

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

Downtown Library  
500 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

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**Students**

**Homework Club:** Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started on your work. Homework supplies provided.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Mondays-Thursdays, June 1-19, 3:00 p.m.

**Junior Maker Lego® Club:** Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Lego club is back! Put your engineering skills to the test with building challenges and ideas -- or create your own Lego structures from your imagination.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 23, 30, 5:00 p.m.

**Summer Learning Kickoff Carnival:** Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

All ages. Join us June 6, 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a superhero day of fun! Face painting, airbrush tattoos, bounce house, dunk tank, crafts and more! Indoors and outdoors, rain or shine! Summer Learning Registration: 12:30pm. Carnival: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., followed by Mad Science Show in the auditorium (CCC room). Bus transportation will be available. See Youth Services staff.

***Downtown Library***, Saturday, June 6, 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Mad Science Show - The Science of Superheroes:** Education (Downtown)

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***Downtown Library - CCC Room***, Saturday, June 6, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

**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***, Wednesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m.

**Super Hero Treasure Hunt: Art & Entertainment (Downtown)**

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**Downtown – Children's Library**, Monday, June 15, 4:00 p.m.

**A Superhero Lives Here (A Father's Day Craft-A-Thon): Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

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**Downtown – Children's Library**, Tuesday, June 16, 1:30 p.m.

**Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Join the musical group, Sirius Coyote for a free family concert at the Downtown library, sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston fund.

**Downtown – Atrium**, Tuesday, June 23, 11:00 a.m.

**Parent/Child Book Club: Education (Downtown)**

All ages with adults. Read, listen, and discuss Pete Seeger and Maurice Sendak's adventurous tales, *Abiyoyo* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. Make your very own Wild Thing/Abiyoyo mask afterwards!

**Downtown – Children's Program Room**, Wednesdays, June 24 and July 22, 5:30 p.m.

**Summer Learning Mega Registration Parties!: Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 0-18. Celebrate Summer Learning with Mega Education® with a summer registration party!! All youth and teens that have registered for summer learning and attend the party will be eligible to win one of two brand new Android tablets! And ice cream for everyone! Come early to confirm your registration and enter your name in the raffle box! Only youth and teens visiting that day are eligible, so your chances of winning are high! Other prizes also may be awarded.

**Downtown Library**, Wednesday, June 24, Confirm registration 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social 2:30 pm – 3:30 p.m.



**Super Hero Bug (Anansi the Spider/Bug): Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Anansi the spider, a tale from the Ashanti region of Ghana. Counting, colors, shapes, animals, teamwork, family, intro to Africa .The rescue of Anansi is really a team effort by the sons.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Friday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.

**Paws to Read: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up with adult friends. Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring him/her every first and third Saturday to meet Gizmo (our specially trained Paws for Friendship Therapy Dog) and her handler Jen. Call 860-695-6330 for an appointment time between 12:30-2:00 pm or just drop in for a session.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Saturday, June 27, 12:30 pm

**Cool Jewels:** Arts (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Make trendy jewelry with the hottest materials and very little effort!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Saturday, June 27, 2:30 p.m.

**Superhero Cuffs:** Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Transform yourself into a superhero in minutes with your own superhero cuffs!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, June 29, 1:30 p.m.

**Marble Maze Build-Off:** Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Construct your own marble mazes using cardboard tubes, popsicle sticks, and other supplies.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Tuesday, June 30, 2:00 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, June 1, 8, 15, 29, 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**, Fridays, June 5, 12, 26, 10:30 a.m.

**Baby Meet and Greet:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages Birth – 3 with parents/caregiver. Want to meet other parents and give your young child a chance to explore and make new friends, but aren’t quite sure where to start? **Baby Meet & Greet** is here to help! Join us as we play, sing, read, and talk while you take some time to get to know other new parents, or even get advice from the seasoned moms with new little ones. Please call to register for this program- 860-695-6330.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Wednesday June 10 and 17th at 11:00 AM

**Superhero Story Time:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3 and up. Celebrate the National Summer Learning Day at HPL with a fun superhero-themed story time full of stories, rhymes, and songs.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Friday, June 19, 10:30 a.m.

**Creative Rhythms:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5. Hear the beat, feel the rhythm! Go on a musical and cultural journey through songs and dance as you move your dancing feet!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.

**We are Going on a Bear Hunt:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. 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!*

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Saturday, June 27, 11:30 a.m.



Barbour Branch  
259 Barbour Street  
Hartford, CT 06120

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**The Making Mode:** Arts and Crafts (Barbour)

Ages 4 and up. Makers we have Lego buckets, wooden blocks, Lincoln logs and magnets waiting for you to use them to make out of this world creations. Come and indulge!

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**Downtown Library - CCC Room**, Saturday, June 6, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

**Bead Baubles:** Arts and Crafts (Barbour)

Ages 12 and up. Flaunt your creative talents as you learn to craft summer jewelry in a professional way. Material and tools are provided for this series of 4 week workshops.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2:00 p.m.

**Scientific Inquiry:** Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Why, how and if are the words that'll help us along in our explorations of certain daily phenomena around us using the scientific line of inquiry. Hands on and lots of fun! Come join.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesdays, June 10, 17 and 24, 2:00 p.m.

**The Summer Breeze Story-time:** Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5 with an adult care provider. Read stories about the birds and the butterflies, the clouds and the kites and so much more in this breezy story time, Move and sway to our selection of music, learn some new rhymes and finger plays.

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**Movie Night:** Entertainment (Barbour)

All ages. Hang out with family and friends to watch a movie at your local library. Refreshments are on us.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, June 17, 4:00 p.m.

**My Dad My Hero:** Celebration (Barbour)

Ages 4 and up. Dads are special people. Draw a card for your dad and tell him why he is special. Each participant receives a little prize for being thoughtful.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.

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**Rappoetry:** Entertainment (Barbour)

Age 8 and up. Master the art of public speaking through poetry and music. Join Khaiim Kelly master RapOet create a collaborative rap/hip-hop performance piece and learn how rhythm through the use of repetition, tempo, and order is used to enhance poetry, music, and communication.

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Blue Hills Branch  
649 Blue Hills Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112

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#### **Sidewalk Chalk:** Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5, with parent/caregiver. Join us for songs, fingerplays and stories all about fun in the summer sun. Then help decorate our indoor sidewalk with colorful chalk!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesdays, June 3 and 17, and Thursday, June 25, 10:00 a.m.

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#### **SCIENCE OF SUPERHEROES:** Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Flights, parachutes, magnets, gravity, and more! Explore themes in science, technology, engineering, and math to learn about the science behind your favorite superheroes' powers.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, June 11, 2:00 p.m.

#### **Upcycled DIY Jewelry Workshop:** Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Join our summer long series of upcycling workshops. Projects to include water bottle key chains, t-shirt bead cluster necklace, and water bottle cuff bracelet among others. Please register in person in advance with Youth Services Librarian.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Mondays, June 15, 22 and 29, 2:00 p.m.

#### **KaPow!:** Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Combine superhero lingo and creativity to design custom headbands fit for comic book heroines!

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**DIY Superhero Key Chain:** Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Check out our collection of superhero comics! Use them as inspiration to turn wooden beads into superhero key-chains.

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.

**My Super Dream Catcher:** Art & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up: Battle your nightmare with a super hero paper plate dream catcher. Make a protective spider web that filter bad dreams and assist with sound sleep.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.

**Marbleized Paper:** Art & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Use the scientific concept of repulsion to experiment and capture a fantastic design on paper, which will then be turned into a journal to record your summer adventures.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.

**smART Sculptures:** Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Design and engineer amazing paper sculptures.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Friday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.

**Hero of Greek Mythology-Medusa:** Arts & Entertainment

Ages 6 and Up. Who's this woman with the snake hair? Learn about a woman hero of Greek mythology. Then make a craft!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, June 30, 2:00 p.m.



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

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***Camp Field Branch***, Monday, June 29, 2:00 p.m.

**Robot Key Chains:** Arts and Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 8 and up. These fun and funky robot key chains can double as charms for cell phones, handbags, and belt loops. We'll make a robot key chain with odds and ends, paper clips, buttons, pop-top, plastic-coated wire, and beads.

***Camp Field Branch***, Tuesday, June 30, 2:30 p.m.

**Dwight Branch  
7 New Park Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106**

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#### **Homework Club: Education (Dwight)**

Kindergarten-grade 5. Yikes! Homework! Need help with homework? Our friendly library staff is here to help. Stop by the library for reading materials for your school reports and special projects too! Homework supplies provided.

**Dwight Branch**, Monday-Friday June 1-12, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### **Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

All ages. School is done for the week, start your weekend with fun and exciting activities at the library.

**Dwight Branch**, Fridays, June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 4:00 p.m.

#### **Teen Movie Night: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

13 and up. Ooh...the turmoils of being a teen! Get a grip by watching teen movies at your local library. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your friends and participate in this program!

**Dwight Branch**, Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, and 24, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Superhero Story time: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3-5. Superhero themed story time. Groups must registered in advance by calling 860-695-7460.

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#### **Birds and the bees, the nature heroes: Education (Dwight)**

All ages. The birds and the bees help us in a very special way. Find out how they fall into our hero category.

**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, June 11, 4:00 p.m.

**Twisty Bracelets: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Need something new for Summer? Stop by the library and make your own twisty bracelet.

**Dwight Branch**, Friday, June 19, 3:30 p.m.

**Robot Key Chains: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

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**Dwight Branch**, Monday, June 22, 3:30 p.m.

**Yoga: Health (Dwight)**

Join us for a fun and relaxing yoga workshop presented by West Hartford Yoga. Learn some fun, healthy, and relaxing poses for the summer!

All ages.

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**Thumbprint Super heroes: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Any super hero can be made with your thumb print!

**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, June 25, 1:00 p.m.

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**Goodwin Branch:** Wednesday, June 3, 10:00 A.M.

#### **SUPERHERO STORY TIME:** Education (Goodwin branch)

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**Goodwin Branch:** Tues. June 23, 5:00 p.m.

**SUPER HERO BUG (ANANSI THE SPIDER/BUG)** Early Literacy (Goodwin branch)

**Ages 5 and up:** Anansi the spider, a tale from the Ashanti region of Ghana. Counting, colors, shapes, animals, teamwork, family, intro to Africa .The rescue of Anansi is really a team effort by the sons.

**Goodwin Branch:** Thursday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.

**SUPER HERO TREASURE HUNT t:** Art & Entertainment (Goodwin branch)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for a fun Super Hero Treasure Hunt at the library finding your favorite super hero comic book and win exciting prizes.

**Goodwin Branch:** Monday, June 26, 3:45 p.m.

**CLAYMATION:** Technology (Goodwin branch)

Ages 8 and up. Learn how to create your own Claymation videos with an iPad!

**Goodwin Branch:** Monday. June 29, 4:00 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

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**DIY Summer** : Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us each week to learn fun ways you can reuse household items for cooking, furniture and more!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 3:30 p.m.

**Summer Learning Kickoff Carnival!** Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

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**Downtown Library - CCC Room**, Saturday, June 6, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

**Imagine a Garden:** Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5, with parent/caregiver. Join us to explore and discover a garden alive with blooming umbrellas, seashells and strawberries like glowing lanterns. Enjoy stories, songs and a fantasy flower craft.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m.

**Spot a Hero!:** Social Skills (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Heroes are special because they do special things for people. 'Hero meter' is a special gadget you can use at the library to find out how much of a hero is hiding in you.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m.

**A Superhero Lives Here: A Father's Day Craft-a-Thon:** Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 6-12. Celebrate the superpowers of dads, grandpas, and uncles alike with a day of creating personalized gifts for the superhero in your life.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, June 17, 1:30 p.m.

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**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.

**Robot Key Chains:** Arts and Entertainment (Mark Twain)

Ages 8 and up. These fun and funky robot key chains can double as charms for cell phones, handbags, and belt loops. We'll make a robot key chain with odds and ends, paper clips, buttons, pop-top, plastic-coated wire, and beads.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.



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Grade K and up. Need help with your homework? Stop by and get it done.  
*Park Branch*, Mondays-Fridays, June 1-19, 3:00 p.m.

#### **Seasonal Activity Sheets: Education (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about the seasonal theme of the day.  
*Park Branch*, Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 2:00 p.m.

#### **It's Hot: Arts and Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 7 and up. Cool yourself off by decorating a hand held fan.  
*Park Branch*, Tuesday, June 2, 3:45 p.m.

#### **Outdoor Time: Life Skills (Park)**

Ages and up. Enjoy the outdoor by jumping, sidewalk chalk and bubble day.  
*Park Branch*, Thursday, June 4, 11, 18, 3:45 p.m.

#### **Game Day: Arts and Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing Sorry, Candyland, and other board games.  
*Park Branch*, Friday, June 5, 12, 3:30 p.m.

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#### **Community Hero: Arts and Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 7 and up. One of our community hero is a firefighter. Have fun creating a fire fighter hat.  
*Park Branch*, Tuesday, June 9, 3:45 p.m.

**Superhero Story Time: Education (Park)**

Ages 3 and up. Celebrate the National Summer Learning Day at HPL with a fun superhero-themed story time full of stories, rhymes, and songs.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.

**Homework Club Celebration: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Attention Park Street Homework Club kids! Stop by the branch and enjoy a special treat and activity.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, June 10, 3:30 p.m.

**Animal Hero: Arts& Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Participants will become familiar with one famous historical animal hero: Balto the sled dog.

**Park Branch** Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 p.m.

**Hora De Cuentos: Education (Park)**

Ages 3 and up. Parents/ Caregivers. Enjoy stories and rhymes in Spanish with your little ones

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, June 17, 10:00 a.m.

**My Super Dream Catcher: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 6 and up: Battle your nightmare with a super hero paper plate dream catcher. Make a protective spider web that filter bad dreams and assist with sound sleep.

**Park Branch** Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.

**Super Hero Movie Time: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 6 and up: Stop by the library and enjoy the hero of the day by viewing a movie.

**Park Branch** Friday, June 19, 26, 2:00 p.m.

**Square Knot or Box Knot Plastic Lace Keychains: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 12 and up. Make a square knot or box knot plastic lace keychain. This is an easy craft for teens with lots of friendship to share.

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**Log Cabin: Life Skills (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Use your skills to build with blocks in celebration of National Log Cabin Month.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.

**Hispanic Health Council Fernando's Farm Puppet Show: Health (Park)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Health Council to help kids to understand the links between the food they eat, its agricultural origin, and encourages accessing food from local farmers.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, June 30, 10:00 a.m.