

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!



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

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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



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

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



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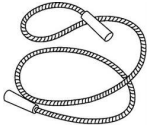
HEALTH Club

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

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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

August 2019

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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
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Nature Photo-Thon - Park
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June 15—August 24

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Kids and teens 18 and under

Mon-Fri | Aug 1-24 | Downtown 12:30-1:00 |
Branches 12:30-1:30

Summer Learning 2019 Finale

Finish a club and win tickets to Hartford Athletic soccer game on August 24th!

Summer finale party at all branches!



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Thur | 10 - 10:45 | Park

Thur | Aug 1 & 15 | 10-11 | Dwight

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!



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.



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



Storytime in the Park

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

Mon | Aug 12 | 11-12 | Bushnell Park



STEM Club

Bridge Science

Engineer a bridge with simple supplies!

Thur | Aug 1 | 1:30-2:30 | Albany & 2-3 | Park

Makey Makey

Make music from fruits and vegetables with this fun kit!

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3D Printer Exploration

Learn all about 3D printing and print something special.

Thur & Fri | Aug 8 & 9 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field

Thur | Aug 22 | 2-3 | Ropkins

Balloon Towers

Build a tower with just balloons and tape!

Thur | Aug 8 | 2-3 | Park

STEM Lab: What Floats Your Boat?

Learn about buoyancy and design a boat that will float!

Thur | Aug 8 | 2-3 | Ropkins

Wed | Aug 14 | 4-5 | Downtown

Wiggle Bots

Design and build your own unique Wiggle Bot!

Thur | Aug 15 | 1:30-2:30 | Camp Field

Marble Mazes

Build your own marble maze!

Thur | Aug 15 | 2-3 | Park

Build With the Three Little Pigs

Enjoy a fairytale and engineering activity.

Wed | Aug 28 | 4-5 | Downtown

Balance Sculpture

Create a work of art that balances.

Thur | Aug 29 | 4-5 | Camp Field

Balloon Rockets

Blast off with your very own rocket!

Thur | Aug 29 | 4-5 | Park

CT Science Center @ HPL

Lights, Color, Action!

Discover how color is created and used by artists.

Thur | 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



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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



Live Music!

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Journey through Latin America with music!

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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

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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?

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