

**Hartford Public Library**  
**Programs for Children, Teens, and Families**  
**May 2015**

**Downtown Library**  
**500 Main Street**  
**Hartford, CT 06103**

**For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330**

**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, May 4-28, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**What Do You See?** Arts (Downtown)

Ages 4-7. Join us for story times that will build children’s interest in and understanding of visual arts.

***Downtown Library - Children’s Library***, Monday, May 4 3:45 p.m.

**Cinco de Mayo:** Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Mexico’s rich history and culture. Try a traditional snack, learn new Spanish words, and make a Mexican craft to take home.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Tuesday, May 5, 4:30 p.m.

**Spring Flowers:** Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 3 and up. Welcome spring with bright books about flowers, gardens, and more. Create tissue paper flowers to decorate your home.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Saturday, May 9, 2:30 p.m.

**Global Stamping:** Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 6-12. Traditional people from across the globe made cloth patterned with traditional symbols. Learn about this ancient craft and create your own global designs.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.

**Book Bingo Challenge:** Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Join our book bingo challenge and test your knowledge about books. Winners receive free books to take home.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Thursday, May 14, 4:30 p.m.

**Puzzles Challenge:** Education (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Work in teams or individually to solve word, math, and logic puzzles!

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Tuesday, May 12, 5:30 p.m.

**Young Writers: Spring Acrostic Poetry Workshop:** Education (Downtown)

Ages 6-12. Read, write and illustrate your very own acrostic poem for spring. Participants may share their poems aloud with the group if they wish. Refreshments will be served.

***Downtown Library – Children’s Library*** Saturday, May 16, 2:30 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**, Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 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 Jon Scieszka and *Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* by Eric Kimmel.

**Downtown – Youth Program Room**, Wednesdays, May 20 and 27, 5:30 p.m.

**Children and Families**

**Mother Goose Time:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 2-5, with adult friends. Enjoy classic rhymes and finger plays.

**Downtown Library - Children's Library**, Monday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.

**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, May 11 and 18, 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, May 1, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 a.m.

**Smart Start STEM:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and fun experiments.

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.

**Mother's Day Celebration with Mother Goose:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate Mother's day with Mother Goose books and music. Mother Goose gives children fun tales to tell while helping them practice rhyme, rhythm and syntax. Come join in the reading fun!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.

**Music Enrichment:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 18 months-5 with adults. Join us for songs, dance, and a lot of constant movement.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Wednesday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.

**Family STEM Story Time:** Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Explore Science, Engineering, Mathematics, & Technology concepts through picture and nonfiction books, games, and related hands-on activities.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Saturday, May 16, 11:30 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**, Saturday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.

**Barbour Branch**  
**259 Barbour Street**  
**Hartford, CT 06120**

**For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400.**

**Homework Help:** Education

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy a snack and complete your homework assignment with us.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays-Thursdays, May 1-29, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Smart Start Stem:** Early Literacy

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and fun experiments.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, May 4, 10:00a.m.

**Small Smiles:** Dental Hygiene

Ages 3-5 with an adult caregiver. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene as well as how it relates to Kindergarten readiness.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, May 5 10:00 a.m.

**Cinco De Mayo:** Education

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Mexico's rich history and culture. Try a traditional snack, learn new Spanish words, and make a Mexican craft to take home.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.

**Mother's Day Celebration with Mother Goose:** Early Literacy

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate Mother's day with Mother Goose books and tapes. Mother Goose gives children fun tales to tell while helping them practice rhyme, rhythm and syntax. Come join in the reading fun!

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

**Love You Mom!**

All ages. We'll talk about what makes moms special. You can make a gorgeous card for mom with us to tell her how much you love her.

**Barbour Branch**, Friday, May 8 4:00 p.m.

**Inch By Inch :** Early Literacy

Ages 3-5, with parent/caregiver. Join us for a fun STEM themed story time blooming with springtime stories, songs and a take home craft activity.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, May 11 10:00 p.m.

**STEM Exploration:** Education

Ages 8 and up. Indulge in some super interesting hands on scientific exploration of living and non-living matter using a microscope.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesdays, May 12 and 19 4:00 p.m.

**Adorn-able:** Crafts

Ages 8 and up. Design your own necklace to wear this summer. Pick up some jewelry making terminology and learn how to put clasps on a necklace. All materials provided.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursdays, May 14 and 21 4:00 p.m.

**May Flowers:** Education

Ages 7 and up. May flowers invite you to celebrate spring! Learn more about flowers with Flower Bingo and make a craft using fresh flowers.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, May 20, 4:00 p.m.

**Family Movie Night:** Entertainment

All age. Come with your family and friends to enjoy the movie night. Pop-corn is on us.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, May 20 5:00 p.m.

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

**Smart Start Stem: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and fun experiments.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 10:30 a.m.

**Book Bingo Challenge: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 8 and up. Join our book bingo challenge and test your knowledge about books. Winners receive free books to take home.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, May 4, 3:30 p.m.

**Cinco de Mayo: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Mexico's rich history and culture. Try a traditional snack, learn new Spanish words, and make a Mexican crafts to take home.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, May 5, 3:30 p.m.

**Mother's Day: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss the role of mothers in the modern day home, read a book, and make a card for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.

**Family Fun Night: Butterflies! Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3 and up, plus parents/caregivers. Bring the whole family to the library! We will read Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and make a butterfly craft afterwards. Refreshments provided.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursdays 7, 14, 5:30. p.m.

**Children's Book Week: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Share the best in children's picture books!

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday- Thursday, May 11-14, 3:30 p.m.

**Gardening Together: Life Skills (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us in planting flowers in the Library garden!

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday 18, 4:00 p.m.

**Natural Art: Life Skills (Camp Field)**

Ages 5, and up. Bring leaves, flowers, twigs, or pinecones to the branch, make a placemat decorated with your finds, and take it home!

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesday, May 20, 3.30 p.m.

**Spice is Nice: Health (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. All about spices, with a story, craft and food. Make a decoration using spicy cloves and cinnamon sticks to take home with you.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday 12, 4:00 p.m.

**Puzzle Mania!! Art & Entertainment (Camp Field)**

Ages 10 and up. Crazy about puzzles? Bring your own puzzle to share, or take our puzzle challenge: complete a puzzle of 500 pieces and win a cool prize!

**Camp Field Branch**, Fridays, May 8, 15, 22, 29. 3:30 p.m.

**Goodwin Branch**  
**460 New Britain Avenue**  
**Hartford, CT 06106**

**For information on Goodwin Branch programs, call 860.695.7480**

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION WITH MOTHER GOOSE:** Early Literacy

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate Mother's day with Mother Goose books and tapes. Mother Goose gives children fun tales to tell while helping them practice rhyme, rhythm and syntax. Come join in the reading fun!

**Goodwin Branch:** Monday - Friday, May 4 - 8, 4:00 p.m.

**CINCO DE MAYO:** Education

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Mexico's rich history and culture. Try a traditional snack, learn new Spanish words, and make a Mexican craft to take home.

**Goodwin Branch,** Tuesday, May 5, 3:30 p.m.

**SMART START STEM:** Early Literacy

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical concepts through picture books, games, songs, and fun experiments.

**Goodwin Branch,** Friday, May 8, 10:00 a.m.

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK:** Education

Ages 6 and up. Let's learn about the role police officers play in keeping us safe and celebrate our police officers for doing such a great job around our neighborhood. We will read stories and have a visit from a police officer.

**Goodwin Branch,** Monday, May 11 to Friday, May 15, 4:00 p.m.

**APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

Ages 6 and Up. Learn about a variety of flowers through books and then create a flowery craft to take home.

**Goodwin Branch** Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 p.m.

**BOOK BINGO CHALLENGE:** Education

Ages 8 and up. Join our book bingo challenge and test your knowledge about books. Winners receive free books to take home.

**Goodwin Branch,** Thursday, May 14, 5:00 p.m.

**INCH BY INCH:** Early Literacy

Ages 3-5, with parent/caregiver. Join us for a fun STEM themed story time blooming with springtime stories, songs and a take home craft activity.

**Goodwin Branch,** Monday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.

**SPRING FLOWERS:** Arts & Entertainment

Ages 3 and up. Welcome spring with bright books about flowers, gardens, and more. Create tissue paper flowers to decorate your home.

**Goodwin Branch,** Tuesday, May 19, 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.**

Park Branch  
744 Park Street  
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Park Branch programs, call 860-695.7500

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

Grade K and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments.

**Park Branch**, Monday-Friday, May 1 - 29, 3:00 p.m.

**Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)**

All ages. Come have fun playing Sorry, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games with kids and teens your age and make new friends.

**Park Branch, Friday**, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3:30 p.m.

**Paper World: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages: 6 and up. Explore a world of possibilities with paper seasonal word searches, mazes, unscrambles and coloring sheets of the day.

**Park Branch**, Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, 3:45 p.m.

**Celebramos: Literacy**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with books and a special craft.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, May 5, 3:45 p.m.

**Loving Mothers: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Mother's Day! Discuss mother's role in the modern day home, read a book, make a card and more for your mother, grandmother, aunt, or sister.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, May 7, 3:45 p.m.

**Bilingual Storytime: Literacy**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy bilingual stories and rhymes in the month of May to celebrate El día de los niños/ El día de los libros.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, May 12, 19, 26, 10:00 a.m.

**April Showers Bring May Flowers: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and Up. Learn about a variety of flowers through books and then create a flowery craft to take home.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, May 12, 3:45 p.m.

**Cuentos: Early Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate El día de los niños/ El día de los libros with Juan Bobo and the Pig, Playing Loteria, The Bossy Gallito, and Icy Watermelon stories and a special activity afterward.

**Park Branch**, Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, 3:00 p.m.

**Cool Legos: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages: 7 and up. We are calling LEGO fans of all ages! Join us for free play as we get wildly creative with fun LEGO projects! Bring a friend along.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, May 14, 3:45 p.m.

**Fly Butterfly: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages: 5 and up. Explore world of the butterfly and make a craft.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, May 19, 3:45 p.m.

**Buggy: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)**

Ages: 5 and up. Explore the wonderful world of insects and bugs: recreate the butterfly, bee, and spider you see outside with crayon rubbings.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, May 21, 3:45 p.m.

**Cookie: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate National Chocolate Chip Day with a tasty story and a cookie treat.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, May 28, 3:45 p.m.



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

**For information on Ropkins Branch programs, call 860.695.7520**

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK: Education**

Ages 6 and up. Let's learn about the role police officers play in keeping us safe and celebrate our police officers for doing such a great job around our neighborhood. We will read stories, have a visit from a police officer and visit the Police Station!

***Ropkins Branch***, Monday, May 11 to Friday, May 15, 4:00 p.m.

**APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

Ages 6 and Up. Learn about a variety of flowers through books and then create a flowery craft to take home.

***Ropkins Branch***, Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 p.m.

**BOOK BINGO CHALLENGE: Education**

Ages 8 and up. Join our book bingo challenge and test your knowledge about books. Winners receive free books to take home.

***Ropkins Branch***, Thursday, May 14, 5:00 p.m.

**MAY FLOWERS: Education**

Ages 7 and up. May flowers invite you to celebrate spring! Learn more about flowers with Flower Bingo and make a craft using fresh flowers.

***Ropkins Branch***, Wednesday, May 20, 4:00 p.m.