

April 2019

Programs for Youth and Families



Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime



Week of 4/1

Build it with Strawbees—Albany, Downtown
Design and build with plastic straws and connectors.

Acrostic Poetry—Camp Field, Dwight, Park
Create acrostic poems about Spring!

Magnetic Poetry—Barbour, Ropkins
Words + Magnets = Poetry!

Week of 4/8

**National Library Week
All Locations**

We are celebrating National Library Week April 7-13! Join us for a library scavenger hunt and other fun activities.



Week of 4/15

Build it with Strawbees—Barbour
Design and build with plastic straws and connectors.
Magnetic Poetry—Downtown
Words + Magnets = Poetry!
Can You Find Beekle? - Camp Field
Find the picture book characters hidden in the library!
Spring Craft Make & Take—Park, Dwight
Get crafty with our supplies to celebrate Spring!
Loom It Up—Albany, Ropkins
Make a bracelet with looms and elastics!

Week of 4/22

Magnetic Poetry—Dwight
Words + Magnets = Poetry!

Spring Craft Make & Take—Albany, Camp Field

Get crafty with our supplies to celebrate Spring!

Legos in the Library—Ropkins

Be a master builder with Legos and your imagination!

Perler Bead Bonanza—Downtown, Barbour, Park
Get creative with perler beads!



Week of 4/29

**Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros
All Locations**

Come celebrate Día de los Niños, a national literacy event to promote diverse books, languages and cultures!



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.

Mon & Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown Tues | 10-10:30 & 10:30-11 | Ropkins Thur | 10-10:45 & 10:45-11:15 | Ropkins Wed | 9:15-10 | Rawson

Thur | 10 - 10:45 | Park Wed | 10:30-11:30 | Albany Wed | April 10 | 9:30-10:30 | Dwight & | 11-11:30 | Camp Field

Dig & Bloom: Dinner and a Story

Miss Auden will be joining us for this gardening themed Dinner and a Story.

Tues | Apr 16 | 6-7 | Downtown



1,000 Books
Before Kindergarten
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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 | 12-12:30 | Downtown

Sensational Sensory Wednesdays

Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.

Wed | 11-12 | Downtown



Book Fiesta! Día Family Reading Celebration

Join us for shared read-alouds of outstanding multicultural books, make crafts, and check out books from our special Día Family Bookshelf. Each family will receive a free book while supplies last.

Tues | April 30 | 5:30-7 | Camp Field & | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight

App Play

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to learn and play with great free educational apps. Get tips on using digital media with your child.

Thur | April 11 | 2-4:30 | Camp Field

Programs for Ages 6-12

DEAR: Drop Everything and Read!

Celebrate National Library Week with your favorite librarians! We'll make "Drop Everything And Read" buttons, color, enjoy a read-aloud, and have a short awards ceremony for all participants!

Mon| Apr 8 | 2-3| Downtown **Tues| Apr 9 | 2:30-3:30| Dwight**
Thur| Apr 11 | 3:30-4:30| Ropkins & |4-5| Barbour

STEM Fun!

Wiggle Bots

Design and build your own unique wiggle-bot!
Thur| Apr 4 | 4-5| Park

Biomedical Engineering a Robotic Hand

Make your own robotic hand!
Tues| Apr 2 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight
Mon | Apr 8 | 4-5:30 | Camp Field

Ozoblocky, Bots on the move!

Create a program code using Ozoblocky on the iPad, download to the Ozobot and watch it go!
Wed| Apr 10| 4-5| Downtown
Thur| Apr 11| 3-4| Barbour

Lego Maze Run

Build a Lego maze and watch your marble roll!
Thur| Apr 11 | 4-5| Park
Thur| Apr 25| 3:30-4:30| Ropkins

Egg Drop

Design a container to catch a falling egg.
Fri| Apr 12| 4-4:30| Albany

Crazy 8's Club/STEM Wednesdays

Join us for hands on activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!
Wed | 4-5| Downtown

STEM Lab: Zoology Animal Sort

Learn how scientists organize animals into groups based on their unique characteristics

Wed| Apr 24| 4-5:30| Camp Field



Seed Pods

Make your own Seed Pod and learn some simple ways you can help our planet every day.

Mon| Apr 22 | 4-5 | Camp Field, Downtown
Tues| Apr 23| 4-6 | Rawson
Thur| Apr 25| 3:30-4:30| Barbour & |4-5| Park



Celebrate Earth Day

Create a seed starter out of recycled materials that you can bring home and watch grow.

Mon| Apr 22 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight
Fri| Apr 26| 2-3| Albany

Imagine Nation comes to the Library!

Join us for fun interactive programs with our special guests from the Imagine Nation Museum.

Chemistry Creations

Wed| Apr 3| 4-5| Park

Printmaking

Fri| Apr 12| 2-3| Downtown

Bubble-ology

Wed| Apr 17| 4-5| Dwight

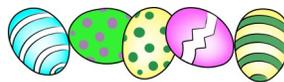
Tower of Power

Wed| Apr 24| 3:30-4:30| Ropkins

Plastic Egg Roll

Let's experiment with plastic eggs, jelly beans and ramps and learn while having fun!

Fri| Apr 12| 2-3| Albany
Sat| Apr 13| 2:30-3:30| Downtown
Tues| Apr 16| 4:30-5:30| Dwight
Thur | Apr 18| 3:30-4:30| Barbour, Ropkins & |4-5| Park



Celebrate National Poetry Month!

Emily Dickinson:

The Moon Was But a Chin of Gold
Delve into Emily Dickinson's poetry and explore her use of different writing techniques.
Thur| Apr 18| 4:30-5:30| Downtown

Out of Wonder: Celebration Poetry

Explore Golden Shovel poetry!
Thur| Apr 25| 4:30-5:30| Barbour

Skittles Rainbow Science

Create your own rainbow design with this fun Skittles science experiment.
Thur| Apr 4| 3:30-4:30| Ropkins

Time for Slime

Measure, mix and make a personal batch of slime that you can take home.
Wed| Apr 3| 4-5:30| Camp Field

Celebrate Holi Festival of Colors

Celebrate Holi, an Indian festival marking the arrival of Spring.

Tues| Apr 9| 5-7:30| Downtown

Felt Puppet Making

Let's cut, sew & glue to create felt hand puppets!

Sat| Apr 27| 2:30-3:30| Downtown

Self-Care Corner

Calming Glitter Jars

Come talk about stress and make a calming glitter jar to help combat anxiety.

Thur| Apr 4| 3:30-4:30| Barbour



Mindful Moments

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

Thur| Apr 11| 4-5:30| Camp Field
Tues| Apr 23| 4:30-5:30| Dwight

Homework Help—Get help with your homework and reading at the library!

Mon—Fri | 3-5| Albany

Mon—Fri| 3-4:30 | Camp Field

Fri—Sat |2-4| Downtown

Mon— Fri | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight

Mon-Fri | 3-4 | Park

Mon, Wed, Thur | 3:30-5 | Ropkins

Tues | 2-3:30 | Ropkins

Hartford Public Library Locations and Hours

Downtown Library | 500 Main Street | 860-695-6330 | M – Th 9:30am – 8pm, F – Sat 9:30am – 5pm, Sun 1-5

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, W, Th 3pm–6pm, Tue 1:30pm – 6pm, F 3pm-5pm

Boundless Library @ Rawson | 260 Holcomb Street | 860-695-7481 | T & Th 3:30pm–6pm

Stained Glass Color Mix Up

Create a "stained glass" window using cellophane, overlapping colors to experiment with color mixing.

Mon| Apr 15| 4-5| Downtown
Thur| Apr 18| 4:30-5:30| Barbour



Día Family Book Club

Join our Dia Book Club and discover our treasure trove of bilingual books.

Mon| Apr 29| 4:30-5:30| Dwight