

Downtown Library

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103

860.695.6330 hplct.org

M-Th 10-8, F & Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5

Programs for All Ages

Bending Gravity with Eric Girardi and School Application Assistance

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Thursday, February 2, 3:00-5:30

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with a library tour and activities at your local library branch!

Saturday, February 4, 11:00-12:00

Leap Into Learning Programs for Birth-5

Sensational Sensory Wednesdays

Interactive play time for children. Each week children will enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.

Every Wednesday 11:00-12:00

Every Child Ready to Read Storytime

An interactive program based on the five practices of the Every Child Ready to Read initiative: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, and sing songs.

Every Friday 11:00-12:00

First Friends Play Group

Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books, and music while your child meets other children.

Mondays, Jan 9, 23, 30 & Feb 6, 13, & 27, 11:00-12:00

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

Need a little help getting started with your assignments? Drop in after school for a snack and homework supplies to help you get going.

Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

Read with Gizmo

Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring him/her every first and third Saturday to meet Gizmo and her handler Jen. Call 860-695-6330 for an appointment time between 12:30-2:00 or just drop in for a session.

Jan 7 & 21 and Feb 4 & 18, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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?

Every Tuesday in January & February (except 2/28), 5:30-6:30

Your Elastic Brain

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Bones: The Inside Story

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Presidential Inauguration 2017

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Friday, January 20, 12:30-3:30

Mix-in-Math: So Long

How are your estimation skills? Put them to the test with this fun math program.

Monday, January 23, 4:00-5:00

Chinese New Year

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Join us for traditional Chinese folklore, a movie, and create your own coin tree to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The coin tree is a popular Chinese ornament believed to bring good luck and prosperity.

Wednesday, January 25, 6:00-7:00

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Wednesday, February 15, 5:30-6:30

Sweet Celebrations

Learn about the different ways people celebrate special days in their cultures with special activities and special foods. Make no bake cookies to celebrate the season.

Friday, February 17, 3:30-4:30

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.

Thursday, February 23, 4:00-5:00

Jackie Robinson: A Civil Rights Activist

Jackie Robinson was a sports hero who became a civil rights activist. Explore the courage that it took for Jackie to fight segregation and discrimination on and off the baseball field.

Monday, February 27, 3:30-4:30

Mardi Gras

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Tuesday, February 28, 5:30-6:30

Programs for Parents and Caregivers

Leap into Learning Workshop – "The Big Idea and Essential Questions"

Focus your teaching to help children gain a deeper understanding using the Big Ideas and Essential Questions to guide you studies.

Friday, February 10, 10:30-12:00

Social Emotional Development: Self-Regulation

Explore ideas, experiences and practices that support the development of self-regulation skills in pre-kindergarten children.

Saturday, February 18, 10:00-12:00

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue Hartford, CT 06112
860.695.7380 hpplct.org
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Programs for All Ages

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Tuesday, February 7, 3:00-5:30

Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Born to Read Storytime and Play Group

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Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

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Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30

Gingerbread House Contest

Do you have what it takes to create a Gingerbread Masterpiece? Team up to see what amazing structure you can make during this fun program.

Wednesday, January 4, 4:30-5:30

Three Kings' Day

Learn all about Dia de los Reyes, a holiday traditionally celebrated in the Hispanic community. Listen to a Three King's story and create your own crown to take home.

Thursday, January 5, 4:30-5:30

Gravity Science

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Monday, January 9, 4:30-5:30

Tower Bucket Challenge

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Wednesday, January 18, 4:30-5:30

Oh SNAP!

You are what you eat and nutritious food will keep you healthy & happy for life! From the SNAP-ed program at UCONN comes Krissy Anderson to help you make healthy choices. And, of course, there's free food!

Mondays, January 23 & 30 and February 6, 4:30-5:30

Pointillism Poinsettias

In Mexico, the poinsettia is called flor de la Nochebuena. At Christmas-time, 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!

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Monday, February 13, 4:30-5:30

Celebrate Black History Month

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Wednesday, February 22, 4:30-5:30

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Barbour Branch
261 Barbour St. Hartford, CT 06120
860.695.7400 hplct.org
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Programs for All Ages

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Monday, February 6, 3:00-5:30

Take Your Child to the Library Day

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Thursday, February 2, 5:00-6:00

Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Early Childhood Music

Program activity includes singing and chanting, moving to music with scarves, parachutes, balls, and playing assorted percussion instruments.

Thursday, January 12, 4:00-5:00

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.

Wednesday, January 25, 4:00-5:00

Hugs and Kisses Storytime

Listen to friendship books and make a paper heart ornament.

Thursday, February 2, 4:00-5:00

Birds of a Feather: Early Literacy Art for Babies

Help your baby to paint winter birds. Art supplies provided.

Wednesday, February 15, 4:00-5:00

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

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Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

HPL Graphic Novel Studio

Join us as we go on a virtual visit to the art studio of Jarrett Krosoczka, author/illustrator of the Lunch Lady series. Learn techniques to create and illustrate your own graphic novel!

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Paint a Winter Scene

It's cold! Come into the library and paint a winter scene like a master painter!

Monday, January 23, 4:00-5:00

Stone Soup

Join us for an interactive reading of the classic book Stone Soup. Explore themes of sharing & community as we create a collaborative craft project.

Thursday, January 26, 4:00-5:00

If I Were a Time Traveler...

Where would you go? What would you do? Would it be in the past, present, or maybe even the future? Look through nonfiction texts at the library about different time periods & civilizations then let your imagination take over.

Friday, January 27, 3:30-4:30

Tower Bucket Challenge

Calling all junior engineers! Can you build a tower out of straws that hold a bucket full of pennies? Come and try using our cool Strawbees.

Monday, January 30, 4:00-5:00

Abstract Art Exploration

Learn about abstract artist Frank Stella, whose artwork is on display at the Wadsworth. Find out all about his abstract, minimalist style and then create your own masterpiece to take home.

Wednesday, February 1, 4:00-5:00

Chinese New Year

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Basic Crochet Club

Learn the basics of Crochet and how to read written crochet instructions in this series of lessons. Make your own scarf or hat. Materials are provided.

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Flying Tinsel

Wow your friends and family with a magic trick using simple household products and basic science!

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Fabulous Fingerprint Art

Who knew you had a work of art right at your fingertips? Create funny animals with just your fingers, ink, and some doodles and dots.

Friday, February 24, 3:30-4:30

Mardi Gras

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Tuesday, February 28, 4:00-5:00

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Blue Hills Branch

649 Blue Hills Ave. 06112

860.695.7420 hplct.org

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Tuesday, January 24, 3:00-5:30

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Thursday, February 2, 4:30-5:30

School Choice Application Assistance

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Thursday, February 16, 3:00-5:45

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Thursdays, Jan 12 & 26 and Feb 9 & 23, 11:30-12:00

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Paint Like Pollock

Learn all about modern artist Jackson Pollock and his style of action drip painting. They try your hand at making your own Pollock-inspired work of art!

Thursday, January 5, 4:30-5:30

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!

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Camp Field Branch

30 Campfield Ave. Hartford CT 06114

860.695.440 hplct.org

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Snowballs

Ages: 3-5. Explore Lois Ehlert's delightful story, Snowballs and make your own snowman afterwards.

Wednesday, January 4 & January 25, 10:00-11:00

Storytime

Ages: 3-5. Rhymes, stories, songs, finger plays and more. Individual families welcome without registration: group, please register in advance. by calling 860-695-7443

Thursday, January 5 & 26, 1:00-2:00

Family Storytime

Ages: 2-5 with adult friends. Bring your family to the library every Tuesday to hear stories from the best in children's illustrated books, sing songs, share rhymes, and make a crafts together!

Tuesdays, Feb 7, 21, & 28, 10:00-11:00

Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!

Ages: 3-5 with adult friends. Let's ride! Join us for four-wheeled adventures about cars, trucks, and more! Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling (860) 695-7440.

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Dwight Branch
7 New Park Ave. Hartford CT 06106
860.695.7460 hplct.org
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Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

City Kids Storytime

We're so lucky to live in the beautiful city of Hartford, so we're going to sing some songs and tell some stories about city living!

Wednesday, January 4, 11:00-11:45

Winter Wonderland Storytime

Celebrate the season of winter with a story time filled with snowmen, polar bears, and more!

Wednesday, January 18, 11:00-11:45

African American History Month Storytime

Celebrate the beginning of African American History Month with a story time featuring books created by African American authors and illustrators.

Wednesday, February 1, 11:00-11:45

Hugs and Kisses Storytime

Love is in the air this month, so come and join us as we read stories that are sure to leave you feeling warm and fuzzy inside!

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Bean Mosaic

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Monday, January 30, 4:00-5:00

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?

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Paper Shapers Origami Club

Explore the ancient art of origami. Participants will create an easy origami project each week as they develop their listening and folding skills.

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Goodwin Branch

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Little Lego Club

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregivers. Join us for creative fun with stories all about building things! Then, bring your bright ideas to our play area to design and build animals, people, places and things with Legos.

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Brainiacs!

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Hogs and Kisses for Valentine's Day

A day to celebrate friendships and part-take in traditional customs of the holiday. Learn the symbolism behind Valentine's day cards.

Monday, February 13, 4:30-5:30

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!

Thursday, February 16, 4:30-5:30

Circuit Playground

We are celebrating the global event, Digital Learning Day, with Circuit Playground! Learn and explore the ABCs of electronics with the help of a curious little robot.

Thursday, February 23, 4:30-5:30

Scratch

Animate your name, create a game, or get your own virtual pet - all through computer programming! Scratch uses a simple interface, but does serious work.

Monday, February 27, 4:30-5:30

All locations will be closed on:

**Monday, Jan 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Feb 20 for President's Day**

Park Branch

744 Park Street Hartford CT 06106
860.695.7500 hplct.org
M-Th 11-6, Fri 12-5, closed Sat. and Sun.

Programs for All Ages

School Choice Application Assistance

Staff will be on hand to help you fill out the application and answer questions you might have.

Bending Gravity with Eric Girardi and School Application Assistance

Staff will be on hand to help you fill out the application and answer questions you might have. At 4:00, Eric Girardi will put on a show you won't soon forget!

Thursday, February 16, 3:00-5:30

Tuesday, January 24, 9:00-11:00

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with a library tour and activities at your local library branch!

Friday, February 3, 3:30-4:30

Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

Snowy Season Storytime

Celebrate winter with picture books, songs and movement. Create a snowflake craft to take home

Tuesday, January 10, 10:00-11:00

Eric Carle Storytime

Listen to stories by Eric Carle, learn some rhymes and make a caterpillar craft.

Tuesday, January 31, 10:00-11:00

"At the Library Storytime"

This Library themed story times offers stories, music and movement. Decorate a book mark to bring home.

Thursday, February 2, 10:00-11:00

Meet Maisy Storytime

Maisy is a little mouse who lives in story books. Read her stories, sing songs and make a mouse puppet to play with.

Tuesday, February 14, 10:00-11:00

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

Need a little help getting started with your assignments? Drop in after school for a snack and homework supplies to help you get going.

Tower Bucket Challenge

Calling all junior engineers! Can you build a tower out of straws that hold a bucket full of pennies? Come and try using our cool Strawbees.

Wednesday, January 11, 2:00-3:00

Paint Like Pollock

Learn all about modern artist Jackson Pollock and his style of action drip painting. They try your hand at making your own Pollock-inspired work of art!

Wednesday, January 18, 2:00-3:00

If I Were a Time Traveler...

Where would you go? What would you do? Would it be in the past, present, or maybe even the future? Look through various nonfiction texts at the library about different time periods and civilizations then let your imagination take over.

Monday, January 23, 3:30-4:30

Chinese New Year

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Join us for traditional Chinese folklore, a movie, and create your own coin tree to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The coin tree is a popular Chinese ornament believed to bring good luck and prosperity.

Wednesday, January 25, 1:00-2:00

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?

Wednesday, February 1, 2:30-3:30

Happy Birthday, Mo Willems!

Celebrate author and illustrator Mo Willems birthday with a party with his books, fun activities, and snack.

Wednesday, February 8, 2:30-3:30

Your Elastic Brain

It's ok to not be perfect! Let's talk about your ever changing brain and do some fun projects around the books *Ish* and *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds.

Wednesday, February 11, 2:30-3:30

Celebrate Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month in February. Learn about African American heritage, notable figures, culture, art, and music using library resources and create a paper quilt to display.

Wednesday, February 22, 2:30-3:30

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Ropkins Branch

1750 Main St. Hartford CT 06120
860.695.7520 hplct.org
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Programs for All Ages

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Monday, January 23, 3:00-5:30

Take Your Child to the Library Day

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Thursday, February 2, all day

Leap Into Learning Programs for Ages Birth-5

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Enjoy a bear story, song, and craft.
Wednesdays, January 11, 18, & 25, 10:00 and 10:30

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Homework Club

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Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-5:00

Three Kings' Day

Learn all about Dia de los Reyes, a holiday traditionally celebrated in the Hispanic community. Listen to a Three King's story and create your own crown to take home.
Thursday, January 5, 4:15-5:15

Aerodynamics of Paper Airplanes

What's that in the sky? It's a paper airplane! Make a perfect paper airplane by learning about elements that help to fly it.
Thursday, January 12, 4:15-5:15

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Thursday, January 19, 4:15-5:15

Paper Plate Puzzles for National Puzzle Day

Celebrate National Puzzle day by exercising your art skills and your puzzle building abilities! It's known to be good for your brain! Use your imagination to design a picture on a paper plate. You will then cut it into pieces to create a one-of-a-kind jigsaw puzzle. Participants will share their projects and work to solve each other's puzzles.
Thursday, January 26, 4:15-5:15

Paint Like Pollock

Learn all about modern artist Jackson Pollock and his style of action drip painting. They try your hand at making your own Pollock-inspired work of art!
Thursday, February 9, 4:15-5:15

Oh SNAP!

You are what you eat and nutritious food will keep you healthy & happy for life! From the SNAP-ed program at UCONN comes Krissy Anderson to help you make healthy choices. And, of course, there's free food!
Thursday, February 16, 3:30-4:30

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