



Hartford Public Library
Summer Learning 2017



Programs for Children and Families Summer 2017

Downtown Library

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103
860.695.6330 hplct.org
M-Th 10-8, F & Sat 10-5

Programs for All Ages

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Tuesday, August 15, 10:00-11:00

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.

Fridays, 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, 11:00-12:00

All locations will be closed on:

Tuesday, July 4th



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Programs for Students Ages 6-12

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, 3:30-4:30

Giant Jenga

This is not your normal game of Jenga! Pull a block from our giant version and you have to do whatever it says. Will you be able to pull without it tumbling down?

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 20 & 21, 1:30-2:30

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The Week of June 26th

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Meet the Hartford Yard Goats!

Batter up! Meet the mascots of Hartford's Yard Goats team.

Wednesday, July 12 & August 9, 11:00-12:00

Family Book Voyager Discussion Series

Ages 6-10. Read and discuss selections from some of the best in children's traditional and contemporary literature. The series is supported by the Connecticut Humanities Council.

Wed, July 12, 2:30-3:30 Thurs, July 13, 2:30-3:30

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Build It with Strawbees

Do you have dreams about being a future engineer? Come see what you can build with our cool straws and connectors.

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Turn Milk Into Plastic!

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Back to School: At Your Fingertips

Put together a Back-to-School organizer in a pocket folder with an array of helpful tip-sheets and tools. Personalize it with art of your choice.

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Born to Read Story Time and Play Group
Inspire, stimulate and create a love of reading in your child by visiting the library for developmentally appropriate stories, songs and finger plays. There will be bubbles and parachute games with time for socialization and play time afterwards. No registration is required.
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 11:30-12:30

Programs for Students Ages 6-12

Pack-a-Punch of Nutrition: Black Bean Salsa
Chow down on this delicious recipe and - while you're at it - invent some great new puns! This is nacho mama's black bean salsa!
Wednesday, June 7th, 4:30-5:30

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! We love our earth and we want to keep it as beautiful and clean as possible. An easy way to do this is making recycling a part of our lives and our libraries. Learn about different steps you can take every day to reduce, reuse, and recycle to preserve our world.
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VR Vacation
Brazil, London, New Zealand, let's go! Experience around the world adventures in Virtual Reality at the library this summer!
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Bug-a-Palooza

What interesting insects can you find living right outside your library? Decorate your bug catcher then use it to carefully catch and identify different critters. You can take your bug catcher home but all insects will be safely set free!

Wednesday June 28th 2:30-3:30

Freedom Stars

Create a patriotic Fourth of July Freedom Star out of everyday paper lunch sacks. Customize your paper star with paint and stickers and take home this fun 3D paper ornament.

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Pack a Punch of Nutrition: Chia Seed Pudding

Who doesn't love chocolate pudding? Learn how to make a simple and healthy version.

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Barbour Branch

261 Barbour St.

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Programs for All Ages

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Camp Field Branch

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Programs for All Ages

Bring the Hoopla

Build A Better World: Happiness & Hula Hoops —Each participant will get to hula hoop with us, engaging through age appropriate games and team building activities and encourage self-expression and creativity.

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Spring Into Summer Story

Enjoy rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7443.

Wednesday June 7th 10:30-11:30am

Plant Lab

Discover the life of plants in your world with fun activities and explorations!

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Eric Carle's Birthday Celebration

Enjoy the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, a wonderful story about a caterpillar growing up to be a beautiful butterfly and make a crafts.

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Sunflower Story Time!

Stretch your arms to the sky & grow with the best in summertime books!

Wednesday June 28th 10:30-11:30

Fun with bubbles

Thursday July 6th 10:30-11:30

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

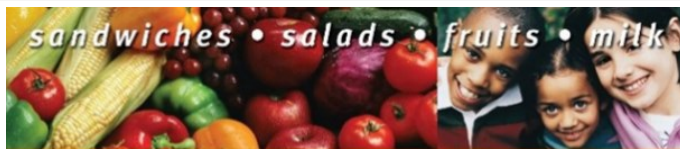
Join us for an interactive story time experience with songs, games, and crafts based on the classic children's book, We're Going on A Bear Hunt!

Tues., July 11th & Wed, July 19, 10:30-11:30

All About You

Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, and activity.

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DIY Dangle Earrings 6Join us at the library to handcraft a pair of beaded earring for you or a friend. All supplies will be provided you just need to bring your creativity.

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Monday, July 17th & 24th, 2:00-3:00

Lunar Love : Celebrate National Moon Day

La Luna, Oşupa, Lalin--however you say it, we're celebrating Earth's only natural satellite: the moon! We'll make moon mobiles and play games related to the moon. There may or may not be Oreos involved!

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Masks in the Making

Explore the amazing creations of artist and sculptor Kimmy Cantrell. Create your very own unique mask in the Cubist style to take home.

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Back to School Bucket List

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Z City Spotlight Performance

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June bug Story Time

Whether it's very hungry caterpillars or it'sy-bitsy spiders, there are so many fun songs and stories about the little guy: bugs! Join us for a fun story time with a very buggy craft after!

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Old and New Story Time

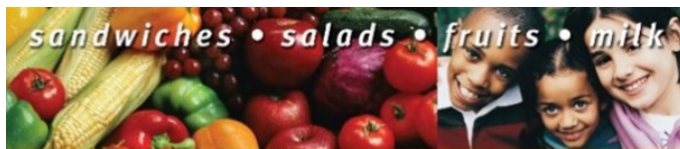
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Summer Vacation Story Time

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Back to School Bucket List

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Thursday, August 17th, 1:30-2:30



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Market Day

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Wednesday, July 12th, 10:00 - 10:45

Build It Big Storytime

Ages 3-5. Join us for creative fun with stories all about building things! Then, bring your bright ideas to our activity center to design and build your own invention from different household materials. Will it be a building, a bridge, a boat? It's your choice!

Wednesday, July 26th, 10:00-10:45

Happy Piggy Day

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregivers. Join us for a very piggy storytime featuring the Elephant & Piggy books by Mo Willems! We'll sing silly songs and make our own Elephant & Piggie puppets to play pretend at home!

Wednesday, August 9th, 10:00-10:45

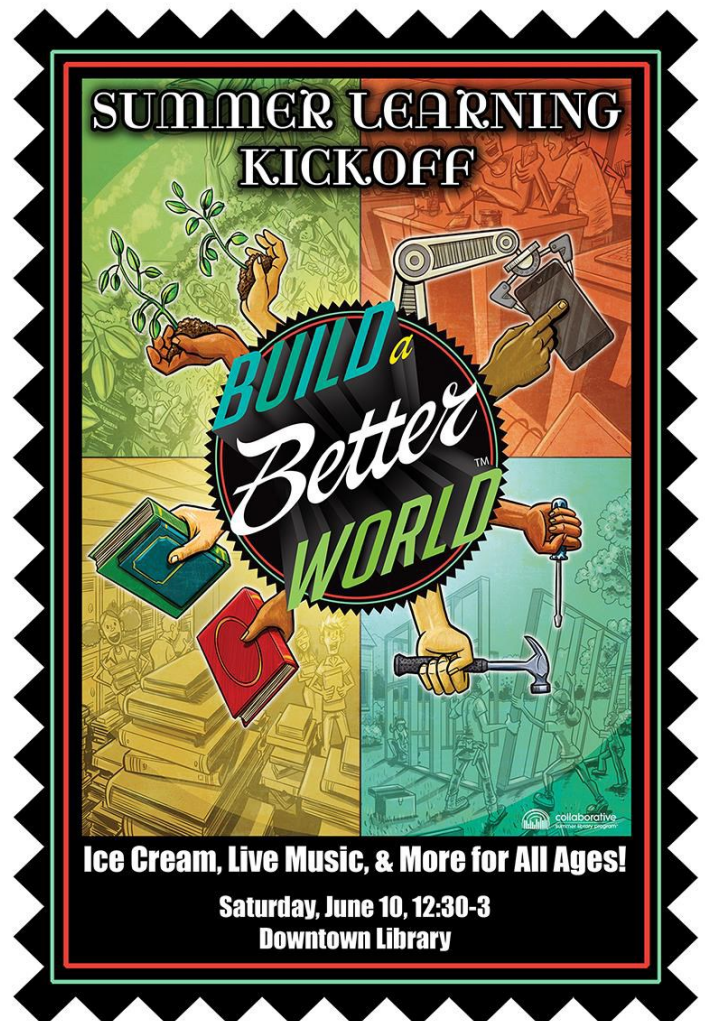
Sunflower Storytime!

Stretch your arms to the sky & grow with the best in summertime books!

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Watercolor Resist Flowers for World Watercolor Month 6During the month of June artists around the world celebrate World Watercolor Month and share their art online. Join us at the library as we experiment with a watercolor and crayon resist technique on newspaper.

Monday June 19th, 2:00-3:00

Summer Solstice Sun Catchers

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Makey Makey

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Wednesday, June 28th, 2:00-3:00

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Wednesday July 5th– Friday July 9th, 2:00-3:00

Plant Lab

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Lunar Love : Celebrate National Moon Day

La Luna, Oşupa, Lalin—however you say it, we're celebrating Earth's only natural satellite: the moon! We'll make moon mobiles and play games related to the moon. There may or may not be Oreos involved!

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Animal Show on the Go

All ages. Meet live animals from around the world! Who will show up? Will it be a lizard or a snake? Or maybe a rabbit? You'll have to come and find out!
Monday, August 7th, 2:00-3:00

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All About Animals Story Time

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Flannel Board Story Time

Flannel Board stories for the young ones to listen and to tell. Color a finger puppet to tell stories to.
Tuesday, July 11th, 10:00-11:00

Summer Fun Story Time

This story time offers Summer themed stories and rhymes. Also, make a bubble painting.
Tuesday, July 25th, 10:00-11:00

Delicious Stories

Enjoy stories that feature foods. Make a picture with veggie stamps.
Tuesday, August 8th, 10:00-11:00

Just Frogs Story Time

Frog stories and frog rhymes fill this fun story time. Make a frog book mark.
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Thursday, June 7th, 3:30-4:30

Don't Say It, Sign It

Visit your local library to learn American Sign Language! Use your hands to spell the alphabet, your name, and other basic signs so you can communicate with more members of your community.

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Monday, July 3rd, 2:00-3:00

Pack a Punch of Nutrition: Black Bean Salsa

Chow down on this delicious recipe and - while you're at it - invent some great new puns! This is nacho mama's black bean salsa!

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Index Card Tower Challenge

Work in teams this summer at the library to engineer a free-standing tower using only index cards and tape!

Wednesday, August 16th, 2:00-3:00

Back to School: At Your Fingertips

Put together a Back-to-School organizer in a pocket folder with an array of helpful tip-sheets and tools. Personalize it with art of your choice.

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Whoever You Are

Join us for an interactive reading of Mem Fox's Whoever You Are! We celebrate all the different kinds of children in our community and all over the world, whoever and wherever they are.

Wed, August 9th & 16th, 10:00-10:30 & 10:30-11:00

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Homework Club

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Dental Health for Kids

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Pack-a-Punch of Nutrition: Berry Oats

Eating a healthy breakfast is easy and delicious with a few simple ingredients and a bowl! Come learn how to make berry oats.

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Giant Jenga

This is not your normal game of Jenga! Pull a block from our giant version and you have to do whatever it says. Will you be able to pull without it tumbling down?

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Staying Fresh in Summer

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Thursday, August 10th, 2:00-3:00

Rapunzel Wrap-Up

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