

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



**Week of 9/2**  
**National Library Card Sign-Up Month—Barbour, Downtown, Dwight, Park, Ropkins**  
 Get a new card or check out a book to be entered into a raffle to win a Kindle Fire.  
**Make Your Own Monster—Albany** Make a friendly, silly or spooky monster.  
**Washi Tape Fun—Camp Field** Use colorful Washi tape to make your own bookmark!  
**Build With Strawbees—Dwight** What can you build with straws and plastic connectors?  
**Cool Coloring: Back to School—Albany**

**Week of 9/9**  
**National Library Card Sign-Up Month—Camp Field, Dwight** Get a new card or check out a book to be entered into a raffle to win a Kindle Fire.  
**Washi Tape Fun—Barbour** Use colorful Washi tape to make your own bookmark!  
**International Dot Day—Albany, Downtown, Dwight, Park, Ropkins** Make your mark and see where it takes you!  
**Cool Coloring: Hartford's Sister City Ocotal, Nicaragua—Albany**

**Week of 9/16**  
**National Library Card Sign-Up Month—Albany, Dwight** Get a new card or check out a book to be entered into a raffle to win a Kindle Fire.  
**Hispanic Heritage Month—Camp Field, Park, Ropkins** Learn about our Nicaraguan Sister City, Ocotal!  
**Washi Tape Fun—Downtown** Use colorful Washi tape to make your own bookmark!  
**Legos in the Library—Barbour** We have Legos and a challenge for you. What will you create? Do you have what it takes to be a master builder?  
**Cool Coloring: Pura Belpre—Albany**  
**A Bracelet for All Seasons—Dwight** Paracord Bracelets are used as survival tools besides being a fashion accessory.

**Week of 9/23**  
**National Library Card Sign-Up Month—Dwight**  
 Get a new card or check out a book to be entered into a raffle to win a Kindle Fire.  
**Hispanic Heritage Month—Barbour, Downtown** Learn about our Nicaraguan Sister City, Ocotal!  
**Banned Bookshelf—Albany, Camp Field, Dwight, Park, Ropkins** Banned Books Abound at HPL, read one and let us know if you would ban it!  
**Cool Coloring: Fall—Albany**  
**Amazing Autumn Craft-Stravaganza! - Park** Celebrate the season with cool crafts!

**Week of 9/30**  
**Hispanic Heritage Month—Albany, Downtown** Learn about our Nicaraguan Sister City, Ocotal!  
**Amazing Autumn Craft-Stravaganza! - Barbour, Camp Field** Celebrate the season with cool crafts!  
**Loom It Up! - Park, Ropkins** Use our looms and elastics to create your own bracelet or keychain.  
**Legos in the Library—Dwight** We have Legos and a challenge for you. What will you create? Do you have what it takes to be a master builder?  
**Cool Coloring: Hartford Athletic/Soccer—Albany**

**Labor Day**  
**September 2nd**  
**All Libraries Closed**




### 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.

<b>Mon &amp; Fri   11 -12   Downtown</b>	<b>Tues &amp; Thur  10-10:30 &amp; 10: 30-11  Ropkins</b>
<b>Wed  Sept 4  10-10:30  Camp Field</b>	<b>Thur   10 - 10:45   Park</b>

**Starry Storytime**  
 Join us for evening storytime each week!



**Tues| 6:30-7:30| Albany**

**Toddler Storytime / Cuentos para Niños Pequeños**  
 Join us for our new bilingual storytime for Toddlers!

**Wed| Sept 18 & 25| 11-11:45| Park**



**Sensational Sensory Wednesdays**  
 Interactive play-time for children. Enjoy a new and exciting sensory, hands-on learning activity.  
**Wed |11-12 | Downtown**

**Orbeez: A Sensory Blast!**  
 Orbeez are tiny beads that grow into squishy, bouncy balls when soaked in water. Anyone who like slime will love Orbeez. Come experiment with us and enjoy a new sensory experience!  
**Tues| Sept 3| 3-5| Barbour**

**Storytime in the Park**  
 Join us at Bushnell Park near the playground to sing, play and read!  
**Mon| Sept 16| 11-12| Bushnell Park**




**STEM Fun!**

**3D Printer Exploration**

Learn all about 3D printing and print something special.  
Tues | Sept 3 & 17| 5-6:30| Downtown  
Thur| Sept 5| 3:30-4:30| Camp Field

**Ozobots**

Come learn all about coding by playing with our fun Ozobots!

Tues| Sept 3| 4:30-5| Dwight  
Wed| Sept 4| 4-5| Downtown

**Time for Slime**

Make your own batch of slime!  
Wed| Sept 4| 3-4 | Albany  
Wed | Sept 11| 4-5| Downtown

**Magnet Power**

Investigate, explore, and learn all about the science of magnetism.  
Thur| Sept 5| 4-5| Park

**Imagine and Build with Legos**

We have the legos, bring your imagination!  
Thur|Sept 5| 4-5| Albany

**Beebots**

Come learn all about coding by playing with our fun BeeBots!  
Wed| Sept 11| 3:30-4:30| Camp Field

**Circus Bridges**

Enjoy engineering a bridge for 21 circus elephants with household materials.  
Thur| Sept 12| 4-5| Park

**Borax Crystals Part 1 & 2**

Let make our own crystals! Two visits needed to create and examine crystals together.  
Wed | Sept 18 & 25| 4-5| Downtown

**Geology: Volcanos!**

Experiment with "lava" of different thicknesses to solve a mystery.  
Thur| Sept 26| 5:30-6:30| Downtown

**Banned Books Week Bingo**

Learn about different books that have been banned from schools and libraries over the years and celebrate your right to read by playing an informative game of Banned Book Bingo. Thur| Sept 26| 3:30-4:30| Ropkins

**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!**

**Who Was Pura Belpre?**

Come and learn about the first Latina Librarian in the New York Public Library system, and Storyteller, Pura Belpre to help us celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Wed| Sept 18| 3-4| Albany  
Thur| Sept 19| 3:30-4:30| Camp Field, Ropkins & |4-5| Park

**Ojo de Dios**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating this traditional Mexican craft.  
Sat| Sept 21| 2:30-3:30| Downtown  
Wed| Sept 25| 3:30-4:30| Camp Field



**Celebrate International Dot Day!**

Celebrate International Dot Day with us-- honoring the book The Dot by Peter Reynolds and the power of creativity. Make your mark and see where it takes you!

Tues| Sept 10| | 4:30-5| Dwight  
Thur| Sept 12| 3:30-4:30| Ropkins



Sat| Sept 14| 2-3| Downtown  
Wed| Sept 18| 3:30-4:30| Camp Field

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**The Big Read:**

**George by Alex Gino**

Like George, have you ever experienced a time when you felt unseen or like no one understood you? Join other kids in our musical card discussion game and participate in other activities based on the book, George, by Alex Gino.

**Snack & Chat: George**

Mon| Sept 9| 3-4| Barbour  
Tues| Sept 17| 4:30-5:30| Dwight  
Thur| Sept 26| 3:30-4:30| Camp Field



**Get Creative!**

**3D Purple Yarn Art**

Create a purple yarn art inspired by Harold and the Purple Crayon.  
Wed| Sept 4| 3:30-4:30| Camp Field  
Thur| Sept 24| 3:30-4:30| Albany

**Mask Making**

Join us to sew and decorate a felt mask perfect for wearing!  
Tues| Sept 24| 4:30-5:30| Dwight

**Mess Around with Playdoh**

Join us for Playdoh fun!  
Thur| Sept 12, 26| 4-5| Albany

**Superhero Watercolors**

Paint your favorite superheroes!  
Thur| Sept 19| 4-5| Albany

**Children's Room**

**Hooks and Needles Yarn Club**

Whether you're a new or experienced crafter, join us to knit and crochet together!  
Thur| Sept 5, 19| 1-3| Downtown



**Homework Help**—Get help with your homework and reading at the library!

Starting Sept 3: Mon—Fri | 3-4| Camp Field Mon— Fri | 3:30-4:30 | Dwight Mon-Fri | 3-4 | Park

Starting Sept 9: Mon, Wed, Thur | 3:30-5 | Ropkins Tues | 1:30-3:30 | Ropkins

**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

**The Art and Science of Leaf Rubbings**

Explore autumn in New England with a story time and craft that combines science and art. Find out why leaves change color in the fall and learn to identify the parts of a leaf.

Thur| Sept 26| 4-5| Park

