

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

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Perler Bead Bonanza—Barbour, Downtown
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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!



Each time you finish a club pick a button designed by a Hartford artist—collect all 6!



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)

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.

Mon & Fri | 11 - 12 | Downtown **Mon | 2-2:30 | Camp Field** **Tues & Thur | 9:30-10:30 | Rawson** **Tues & Thur | 10-10:30 & 10:30-11 | Ropkins**
Wed | 10:30-11:30 | Albany **Thur | 10 - 10:45 | Park** **Thur | July 11 & 25 | 10-11 | Dwight**

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.

Wed | 11-12 | Downtown

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



Plant Lab

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



Wed & Thur | July 17, 18 | 3:30—4:30 |
Camp Field

Storytime in the Park

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

Mon | July 15 | 11-12 | Bushnell Park



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

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

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

ART Club

Watercolor Resist Flowers

Learn this fun 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.
Tues| July 2| 2-3| Dwight
Wed| July 24| 2-3| Ropkins



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

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

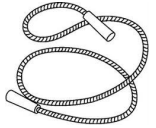
Help make a neighborhood collage inspired by Matt de la Pena's *Last Stop on Market Street*.
Thur| July 18| 4-5| Downtown



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 Tues| 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 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



Hartford Public Library Locations and Hours

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

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