Ropkins & Dwight</i></p> <p>Yarn Week Want to learn to knit or crochet? We have all the materials you need, just stop by. <i>Week of 7/16—Albany</i> <i>Week of 7/30—Barbour & Park</i></p>	<p>Lanyard Lacing Fun Spool out some lanyard cord and create a key chain, bracelet, zipper pull, or whatever! <i>Week of 7/2—Park</i> <i>Week of 7/16—Ropkins</i></p> <p>hARTford Scavenger Hunt Discover ART all around Hartford this summer, in the library, in your neighborhood or made by you! Write or draw your answers and share online with #hARTford. <i>Week of 7/9—Barbour</i></p>

Fun Programs for the Whole Family

Country Quilt Llama Farm
Is Your Mama a Llama? NO? Well, you can still come and meet Debby and her llama!
Fri | July 6 | 2-2:45 | Dwight *Fri | July 6 | 3:30-4:15 | Park*
Thu | July 19 | 2-2:45 | Camp Field



Bring the Hoopla
Build A Better World: Happiness & Hula Hoops —Each participant will get to hula hoop with us, engaging through age appropriate games and team building activities and encourage self-expression and creativity.
Thurs | July 5 | 2-3 Ropkins | 3:30-4:30 Downtown



Sirius Coyote
Filled with enchanting rhythms and powerful folklore, this incredibly entertaining performance is made up of contemporary and ancient American music. Audiences sing, clap, and dance on a journey from Mesoamerica and the Caribbean to the music of the North American Eastern Woodlands and Plains.
Wed | July 11 | 11-12 Downtown | 2-3 Park
Tues | July 31 | 11-12 Dwight | 2-3 Ropkins

Animal Show on the Go
Meet live animals from around the world! Who will show up? Will it be a lizard or a snake? Or maybe a rabbit? You'll have to come and find out!
Mon | July 30 | 1:30-2:30 | Dwight

Dinner and a Story
Enjoy a meal and family fun.
Mon | July 23 | 6-7 | Downtown

Mikata
Mikata means "all of us" in the Ewe language of Ghana! Participate on a musical journey performance from West Africa to the Caribbean and Brazil. Mikata will make your pulse quicken as they chant, clap and dance to powerful rhythms from Ghana, Nigeria, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Haiti and Brazil.
Thur | July 12 | 11-12 Albany | 2-3 Park
Mon | July 23 | 11-12 Downtown | 2-3 Dwight

Husky READS
The Huskies are coming! Interns from the Husky READS will have fun programs about nutrition, fitness, and reading for all ages throughout the summer from 1:30-2:30.
Mon | Barbour and Ropkins *Tues | Dwight and Park*
Wed | Downtown *Thurs | Albany*

Playful Engineers
A cool building program you won't want to miss.
Mon | July 30 | 11-12 | Barbour
Mon | July 30 | 2-3 | Downtown

Horizon Wings Raptor Rehab
Meet some feathered friends, you might even meet a bald eagle! Learn all about these curious creatures flying in our skies.
Thurs | July 19 | 11-12 | Downtown
Thurs | July 19 | 1:30-2:30 | Albany
Mon | July 23 | 11-12 | Park
Mon | July 23 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field



Free Summer Meals!
Kids and teens 18 and under
All branches 12:30-1:30

Jeff McQuillan's Drum Tales
Join Jeff McQuillan and Richard Hill as they take you on adventure across the globe. Meet Baduasemanpensa, the African princess, and Anansi the Spider and other fascinating characters. Learn an African dance, a song, and about other fascinating characters.
Mon | July 2 | 11-12 Camp Field | 2-3 Barbour
Tues | July 24 | 11-12 Albany | 2-3 Downtown



Surcari
Surcari will have you moving and grooving to irresistible Latin beats. Kids can sing, clap, dance and play instruments with the band. Learn all about Latin culture through music.
Wed | July 18 | 11-12 Barbour | 2-3 Camp Field

Leap Into Learning: Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver

Tots & Tunes

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

Loose Parts

Come out and explore what you can create with materials and objects!
Every Tues | 2 - 3 | Downtown
Wed | July 11 | 11-12 | Barbour
Thur | July 12 | 1:30-2:30 | Park

Sensational Sensory Wednesdays

Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.
Wed | 11:00-12:00 | Downtown

Healthy Eating with the Very Hungry Caterpillar

"But he was still hungry!" Munch your way through The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle as we read the story and try out some foods that are good for us.
Tue | July 10 | 11-12 | Albany

Swimmy Puppet Show

PuppeTree will perform the Leo Lionni story *Swimmy* with shadow puppets.
Fri | July 27 | 11:00-12:00 | Downtown

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. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, and sing songs.
Thurs | 10 - 10:45 | Park Mon & Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown
Mon | July 2 | 9:30-10:30 | Dwight Wed | July 25 | 11:30-12 Barbour
Tues & Thur | 10 - 10:45; 10:45 - 11:30 | Ropkins
Wed | July 18 & 25 | 11:30-12 | Camp Field Mon | July 23 | 4-5 | Camp Field

App Diddle Dee

Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for fun rhyming books and musical apps that will get your children excited about letters, words and sounds!
Wed | June 20 | 11:30 - 12 | Camp Field



Programs for Ages 6-12

Bug-a-Palooza

What interesting insects can you find living right outside your library? Decorate your bug catcher then use it to carefully catch and identify different critters. You can take your bug catcher home but all insects will be safely set free!
Mon | July 16 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field Thu | July 19 | 1:30-2:30 | Barbour Tues | July 21 | 2-3 | Dwight

Water Color Resist Flowers

During the month of June artists around the world celebrate World Watercolor Month and share their art online. Join us at the library as we experiment with a watercolor and crayon resist technique on newspaper.
Fri | July 20 | 2-3 | Ropkins

Balloon Towers

Activate your engineering mind! Form small teams and build the tallest free-standing tower you can using just balloons and some tape.
Thurs | July 12 | 2-3 | Dwight

Scratch

Scratch is a creative learning community developed at MIT. Learn how to create and remix animations and learn about computer coding using colorful blocks and your imagination!
Mon | July 2 | 2-3 | Ropkins

Game Day

Come out and play some games! An hour of board games and more!
Fri | July 27 | 2-3 | Ropkins
Every Thu in July | 2-3 | Downtown

Grab It! Build a Hydraulic Claw

Design and build a hydraulic claw that works like the ones in the arcade. Move the upper cylinder and watch your claw open and close below. We have documents to get you started, but the final claw design up to you. Can you design a claw to pick up specific objects?
Thurs | July 5 | 1:30-3:30 | Camp Field

Loose Parts

Come out and explore what you can create with materials and objects!
Mon | July 9 | 1:30-2:30 | Barbour

Mindful Moments

Take a break and learn how to handle stress with easy relaxation tips using music, paint, and your own body.
Wed | July 11 | 2 - 3 | Ropkins

HPL Book Scavenger Hunt

Calling all book lovers, treasure hunters and adventurers! Join a city-wide book scavenger hunt inspired by the Book Scavenger series by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman. Solve a secret cipher to find books hidden in all the Hartford Public Libraries.
Sat | July 7 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown Wed | July 11 | 2-3 | Camp Field
Thurs | July 26 | 1:30-2:30 | Barbour and Park

Plant Lab

Discover the life of plants in your world with fun activities and explorations!
Thur | July 12 | 2-3 | Downtown
Thur & Fri | July 26 & 27 | 2-3 | Camp Field

Big Words

"I believe in one day and some day and this perfect moment called now." - Jacqueline Woodson. What's your favorite book quote? Want to hang it on the library wall? Now's your chance! Choose a quote, cut it out, hang it up!
Tues | July 24 | 2-3 | Dwight
Wed | July 25 | 2-3 | Albany

Meditation

Devin McCrorey, founder of the Wellness Initiative, will guide you through a program on meditation and mindfulness. All programs from 2:00-3:00.
Fri | July 6 | Camp Field Wed | July 18 | Dwight
Fri | July 20 | Barbour Mon | July 23 | Downtown

3-D Printer Exploration

Learn how a 3-D printer and 3-D design work by designing your own object and watching it print.
Tue | July 17 | 2:30-3:30 | Dwight
Wed | July 25 | 2-4 | Camp Field
Thur | July 26 | 2-3 | Albany

Marble Mazes

Time to put physics to work! Create your own marble maze or marble run & let the good times roll!
Mon | July 2 | 2-3 | Albany

Henna

Learn about the ancient art of Henna (or Mehndi) and create your own beautiful henna tattoo design. All programs from 1:30-2:30
Mon | July 9 | Camp Field Tues | July 10 | Barbour Wed | July 11 | Park
Mon | July 16 | Dwight Tues | July 17 | Downtown Wed | July 18 | Albany
Thurs | July 19 | Ropkins

Double Dutch

Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Learn from a professional Double Dutch instructor. All programs from 2:00-3:00.
Mon | July 16 | Ropkins Wed | July 18 | Barbour
Mon | July 23 | Albany Wed | July 25 | Downtown
Mon | July 30 | Camp Field

Radiant Child: The Art of Jean Michel Basquiat

Jean-Michael Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings and graffiti art rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art world had ever seen. Make your own work of art in his style and listen to a reading of the Caldecott award winning Book *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe.
Sat | July 28 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown

Slime Science presented by MAD Science

Slime Time provides an entertaining lesson on polymers and their properties—make some cool slime!
Wed | July 11 | 2-3 | Dwight
Thurs | July 12 | 2-3 | Ropkins



Complete the program—win a ticket to the August 24th **Yard Goats game.**

Downtown Library | 500 Main Street | 860-695-6330 | M – Th 9:30am – 8pm, F – Sat 9:30am – 5pm
Albany Branch | 1250 Albany Ave | 860-695-7380 | M & W 10am – 6pm, T & Th 10am – 8pm, F – Sat 10am – 5pm
Barbour Branch | 261 Barbour Street | 860-695-7400 | M & W 10am – 8pm, T & Th 10am – 6pm, F 10am – 5pm
Camp Field Branch | 30 Campfield Ave | 860-695-7440 | M & W 10am – 6pm, T & Th 10am – 8pm, F 10am – 5pm
Dwight Branch | 7 New Park Ave | 860-695-7460 | M & W 10am – 6pm, T & Th 10am – 8pm, F 10am – 5pm
Park Branch | 744 Park Street | 860-695-7500 | M & W 10am – 8pm, T & Th 10am – 6pm, F – Sat 10am – 5pm
Ropkins Branch | 1750 Main Street | 860-695-7520 | M-Th 12:30pm – 6pm, F 12:30pm – 5pm