

May 2018

Programs for Youth and Families



Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

<p>Dia de Los Ninos/Dia do los Libros Come celebrate Dia de los Ninos, a national literacy event to promote diverse books, languages and cultures Week of 4/30—All Locations Week of 5/7—Albany Yarn Week Want to learn to knit or crochet? We have all the materials you need, just stop by. Week of 5/21—Camp Field</p>	<p>Build with Strawbees Calling all junior engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out! Week of 5/7—Park Week of 5/14—Camp Field Week of 5/21—Dwight Week of 5/28—Barbour</p>	<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? Week of 5/14—Ropkins Loom it Up Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain creation. Week of 5/7—Ropkins Week of 5/21—Park & Barbour</p>
<p>Engineering Table: Cup Tower How tall a structure can you build with our cups? Week of 5/7—Downtown Week of 5/28—Ropkins Engineering Table: Toy Maker Get inspired by India's famous engineer turned toymaker, Arvind Gupta, who uses recycled materials to create unique toys. Week of 5/7—Camp Field</p>	<p>Magnetic Poetry We provide the words, you create the poetry! Week of 4/30—Albany Week of 5/7—Barbour Week of 5/28—Dwight Engineering Table: Craft Sticks and Clothespins and Binder Clips, Oh My! We have some engineering challenges for you using just those three items? Are you up for it? Week of 5/14—Barbour</p>	<p>Perler Bead Bonanza We have a ton of perler beads and boards Week of 5/7—Dwight Week of 5/14—Downtown & Park Week of 5/21—Ropkins Week of 5/28—Albany Spring Craft Make and Take Get creative with our art supplies. Week of 5/14—Albany Week of 5/21—Albany & Downtown Week of 5/28—Park & Camp Field</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 | 10am - 10:45am | Park Mon & Fri | 11am - 12pm | Downtown Tues May 8 | 10am - 11am | Downtown Mon | May 7 | 9:30-10:30 | Dwight
Wed & Thur | May 2-24 | 10am - 10:45am; 10:45am - 11:15am | Ropkins Thur | 10am - 10:45am | Park Wed | May 9 & 23 | 11:30-12:00 | Barbour
Wed | May 2 | 11:30-12:30 | Camp Field Fri | May 11 | 9:30-10:30 | Dwight

<p>Baby Talk 0-12 months with parent/caregiver. Babies need words every day! Join us for stories and songs just for you and your baby. Siblings welcome! Wed May 30 11 -11:30 Camp Field</p>	<p>Sensational Sensory Wednesdays Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity. Wed 11:00-12:00 Downtown</p>	 <p>1,000 Books Before Kindergarten @ Hartford Public Library A place like no other.</p>
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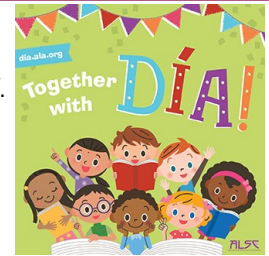
Tots & Tunes
A group for little ones to come together and experience movement and music with songs, finger plays, musical instruments and more.
Wed | May 9 & 23 | 11- 12pm | Albany
Wed | 12-12:30 pm | Downtown

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.

Book Fiesta! Dia Family Reading Celebration

Come celebrate Dia de los Ninos, a national literacy event to promote diverse books, languages and cultures! Join us for shared read-alouds of outstanding multicultural books, crafts, and check out books from our special Día Family Bookshelf. Each family will receive a free book while supplies last.

Sat | April 28 | 1:00-3:00 | Downtown **Mon | April 30 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field**
Mon | April 30 | 4:00-5:00 | Albany & Park **Mon | April 30 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**
Thurs | May 3 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins **Thurs | May 3 | 4:00-5:00 | Barbour**



Programs for Ages 6-12

Build a Boat

Learn Use common materials to explore buoyancy and power! Design a working electric motor boat with this activity. Find your hull in the recycling bin (milk jug, foam tray, pool noodles, etc.). Add the motor, propeller and other components. Set it in the water and watch it go.

Mon | Apr 30 | 3:30-5:30 | Downtown **Thur | May 3 | 5:30-6:30 | Downtown**
Sat | May 5 | 2:00-4:00 | Downtown

Starry Night Ornaments

An exploration into the technique of Vincent Van Gogh: Impasto Art. Discover the artist's technique using modeling clay.

Mon | May 14 | 4:00-5:00 | Albany
Thurs | May 17 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins
Wed | May 30 | 4:00-5:00 | Park

Read with Gizmo

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

Sat | May 5 | 12:30-2:00 | Downtown

Hit the Mark: Build a Ping Pong Ball Launcher

Hit 'em with your best shot! Build your own Projectile Launcher - send ping pong balls flying, marking the trajectory and distance of your shots and targets. Use recycling bin materials or extra components to build a catapult, ram or sling-shot - your imagination is the limit!

Wed | May 2 | 4:00-5:00 | Downtown **Tues | May 15 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**
Wed | May 30 | 4:00-5:00 | Albany **Thur | May 31 | 4:00-5:00 | Park**

Out of Wonder: Celebration Poetry

Golden Shovel poetry—Come listen and perform poems from the book Out of Wonder by Kwame Alexander, and then write a poem yourself. If you already have a favorite poem please bring it to share!

Tues | May 8 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight

Whoever You Are

Join us for an interactive reading of Mem Fox's Whoever You Are! We celebrate all the different kinds of children in our community and all over the world, whoever and wherever they are.

Thurs | May 3 | 4:00-5:00 | Park
Wed | May 16 | 1:30-3:00 | Downtown

Super Suminagashi: Paper Marbling

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage. To celebrate come to the library to discover an art form practiced since the 12th century in Japan. Suminagashi, or paper marbling, literally translates as 'floating ink' and is fascinating hands-on craft suitable for all ages.

Wed | May 9 | 4:00-5:00 | Downtown **Mon | May 14 | 4:00-5:00 | Park**
Thur | May 17 | 4:00-5:00 | Barbour **Tues | May 22 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight**

Earth Day

Learn about the importance of working to save our planet and some simple ways you can help every day. We will create a seed starter out of recycled materials that you can bring home and watch grow.

Mon | May 7 | 4:00-5:00 | Albany

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!

Thurs | May 10 | 4:00-5:00 | Barbour

Mindful Moments

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

Thurs | May 24 | 4:00 - 5:00 | Barbour
Tues | May 29 | 4:30 - 5:30 | Dwight

Touchdown: Lunar Landing Challenge

Learn the importance of balance and creativity while creating a moon lander for astronauts.

Thurs | May 24 | 3:30-4:30 |

Scratch Day

We are celebrating Scratch Day! 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!

Thurs | May 10 | 4:00-5:00 | Park
Thurs | May 10 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins
Thurs | May 10 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field

Grab It: Build a Hydraulic Claw

Create your 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. Can you design a claw to pick up specific objects (worms, marshmallows, balls)?

Mon | May 7 | 4:00-5:00 | Park

Skittles Rainbow Science

Everyone loves Skittles! Not only taste the rainbow, but create your own rainbow design at the library with this fun Skittles science experiment. Yes, you will be able to eat the candy after!

Sat | May 26 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown **Thurs | May 31 | 4:00 - 5:00 | Barbour**

Bird and Diz: Time to Get Jazzy

Learn all about bebop and two of its pioneers-- Charlie "Bird" Parker and John "Dizzy" Gillespie. Groove along to the music while you create a masterpiece using oil pastels.

Mon | May 21 | 4:00-5:00 | Park

Torque Tops: A Spinning Top Workshop

Join us at the library for a fun DIY toy workshop. Participants will explore the physics behind spinning tops and then use Perler Beads to produce spinning tops of their own design.

Mon | May 21 | 4:00-5:00 | Albany
Thurs | May 24 | 4:00-5:00 | Park

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.

Wed | May 30 | 3:30-4:30 | Camp Field

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