

# June 2018

## Programs for Youth and Families



### Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

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| <p><b>Legos in the Library</b><br/>We have Legos and a challenge for you. What will you create? Do you have what it takes to be a master builder?<br/><i>Week of 6/4—Dwight</i></p> <p><b>Engineering Table: Craft Sticks and Clothespins and Binder Clips, Oh My!</b><br/>We have some engineering challenges for you using just those three items? Are you up for it?<br/><i>Week of 6/11—Camp Field &amp; Downtown</i><br/><i>Week of 6/25—Ropkins</i></p> | <p><b>Magnetic Sculptures</b><br/>Discover the powers of magnetism and create something cool.<br/><i>Week of 6/4—Park, Ropkins &amp; Barbour</i></p> <p><b>Neighborhood Nature Scavenger Hunt</b><br/>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!<br/><i>Week of 6/11—Park</i></p>   | <p><b>Summer Craft Make and Take</b><br/>Get creative with our art supplies.<br/><i>Week of 6/18—Downtown &amp; Ropkins</i></p> <p><b>Nature Photo-Thon</b><br/>Act like a Nat'l Geographic photographer! Spend the week snapping pictures on your phone of insects, plants, animals, clouds and everything else in nature. At the end of the week, bring your photos to the library to share &amp; identify.<br/><i>Week of 6/25—Barbour, Albany &amp; Park</i></p> |
| <p><b>Engineering Table: Toy Maker</b><br/>Get inspired by India's famous engineer turned toymaker, Arvind Gupta, who uses recycled materials to create unique toys.<br/><i>Week of 6/11—Barbour</i></p> <p><b>Build with Strawbees</b><br/>Calling all jr. engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out!<br/><i>Week of 6/11—Camp Field &amp; Ropkins</i><br/><i>Week of 6/25—Downtown</i></p>                           | <p><b>Upcycled Paper Butterflies</b><br/>Question: What do you call a group of butterflies? A: A kaleidoscope! Learn how to make butterflies out of upcycled magazines or books!<br/><i>Week of 6/18—Barbour, Park &amp; Dwight</i><br/><i>Week of 6/25—Camp Field</i></p> <p><b>Perler Bead Bonanza</b><br/>We have a ton of perler beads and boards<br/><i>Week of 6/4—Albany &amp; Camp Field</i></p> <p><b>Yarn Week</b><br/>Want to learn to knit or crochet? We have all the materials you need, just stop by.<br/><i>Week of 6/11 &amp; 18—Albany</i></p> | <p><b>Lanyard Lacing Fun</b><br/>Spool out some lanyard cord and create a key chain, bracelet, zipper pull, or whatever!<br/><i>Week of 6/4—Downtown</i><br/><i>Week of 6/11—Dwight</i></p> <p><b>hARTford Scavenger Hunt</b><br/>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.<br/><i>Week of 6/18—Camp Field</i></p>                              |

### 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. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, and sing songs.  
*Thurs | 10 - 10:45 | Park Mon & Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown*  
*Tues | June 5 & 12 | 10 - 11 | Downtown*  
*Fri | June 9 & 22 | 9:30-10:30 | Dwight*  
*Wed | 10 - 10:30; 10:30 - 11 | Ropkins*  
*Thur | 10 - 10:45; 10:45 - 11:30 | Ropkins*

**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.  
*Wed | June 6 | 4-5 | Barbour*  
*Thur | June 7 | 1-2 | Albany*

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

**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 pm | Downtown*

**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*



**Game Day**  
Come out and play some games! An hour of board games and more!  
*Every Thu | 2-3 | Downtown*  
*Tue June 12 | 11-12 | Albany*

**Loose Parts**  
Come out and explore what you can create with materials and objects!  
*Every Tues | 2 - 3 | Downtown*

**Eric Carle's Birthday Celebration**  
Enjoy the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, a wonderful story about a caterpillar growing up to be a beautiful butterfly and make a crafts.  
*Wed | June 20 | 11:30-12 | Barbour*  
*Mon | June 25 | all day | Downtown*  
*Mon | June 25 | 11-12 | Albany*  
*Wed | June 27 | 1:30-2:30 | Park & Camp Field*

**SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF CELEBRATION**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH**  
**12:30-3:00**  
**Sign up for the program and have fun at our all ages outdoor carnival!**  
Concerts      Crafts      Games      Face Painting  
Downtown Library, 500 Main St.

Our all ages **Summer Learning Program** kicks off June 9th with a fun new Club format that encourages you to Read, Go, Do and Build a Better World.

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



## Programs for Ages 6-12

### 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?

**Thu | June 7 | 4-5 | Park** **Thurs | June 28 | 1:30-3:30 | Camp Field**

### 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 | June 11 | 4:00-5:00 | Albany** **Thu | June 28 | 1:30-2:30 | Park**

### Marble Mazes

Time to put physics to work! Create your own marble maze or marble run & let the good times roll!

**Thurs | June 26 | 2-3 | Dwight**

### 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.

**Thurs | June 14 | 4-5 | Barbour** **Thurs | June 21 | 3-4 | Park** **Wed | June 27 | 2-3 | Albany**

### 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.

**Wed | June 20 | 1:30-2:30 | Albany**

### 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 | June 21 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown**

### Plant Lab

Discover the life of plants in your world with fun activities and explorations!

**Thu | June 21 | 2-3 | Dwight**

### Game Day

Come out and play some games! An hour of board games and more!

**Thu | June 7 | 1-2 | Barbour** **Every Thu | 2-3 | Downtown**

### 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.

**Mon | June 18 | 2-3 | Albany**  
**Wed | June 20 | 2-3 | Ropkins**

### Loose Parts

Come out and explore what you can create with materials and objects!

**Every Tues | 2-3 | Downtown**

### 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.

**Tue | June 12 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**  
**Thu | June 14 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins**

### Build Your Own City

You are the City Planner in this fun program—what will your city look like, where will you put roads and buildings, do you want to have multiple parks? Use fun math skills to bring your vision to life!

**Wed & Thurs | June 6 & 7 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**  
**Thu | June 14 | 4-5 | Park**

### Stop Motion Animation

A picture is worth a thousand words, so that means 100 pictures is worth a whole lot more! Learn how to animate anything you like by taking pictures.

**Wed | June 20 | 1:30-3:30 | Camp Field**

### 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!

**Wed & Thurs | June 13 & 14 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field**

### Read with Gizmo

Pick a favorite book and snuggle up with our dog friend Gizmo. He loves to listen!

**Sat | June 2 | 12:30-2:00 | Downtown**

### Mindful Moments

Take a break and learn how to handle stress with easy relaxation tips using music, paint, and your own body.

**Thurs | June 14 | 2:30 - 3:30 | Downtown**

### VR Vacation

Brazil, London, New Zealand, let's go! Experience around the world adventures in Virtual Reality at the library this summer!

**Tues | June 5 | 4:30 - 5:30 | Dwight**  
**Thurs | June 7 | 3:30 - 4:30 | Ropkins**

### 3-D Printer Exploration

Learn how a 3-D printer and 3-D design work by designing your own object and watching it print.

**Thu | June 28 | 2:00-3:00 | Ropkins**  
**Thu | June 28 | 4:00-5:00 | Barbour**

**Free Summer Meals!**  
**Kids and teens 18 and under**

**All branches beginning June 25th—12:30-1:30**

**Downtown Library** | 500 Main Street | 860-695-6330 | M – Th 9:30am – 8pm, F – Sat 9:30am – 5pm

**Albany Branch** | 1250 Albany Avenue | 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 Avenue | 860-695-7440 | M & W 10am – 6pm, T & Th 10am – 8pm, F 10am – 5pm

**Dwight Branch** | 7 New Park Avenue | 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, W, Th 3pm – 6pm, T 1:30pm – 6pm, F 3pm – 5pm \*hours will change the week of June 18th—opening at 12:30 every day