





Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

<p>Boggle is a Word Get into that competitive spirit with Boggle—the word making/ word search game. Week of 12/3—Ropkins</p> <p>Hour of Code Try a one-hour tutorial designed for all ages in over 45 languages. Join millions of students and teachers in over 180 countries starting with an Hour of Code. Week of 12/3—Dwight, Camp Field & Park</p>	<p>Build with Strawbees Calling all jr. engineers! What can you create with straws and plastic connectors? Come find out! Week of 12/31—Dwight & Ropkins</p> <p>Festive Paper Stars Create paper stars to decorate the library! Using just paper, scissors, and glue, learn how simple folding and cutting can create festive decorations Week of 12/10—Camp Field, Barbour & Ropkins Week of 12/17—Park & Dwight</p>	<p>Ugly Sweater Ornament 'Tis the season to be tacky. Wear your ugliest sweater to the library and get your ugly on crafting an over-the-top ornament out of felt. No talent required! The tackier, the wackier - the better! . Week of 12/3—Downtown Week of 12/10—Downtown, Dwight & Park Week of 12/17—Camp Field, Barbour & Ropkins</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 12/31—Park & Dwight</p> <p>Perler Bead Bonanza We have a ton of perler beads and boards for you to create with. Week of 12/3—Barbour Week of 12/31—Camp Field</p>	<p>Kwanzaa Celebration: Weave a Mkeka All Kwanzaa symbols are traditionally placed on the mkeka, a woven straw mat that represents reverence for tradition. In this spirit you are invited to the library to weave a paper mkeka for use in your home. Week of 12/17—Downtown Week of 12/24—Downtown, Ropkins, Barbour, Park, Dwight & Camp Field</p>	<p>All locations of HPL will be closed on: -Monday & Tuesday December 24th and 25th -Closing at 5:00 pm on Monday December 31st -Tuesday January 1st</p> 

Leap Into Learning: Ages Birth-Five with Caregiver

<p>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 Wed Dec 12 & 19 9:30-10:30 Dwight Tues & Thur except week of 12/24 & 12/31 10-10:30 and 10:30-11 Ropkins Wed Dec 19 10:30-11 Camp Field</p>	<p>Gingerbread Fun Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity. Thurs Dec 6 4:30-5:30 Camp Field</p>	
<p>App Play Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us to learn and play with great free educational apps from Duck Duck Moose. iPads available or bring your own device to download and play! Fri Dec 14 3-4:30 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>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</p> 

Family Programming: All Ages

<p>Celebrate Kwanzaa</p> <p>Join us for a unique celebration of family, community, and culture.</p> <p>Downtown Saturday, Dec. 29th 12:00-5:00</p> 	<p>Family Holiday Concert</p> <p>Come feel the magic of the holiday season with the Sam Pasco Trio!</p>  <p>Wed Dec 19 10:00 and Noon Downtown</p>
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Programs for Ages 6-12

Gingerbread House Building

See how creative you can get while building this sugary abode.

Wed | Dec 12 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field
Thurs | Dec 13 | 4-5 | Park
Mon | Dec 17 | 4-5:30 | Downtown
Tues | Dec 18 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight
Thurs | Dec 20 | 3-4:30 | Barbour



Peppermint Tower Challenge

Ready for some math excitement? Work with a partner this holiday season to build the tallest tower using only peppermint candies.

Wed | Dec 12 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight
Sat | Dec 22 | 3-4 | Downtown
Thurs | Dec 27 | 4-5 | Park
Thurs | Dec 27 | 2-3 | Camp Field



3-D Snowflakes

3-D printing sounds so complicated but it's really not! Join us to learn the basics about 3D printing then create your own 3D printed snowflake!

Tues & Wed | Dec 4 & 5 | 3:30-5:00 | Downtown **Thurs | Dec 13 | 3:30-5:00 | Barbour**

Pointillism Poinsettias

In Mexico, the poinsettia is called flor de la Nochebuena. At Christmastime, the flower blooms and flourishes. Listen to Tomie dePaola's retelling of The Legend Poinsettia and then use the art technique pointillism to create your own flower!

Mon | Dec 3 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins
Thurs | Dec 6 | 3:30-4:30 | Barbour
Thurs | Dec 20 | 4-5 | Park
Thurs | Dec 20 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field

Holiday Quilling

Try the simple and elegant art of Quilling to create Holiday cards.

Wed | Dec 5 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field **Tues | Dec 11 | 4-5 | Dwight**



Gingerbread Fun

"Run, run, run as fast as you can..." Listen to the story of the Gingerbread Man and then visit our gingerbread stations for more fun.

Wed | Dec 5 | 3-4 | Dwight
Thurs | Dec 13 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins



Glow Germs All Around

Germs can be found on things that we use every day, but keeping our hands clean can help keep us healthy. Put your handwashing skills to the test and learn what you can do to stop those germs from making you sick.

Thurs | Dec 6 | 4-5 | Park

Ribbon Candy Holiday Ornament

Design a cute ribbon candy ornament to decorate your house for the holidays, and practice your sewing skills. The best part is, you don't have to eat it when you're done!

Sat | Dec 8 | 3-4:30 | Downtown



You're So Random

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!

Wed | Dec 19 | 4:30-5:30 | Dwight

Math Station Mania

Have fun with math by throwing and adding numbers to see who the winner is.

Thurs | Dec 20 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins
Fri | Dec 28 | 4-5 | Park

Just Weave It

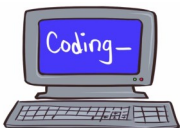
Learn about the ancient art of weaving and create a simple weaving loom from ordinary drinking straws. Then make a colorful woven friendship bracelet or a bookmark to take home.

Wed | Dec 26 | 2-4 | Downtown
Thurs | Dec 27 | 3-5 | Barbour

Lets Get Coding!

Celebrate the Hour of Code this December by visiting your local library and learning to computer program like the best of them! Choose one of the many fun programs and see if you can complete all of the levels.

Thurs | Dec 27 | 3:30-4:30 | Ropkins
Tues | Dec 4 | 4-5 | Dwight



The Iced Art of Snowflakes

Get to know some interesting facts about snowflakes as well as enjoy the symmetrical beauty of magnified photograph of some. Learn to fold and cut paper to create snowflakes

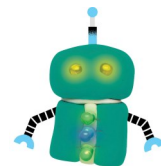
Wed | Dec 19 | 4:30-5:30 | Camp Field



Circuit Clay

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

Fri | Dec 28 | 3:30-5 | Camp Field



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