July 2019
Programs for Youth and Families

Hang Outs: All Ages, Drop in Anytime

**Week of 7/1**
Summer Craft Make & Take—Albany, Camp Field
Celebrate summer with cool crafts.
Perler Bead Bonanza—Barbour, Downtown
Get creative with perler beads!
Build with Strawbees—Dwight, Park
Design and build with straws and connectors.
Engineering Table: Gumdrop Bridge—Ropkins
Try this sweet engineering challenge.

**Week of 7/8**
Summer Craft Make & Take—Dwight, Park
Celebrate summer with cool crafts.
Perler Bead Bonanza—Barbour, Downtown
Get creative with perler beads!
hARTford Scavenger Hunt—Albany
Discover art all around Hartford!
Engineering Table:
Paper Engineers—Camp Field
What can you build with paper?
Cup Towers—Ropkins
How high can you build a cup tower?

**Week of 7/15**
hARTford Scavenger Hunt—Barbour, Downtown, Park
Discover art all around Hartford!
Build with Strawbees—Camp Field
Design and build with straws and connectors.
Engineering Table: Paper Engineers—Dwight, Ropkins
What can you build with paper?
Yarn Week—Albany
We have all the materials to knit or crochet!

**Week of 7/22**
Upcycled Paper Butterflies—Barbour, Camp Field, Downtown, Park
Make beautiful paper butterflies!
Build with Strawbees—Albany
Design and build with straws and connectors.
Loom It Up—Dwight
Make a loom bracelet!
Perler Bead Bonanza—Ropkins
Get creative with perler beads!

**Week of 7/29**
Neighborhood Nature Scavenger Hunt—Camp Field, Dwight, Park
Explore and find nature all around you.
Build with Strawbees—Barbour, Downtown
Design and build with straws and connectors.
Loom It Up—Albany, Ropkins
Make a loom bracelet!

**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.

**Week of 7/15**
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**1000 Books Before Kindergarten**
For parents with children ages 0-5.
Reading to your child is one of the best ways to prepare them for Kindergarten. Come into any of the Hartford Public Library branches to register and get a free tote bag and folder to track all the books you read to your child. Every 100 books, you will receive a new log and receive a small prize. If you read a favorite book 10 times that counts as 10 books!
Sign up today!

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

**Tots & Tunes**
A group for little ones to come together and experience movement and music with songs, finger plays, musical instruments and more.

**Plant Lab**
Enjoy nature themed stories and fun activities to explore the world of plants!

**Storytime in the Park**
Join us for stories and songs at Bushnell Park near the carousel!

**Summer Learning 2019**
June 15 —August 24

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

July | Mon-Fri | Downtown 12:30-1:00 | Branches 12:30-1:30 (except July 4)
**Programs for Ages 6-12**

**STEM Club**
- 3D Printer Exploration
  - Learn all about 3D printing and print something special.
  - Tues| July 2 & 16| 5-6:30| Downtown
- Build with the Three Little Pigs
  - Enjoy a fairytale and engineering activity.
  - Wed| July 3| 2-3| Ropkins
  - Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Albany
- Milky Rainbow Science
  - Discover the chemistry of simple household items.
  - Wed| July 10| 2-3| Ropkins
  - Sat| July 20| 2:30-3:30| Downtown
- Balloon Rockets
  - Blast off with your very own rocket!
  - Wed| July 10| 4-5| Downtown
  - Mon| July 29| 2-3| Dwight
- Makey Makey
  - Make music from fruits and vegetables with this fun kit!
  - Thur| July 11| 2-3| Park
  - Thur| July 18| 1:30-2:30| Albany
- VR Vacation
  - Experience around the world adventures in Virtual Reality.
  - Sat| July 27| 2-3:30| Downtown

**CT Science Center @ HPL**
- Playing with Polymers
  - Explore the science of stretchy materials.
  - Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Downtown
  - Thur| July 18| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field
  - Thur| July 25| 2-3| Ropkins
- Alchemy Lab
  - Mix and match chemicals for different reactions.
  - Tues| July 30| 2-3| Ropkins
- Crash Lab
  - Master forces and motion with crash lab challenges!
  - Wed| July 31| 3-4| Albany

**NASA @ My Library**
- Art & the Cosmic Collection
  - Explore the beauty of the solar system.
  - Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field
- Looney Lunar Phases
  - Learn the phases of the moon with silly stories and cookies!
  - Fri| July 12| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field
- Pocket Solar System
  - Create a model of the solar system to fit in your pocket!
  - Wed| July 17| 4-5| Downtown
  - Thur| July 25| 1:30-2:30| Albany

**ART Club**
- Watercolor Resist Flowers
  - Learn this artistic technique.
  - Fri| July 5| 2-3| Park
- Origami Lotus Book
  - Create a folded paper flower book.
  - Sat| July 13| 2:30-3:30| Downtown
- Romare Bearden Self-Portrait
  - Learn to collage like artist, Romare Bearden.
  - Thur| July 18| 2-3| Park
- Ready Set Draw!
  - Draw along with children’s book illustrators.
  - Wed & Thur| July 24, 25| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field
  - Henna—2-3pm All locations
  - Learn and make your own designs!
  - Wed| July 24| Park
  - Mon| July 29| Ropkins
  - Tues| July 30| Dwight
  - Wed| July 31| Camp Field
- Radiant Child: The Art of Jean Michel Basquiat
  - Draw with pastels like artist, Jean Michel Basquiat.
  - Thur| July 2| 2-3| Dwight
  - Wed| July 24| 2-3| Ropkins

**HARTFORD Club**
- HPL Book Scavenger Hunt
  - Solve a puzzle to find books hidden in all the HPL libraries.
  - Wed| July 10| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field
  - Thur| July 25| 2-3| Park
- City Beautiful: Hartford
  - Help make a neighborhood collage inspired by Matt de la Pena’s Last Stop on Market Street.
  - Thur| July 18| 4-5| Downtown

**HEALTH Club**
- Husky READS—12:30-2 All locations
  - Join UConn students for healthy eating fun!
  - Mon| Barbour, Ropkins
  - Tues| Albany, Camp Field, Park
  - Wed| Downtown, Dwight
- Bring the Hoopla
  - Be a hula hoop all star!
  - Thur| July 11| 1:30-2:30| Ropkins & 3-4| Barbour
- Double Dutch—2-3 All locations
  - Learn jumps and tricks, alone or with friends.
  - Mon| July 15| Park
  - Tue| July 16| Albany
  - Thur| July 18| Dwight
  - Mon| July 22| Ropkins
  - Tues| July 23| Barbour
  - Wed| July 24| Downtown
  - Thur| July 25| Camp Field

**NATURE Club**
- Plant Lab
  - Explore the wonder of plants!
  - Wed| July 3| 3-4| Downtown
- Dragonfly with Me!
  - Learn all about these beautiful creatures.
  - Wed| July 3| 1:30-2:30| Camp Field
- STEM Lab: Waves
  - Learn about echolocation.
  - Tues| July 23| 2-3| Dwight
- STEM Lab: Rocks & Minerals
  - Learn about how rocks change over time.
  - Wed| July 17| 2-3| Ropkins
- STEM Lab: Space Science
  - Train like an astronaut!
  - Wed| July 24| 4-5| Downtown
- STEM Lab: Hurricanes
  - Build a hurricane model.
  - Thur| July 25| 5-6| Downtown

**Live Music!**
- Jeff McQuillan
  - Anansi the Spider drum tales!
  - Tues|July 16| 11-12| Park & 2-3| Dwight
  - Wed| July 17| 11-12| Albany & 2-3| Camp Field
- Sirius Coyote
  - Journey through Latin America with music!
  - Thur| July 25| 11-12| Park
  - Wed| July 31| 11-12| Downtown & 2-3| Ropkins
- Mikata
  - Learn to play African drums!
  - Wed| July 24| 11-12| Barbour
  - Mon| July 29| 11-12| Downtown & 2-3| Albany

**Live Animals!**
- Country Quilt Llama Farm
  - Learn about llamas and meet one too!
  - Mon| July 15| 2-3| Ropkins & 3-15|4-15| Dwight
  - Fri| July 19| 2-3| Camp Field & 3-15|4-15| Albany
- Critter Caravan
  - Don't miss the travelling animal show!
  - Mon| July 1| 2-3| Barbour
  - Thur| July 18| 1:30-2:30| Ropkins
  - Mon| July 22| 2-3| Park
  - Thur| July 25| 1:30-2:30| Downtown

**Horizon Wings**
- Learn about and meet an eagle, hawk and more!
  - Thur| July 30| 3-4| Camp Field

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**Boundless Library @ Rawson | 260 Holcomb Street | 860-695-7481 | T & Th 3:30pm–6pm**
**August 2019**
**Programs for Youth and Families**

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

**Week of 8/5**
- **Nature Photo-Thon** – Barbour, Downtown
  Take nature photos and share them with us!
- **Summer Craft Make & Take** – Camp Field, Ropkins
  Celebrate summer with cool crafts.
- **Perler Bead Bonanza** – Dwight, Park
  Get creative with perler beads!
- **Legos in the Library** – Albany
  Play and build with legos!

**Week of 8/12**
- **Engineering Table** – Barbour, Downtown, Park
  Try an engineering challenge!
- **Paper Engineers** – Ropkins
  What can you build with paper?
- **Nature Photo-Thon** – Albany
  Take nature photos and share them with us!
- **hARTford Scavenger Hunt** – Dwight
  Discover art all around Hartford!
- **Perler Bead Bonanza** – Camp Field
  Get creative with perler beads!

**Week of 8/19**
- **Toymaker’s Workshop** – Camp Field
  Make toys out of simple household materials.
- **Summer Craft Make & Take** – Barbour, Downtown
  Celebrate summer with cool crafts.
- **Yarn Week** – Park
  We have all the materials to knit or crochet!
- **Lanyard Lacing Fun** – Albany, Dwight
  Create a keychain, bracelet and more!
- **Engineering Table** – Craft Sticks, Clothespins and Binder Clips, Oh My! – Ropkins
  Try an engineering challenge with only these materials!

**Week of 8/26**
- **Beaded Baubles** – Albany
  Create a beaded bracelet or ring!
- **Legos in the Library** – Barbour, Downtown
  Play and build with legos!
- **Upcycled Paper Butterflies** – Camp Field
  Make beautiful paper butterflies!
- **Yarn Week** – Dwight
  We have all the materials to knit or crochet!
- **Nature Photo-Thon** – Park
  Take nature photos and share them with us!
- **hARTford Scavenger Hunt** – Dwight
  Discover art all around Hartford!

**Summer Learning 2019 Finale**
**Finish a club and win tickets to Hartford Athletic soccer game on August 24th!**

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**June 15—August 24**

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

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**Tues & Thurs | 10-10:30 | & 10:30-11 | Ropkins**
**Wed | 10:30-11:30 | Albany**
**Thur | 10 - 10:45 | Park**
**Thur | Aug 1 & 15 | 10-11 | Dwight**

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

**Wed | 11-12 | Downtown**

**Visit the CT Science Center**
During the month of August, Hartford residents can visit for free. Pick up a pass at any Hartford Public Library.

**Storytime in the Park**
Join us for stories and songs at Bushnell Park near the carousel!

**Mon | Aug 12 | 11-12 | Bushnell Park**

**Dinner and a Story**
**Tues | Aug 6 | 6-7 | Downtown**
Enjoy dinner and a puppet show with Puppetree presenting their show 14 Carrots!

14 CARROTS is the story of Aunt Swelly, a mature rabbit trying to enter the job market after years of babysitting. The show is filled with visual surprises, puppets and audience participation!
**Programs for Youth and Families**

**August 2019**

**STEM Club**
- **Bridge Science**
  Engineer a bridge with simple supplies!
  Thu | Aug 1 | 1:30-2:30 | Albany & 2-3 | Park

- **Makey Makey**
  Make music from fruits and vegetables with this fun kit!
  Thu | Aug 1 | 2-3 | Ropkins

- **3D Printer Exploration**
  Learn all about 3D printing and print something special.
  Thu & Fri | Aug 8 & 9 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field
  Thu | Aug 22 | 2-3 | Ropkins

- **Balloons Towers**
  Build a tower with just balloons and tape!
  Thu | Aug 8 | 2-3 | Park

- **STEM Lab: What Floats Your Boat?**
  Learn about buoyancy and design a boat that will float!
  Thu | Aug 8 | 2-3 | Ropkins
  Wed | Aug 14 | 4-5 | Downtown

- **Wiggle Bots**
  Design and build your own unique Wiggle Bot!
  Thu | Aug 15 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field

- **Marble Mazes**
  Build your own marble maze!
  Thu | Aug 15 | 2-3 | Park

- **Build With the Three Little Pigs**
  Enjoy a fairy tale and engineering activity.
  Wed | Aug 28 | 4-5 | Downtown

- **Balance Sculpture**
  Create a work of art that balances.
  Thu | Aug 29 | 4-5 | Camp Field

- **Balloon Rockets**
  Blast off with your very own rocket!
  Thu | Aug 29 | 4-5 | Park

- **CT Science Center @ HPL**
  - **Lights, Color, Action!**
    Discover how color is created and used by artists.
    Thu | Aug 1 | 2-3 | Barbour
    Mon | Aug 5 | 1:30-2:30 | Park

- **Roller Coasters**
  Learn how engineers design fun theme park rides!
  Wed | Aug 7 | 1:30-2:30 | Downtown

- **Living in Space**
  Learn how astronauts stay safe in space!
  Fri | Aug 16 | 3-4 | Albany

**ART Club**
- **Henna—2-3pm All locations**
  Learn and make your own designs!
  Thu | Aug 1 | Downtown
  Fri | Aug 2 | Albany
  Mon | Aug 5 | Barbour

- **Ready, Set, Draw!**
  Draw along with children’s book illustrators!
  Thu | Aug 9 | 1:30-2:30 | Albany

- **Romare Bearden Self-Portrait**
  Create a collage of yourself inspired by artist, Romare Bearden.
  Sat | Aug 10 | 2:30-3:30 | Downtown
  Wed | Aug 14 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field

- **Time for Slime**
  Make your own batch of slime!
  Tues | Aug 20 | 2-3 | Dwight

- **Big Words**
  Decorate your favorite book quotes.
  Tues | Aug 27 | 2-3 | Dwight

**HEALTH Club**
- **Husky READS—12:30-2 All locations**
  Join UConn students for healthy eating fun!
  Mon | Barbour, Ropkins
  Tues | Albany, Camp Field, Park
  Wed | Downtown, Dwight

- **STEM Lab: Walk, Run, Jump**
  Exercise your skeletal muscles to learn how athletes train!
  Wed | Aug 7 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field

- **BRing the Hoopla**
  Be a hula hoop all star!
  Thur | Aug 15 | 2-3 | Albany & 3:30-4:30 | Dwight

- **At Your Fingertips - Get Ready for School**
  Get organized for a stress-free start to school.
  Sat | Aug 24 | 2-3:30 | Downtown

**NATURE Club**
- **STEM Lab: Animal Sort**
  Learn about how scientists classify animals.
  Wed | Aug 7 | 4-5 | Downtown
  Thur | Aug 15 | 1:30-2:30 | Albany

- **STEM Lab: Earthquakes**
  Design a building from marshmallows and toothpicks. Will it survive an earthquake?
  Tues | Aug 13 | 2:30-3:30 | Park

- **STEM Lab: Space Science**
  Train like an astronaut!
  Thur | Aug 15 | 5-6 | Downtown

**LIVE Music!**
- **Surcari**
  Journey through Latin America with music!
  Thur | Aug 1 | 11-12 | Camp Field & 2-3 | Dwight
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**STEM Club**
- **NASA @ My Library**
  - **Looney Lunar Phases**
    Learn the phases of the moon with silly stories and cookies!
    Tues | Aug 13 | 2-3 | Dwight

**HARTFORD Club**
- **HPL Book Scavenger Hunt**
  Solve a puzzle to find books hidden in all the HPL libraries.
  Fri | Aug 9 | 2-3 | Downtown
  Thur | Aug 15 | 2-3 | Ropkins
  Thur | Aug 22 | 1:30-2:30 | Albany

**HORZON Wings**
- **Country Quilt Llama Farm**
  Learn about llamas and meet one too!
  Fri | Aug 16 | 2-3 | Downtown

- **Critter Caravan**
  Don’t miss the travelling animal show!
  Tues | Aug 6 | 2-3 | Dwight

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