

Hartford Public Library
Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
April 2015

Downtown Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call (860) 695-6330

Teens

Teen Lit Night: Education

Ages 13-18. Calling all teens! Celebrate National Library Week with us by dropping in for Teen Lit Night. Eat pizza, drink soda, and talk about books. Tell us about some of your favorites (and not-so-favorites), and get some awesome book recommendations.

Downtown – Program Room, Monday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Fall back into great homework habits with a trip to the library. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, April 1-30, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Parent/Child Book Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6-10 with adults. Join us to talk about some great award-winning children's picture books reflecting on themes such as fairness, greed, and courage. This month, we will be reading *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Judith Viorst and *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* by John Steptoe.

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Wednesdays, April 1 and 8, 5:30 p.m.

A Pizza the Size of the Sun: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Discuss Jack Prelutsky's *A Pizza the Size of the Sun* and create your very own homemade pizza afterwards!

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday, April 4, 3:00 p.m.

Crafternoons: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Stop by our crafts table for creative inspiration, art activities, and snacks. Check out books on drawing, jewelry making, and more for ideas!

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesday, April 14, 1:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, 2:30 p.m.

National Poetry Month: Education (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library! Learn how to do black-out poetry sheets to create unique poems -- or make your own compositions with paper and pen.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, April 15, 3:30 p.m.

Origami: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Learn and create origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. No previous experience is needed, and paper is provided.

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, April 17, 1:30 p.m.

Junior Maker Lego® Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 4 and up. Join us for an afternoon of Lego® building creativity and fun. We provide the blocks, you provide the imagination!

Downtown - Children's Library, Thursday, April 16, 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 29, 4:30 p.m.

Earth Day: Life Skills (Downtown)

Read *It's Earth Day! (Little Critter)* by Mercer Mayer, a wonderful story about Earth day. Children will learn about the importance of not wasting water or energy by reading this book.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, April 22, 4:30 p.m.

Children and Families

First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth-5 with adults. Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books and music while your child meets other children.

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays, April 6, 13, and 27, 10:30 a.m.

Every Child Ready to Read Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth-5 with adults. 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, sing songs, play games and make a craft to take home!

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages newborn-8 with adults. Bring your family to the library on Saturday to hear stories from the best in children's illustrated books, sing songs, share rhymes, and make a craft!

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, April 4 and 18 10:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Readiness with CCMC: All About Safety: Health (Downtown)

Ages 4-6 with adults. Join us to hear from the Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) to learn all about safety and how it applies to kindergarten readiness.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.

Pajama Storytime: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 4-6 with adults. If your child is currently in kindergarten or going into kindergarten next year, sign your child up for a library card and get a tour of the library. Bring your pajamas and listen to a fun story. Make a cute puppet and receive a few tips on helping your child get ready for kindergarten.

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, April 10, 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop: Education (Downtown)

Ages 4-6 with adults. Join us for a fun and informational workshop all about helping your child get ready for kindergarten. Enjoy refreshments, learn about the importance of kindergarten attendance, and receive tips to help your child succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.

Music & Movement: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 4-6 with adults. Get ready for kindergarten with a fun music & movement activity to help sharpen your child's early literacy skills and get ready for kindergarten!

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, April 17, 11:00 a.m.

Hispanic Health Council (HHC) Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Downtown)

Ages 4-6 with adults. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to learn about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast every morning before school.

Downtown – Children’s Library, Monday, April 20, 11:00 a.m.

Small Smiles: Health (Downtown)

Ages 4-6 with adults. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to kindergarten readiness.

Downtown – Children’s Library, Friday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Awareness Month: Grand Finale Celebration (Downtown)

Ages 4-6 with adults. Celebrate a month-long effort to get ready to kindergarten! Join us for music and movement, face painting, snacks, raffle prizes, and a puppet show by Tanglewood Marionettes!

Downtown – Center for Contemporary Culture, Saturday, April 25, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

**Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114**

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

Music & Movement: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Get ready for kindergarten with a fun music & movement activity to help sharpen your child's early literacy skills and get ready for kindergarten!

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, April 8, 29 10:30 a.m.

National Library Workers Day: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate National Library Week by making something special for someone that works at the library that has help you in some kind of way. During this week we will also take a tour of another library and see what they have to offer.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, April 13, Thursday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.

Week of the Young Child: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Celebrate the youngest learners and their caregivers with a special sequencing and planting activity.

Camp Field Branch, Tues. April 14, 21 1:00 p.m.

A Twirling Trail of Words: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 10 and up. Take a closer look at Concrete Poetry, Free Verse and Haiku and attempt to deliver one idea in three different fun ways. Make a group poetry collage.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.

Earth Day: Education (Camp Field)

Read a book together, *It's Earth Day! (Little Critter)* by Mercer Mayer, this is a wonderful story of Earth day. Children will learn about the importance of not wasting water or energy by reading this book.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, April 22, 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. April is HPL's month of kindergarten preparedness programs and activities. Join us for a fun and informational workshop all about helping your child get ready for kindergarten. Enjoy refreshments, learn about the importance of kindergarten attendance, and receive tips to help your child succeed in kindergarten and beyond

Camp Field branch, Thursday April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Small Smiles: Health (Camp Field)

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to kindergarten readiness.

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday April 28, 10:30 a.m.

Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Camp Field)

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to learn about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast every morning before school.

Camp Field Branch, April 30, 2:00 p. m.

Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)

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Camp Field Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, April 1st -30th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

For information on Goodwin Branch programs, call 860.695.7480

FACES AND PLACES: Education

Ages 5 and up. Children never seem to tire of stories about foreign lands and distant places. Explore the Library to find full color photos, informative maps, country facts, and more!

Goodwin Branch: Thursday, April 2, 4:00 p.m.

TEEN LIT NIGHT: Education

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Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.

A TWIRLING TRAIL OF WORDS: Education

Ages 10 and up. Take a closer look at Concrete Poetry, Free Verse, and Haiku and attempt to deliver one idea in three different fun ways. Make a group poetry collage!

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, April 8, 4:00 p.m.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: Education

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library! Learn how to do black-out poetry sheets to create unique poems -- or make your own compositions with paper and pen.

Goodwin Branch Library, Tues., April 14, 5:00 p.m.

DIY PHOTO BOOTH: Arts & Entertainment

All ages. Strike a pose, with your favorite book! Join us as we celebrate National Library Week with lights, cameras and fun photo props!

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, April 14, 5:00 p.m.

EARTH DAY: Education

Read *It's Earth Day! (Little Critter) by Mercer Mayer*, a wonderful story about Earth day. Children will learn about the importance of not wasting water or energy by reading this book.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.

UNIQUE WORDS: Literacy

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate National Poetry Month by sharing your favorite poem out loud with others. Or just take a seat and listen to all the wonderful poems.

Goodwin Branch Tuesday, April 28, 5:00 p.m.

The Goodwin Branch Library's listen and learn center is available for children ages 3 and up Mondays through Saturdays. No registration is required. Please ask the Librarian for the AWE computers.

Mark Twain Branch
55 Forest Street
Hartford, CT 06105

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

International Children's Book Day: Literacy

All ages. Join us for a celebration of children's books from around the world with readings and a bookmark activity!

Mark Twain Branch

Thursday, April 2, 4:00 p.m.

Teen Voices: Literacy

Ages 14 and up. Join us to share favorite stories, eat pizza and recommend books for our Teen Book Club Tumblr <http://whatdoesthebooksay.tumblr.com/> .

Mark Twain Branch

Friday, April 3, 3:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop: Early Literacy

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Mark Twain Branch

Monday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.

Music & Movement: Early Literacy

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Get ready for kindergarten with a fun music & movement activity to help sharpen your child's early literacy skills and get ready for kindergarten!

Mark Twain Branch

Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.

Multicultural Club: Education

Ages 14 and up. Our Hartford Otaku Manga Club has been changed to the Multicultural Club due to popular request. Join us each week to explore and celebrate different cultures with activities and snacks.

Mark Twain Branch

Thursday, April 9, 16, 23, 3:00 p.m.

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Mark Twain Branch

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DIY Photo Booth: Arts & Entertainment

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Mark Twain Branch

Wednesday, April 15, 2:00 p.m.

Dia de Los Ninos/Dia de Los Libros: Literacy

All ages. Join us for a multilingual celebration of stories from around the world. We will be recording stories read or told in different languages to create a community e-book. Volunteer to read a story in your native language. International snacks will be served.

Mark Twain Branch

Monday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.

Creative Reuse: Arts & Entertainment

Ages 8 and up. Join us for our Earth Day celebration to learn how to use old books in a new way!

Mark Twain Branch

Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.

Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health

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Mark Twain Branch

Monday, April 27, 11:00 a.m.

A Twirling Trail of Words: Literacy

Ages 10 and up. Take a closer look at Concrete Poetry, Free Verse and Haiku and attempt to deliver one idea in three different fun ways. Make a group poetry collage.

Mark Twain Branch

Wednesday, April 29, 4:00 p.m.

**Ropkins Branch
1750 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120**

For information on Ropkins Branch programs, call 860.695.7520

A TWIRLING TRAIL OF WORDS: Education

Ages 10 and up. Take a closer look at Concrete Poetry, Free Verse, and Haiku and attempt to deliver one idea in three different fun ways. Make a group poetry collage!

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, April 8, 4:00 p.m.

FACES AND PLACES: Education

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY: Education

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate National Library Week by making something special for someone that works at the library that has helped you in some way. During this week we will also take a tour of another library and see what they have to offer.

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