

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

**In September, we use our wonderful collection of books and other media to explore the world. Join us for after-school programs on topics ranging from world peace to the traditional arts of Mexico, check out an atlas, or listen to a CD from another culture!**

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

**For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860-695-6330.**

**Students & Teens**

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

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun afternoon of building with LEGO® bricks. We'll supply the bricks -- just bring your imagination!

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Tuesdays, September 1, 15, and 29, 5:30 p.m.

**Board Games Galore! Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Start your weekend with fun activities at the library! Dive into our board game collection for UNO, Chutes & Ladders, Monopoly, Jenga, and more.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Fridays, September 4, 18, and 25, 3:00 p.m.

**International Literacy Day: Literacy (Downtown)**

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our beautifully diverse world through stories from different cultures and traditions. Make your own book to take home.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Tuesday, September 8, 3:00 p.m.

**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, September 8-30, 3:30 p.m.

**Crafternoon: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for creative inspiration, art activities, and snacks. Check out books on drawing, jewelry making, and more for ideas!

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Mondays, September 14 and 28, 4:00 p.m.

**STEM Skills Build-a-thon: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Thursday, September 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Shel-A-Bration! Education (Downtown)**

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy cake, humorous poetry, and fun crafts as we celebrate the legendary work of children's poet Shel Silverstein!

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Saturday, September 19, 2:30 p.m.

**Cuentos: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with stories from celebrated Hispanic authors.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Monday, September 21, 4:00 p.m.

**Back to School Family Night: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Begin the school year with a fun-filled evening of stories, crafts, and more. Get a tour of the Children’s Room, sign up for library cards, and learn about our library services and policies.

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

**Children and Families**

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

Ages birth-5, with adult friends. 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, September 4, 11, and 18 11:00 a.m.

**National Teddy Bear Day: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5, with adults. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive retelling of *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt*, followed by some cuddly crafts.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Wednesday, September 9, 11:00 a.m.

**Patriot’s Day Crafts: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 3 and up, with adults. Join us for an afternoon of red, white, and blue! Create patriotic crafts and read books about the U.S.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Friday, September 11, 3:00 p.m.

**First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages birth to 5, with adult friends. 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, September 14, 21, and 28, 11:00 a.m.

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

Ages 0-3, with adults. Meet other parents and let your young child explore and make new friends! Play, sing, read, and talk with your little ones in a safe environment while you get to know other new parents.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Wednesdays, September 16 and 30, 11:00 a.m.

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

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Bring your family to the library every 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, September 19, 11:30 a.m.

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

Infants and adult friends. You are your little one’s first teacher! Enjoy classic rhymes and finger plays.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Friday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.

**Albany Branch  
1250 Albany Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112**

**For more information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380**

### **Teens**

#### **Express Yourself: Creative Writing (Albany)**

Ages 13 and up. Try your hand at spoken word! Whether you are a seasoned performer or have always been interested in this form of expression, join us as we watch some performances and help each other write our own pieces.

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, September 24, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

### **Students**

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

Ages 5 and up. Need a space to study and do your homework? Drop in after school for homework help and a snack here at the library. Homework supplies provided.

***Albany Branch***, Mondays-Thursdays, September 1 - 30, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

#### **Back to School Bash: Education (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Get excited about the start of the school year! Join us for some back to school stories and a fun scavenger hunt around the library. We will also be making some arts and crafts that you can take home, bring to school, or give to your teacher!

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, September 3, 3:45 p.m.

#### **People and Places: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. People are the same and also different. Find out about some of the cultural practices around the world that make us interestingly different from each other.

***Albany Branch***, Wednesday, September 16, 4:00 p.m.

#### **All About the Animals: Life Skills (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. September is World Animal Remembrance Month. Learn about the different species of animals that are celebrated around the world and why they are so special.

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, September 17, 3:45 p.m.

#### **Around the World in an Hour: Education (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Learn about people, places, culture and history in the shortest possible time.

***Albany Branch***, Monday, September 21, 3:45 p.m.

#### **STEM Skills Build-a-thon: Education (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

***Albany Branch***, Tuesday, September 22, 3:45 p.m.

## **Children and Families**

### **International Literacy Day: Literacy (Albany)**

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our beautifully diverse world through stories from different cultures and traditions.

***Albany Branch***, Tuesday, September 8, 4:00 p.m.

### **National Teddy Bear Day: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive rendition of We're Going on A Bear Hunt, followed by an I Spy game and a cuddly craft!

***Albany Branch***, Wednesday, September 9, 1:00 p.m.

### **Storytime and Playgroup: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages Birth to 4 with adult friends. Join us for an hour of fun as we read some stories, sing, and dance. Make some new friends during our dramatic play session too! Adults will have the chance to learn about what you can do to get your child ready to read and the importance of early learning.

***Albany Branch***, Mondays, September 14, 21, and 28, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

### **Fall Farm Fiesta: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages Birth to 4 with adult friends. It's fall on the farm! Go on an adventure as we read some barnyard stories, sing, dance, and move like the animals on the farm.

***Albany Branch***, Monday, September 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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

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

**Homework Club: Education (Barbour)**

All ages. Come join the most prestigious club of all. Have after school snack, get your Homework assignments done and receive prizes for doing your work 3 days in a row.

**Barbour Branch**, September 1- 30 Monday-Friday, 3:00- 4:00 p.m.

**Happy Back to School: Entertainment (Barbour)**

All ages. Celebrate going back to school at the Barbour Branch library. Play **Pass the Parcel** game for fun and to win school supplies.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, September 2, 4:00 p.m.

**Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment (Barbour)**

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

**Barbour Branch**, Fridays, September 4, 11 and 18 4:30 p.m.

**National Teddy Bear Day: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive rendition of We're Going on A Bear Hunt, followed by an I Spy game and a cuddly craft.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.

**International Literacy Day: Literacy (Barbour)**

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our beautifully diverse world through stories from different cultures and traditions.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, September 8, 4:00 p.m.

**All About The Animals: Life Skills (Barbour)**

Ages 5 and up. September is World Animal Remembrance Month. Learn about the different species of animals that are celebrated around the world and why they are so special.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, September 9, 4:00 p.m.

**People and Places: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. People are the same and also different. Find out about some of the cultural practices around the world that make us interestingly different from each other.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, September 10, 4:00 p.m.

**Stem Skills Build-A-Thon: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, September 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Book Title Bingo: Entertainment (Barbour)**

Ages 8 and up. Find the popular book titles on your bingo card and win awesome prizes.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, September 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Checker Day: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Get out the Checker Board. Today is Checkers Day! So, do you want the red checkers? Or the black ones? Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game while playing!

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.

**Blue Hills Branch  
649 Blue Hills Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112**

**For more information on Blue Hills Branch programs, call 860.695.7420**

**Library Card Sign-Up Month: Education (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Discover a place like no other...with you library card!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, September 1-30, 12:30 p.m.

**Stem Skills Build-A-Thon: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 1, 4:30 p.m.

**Homework Club: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Sit back and relax as you work on school projects and nightly assignments. Don't have anything to do? Engage in a variety of literacy-based challenges sure to boggle and bend your academic brain!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Mondays-Thursdays, September 2-30, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Back to School Story Hour: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. A new school year has begun! Celebrate new beginnings with tales of school, friendship, and learning. Groups and individuals please call 860-695-7420 to register in advance.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursdays, September 3 and 17, 10:00 a.m.

**Nerd Herd: Art (Blue Hills)**

12 and up. Stop in and check out our new comic and drawing club.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Fridays, September 4, 11 and 18, 3:15 p.m.

**International Literacy Day: Literacy (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our beautifully diverse world through stories from different cultures and traditions.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 8, 4:30 p.m.

**National Teddy Bear Day: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive rendition of We're Going on A Bear Hunt; followed by an eye spy game and cuddly craft.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.

**People and Places: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 7 and up. People are the same and also different. Find out about some of the cultural practices around the world that make us interestingly different from each other.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, September 9, 4:30 p.m.

**Pinwheels for Peace: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Create a visual public statement about peace.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Friday, September 11, 2:00 p.m.

**Teen Paint Night: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Explore the science behind puffy paints! Learn to make your own from scratch and have fun exploring new painting techniques.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 15, 4:30 p.m.

**National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Enjoy endless hands-on learning activities and take a recipe home to make your own Play-Doh.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, September 16, 4:30 p.m.

**Happy Birthday, Shel Silverstein: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy cake and humorous poetry as we celebrate the birthday of the award-winning poet, Shel Silverstein.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, September 24, 4:30 p.m.

**Kirigami: Arts (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Learn about and practice this Japanese art that combines origami and scissor skills, as we create autumnal decorations.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 29, 5:00 p.m.



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

**For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440**

**National Teddy Bear Day: Early Literacy National (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive rendition of We're Going on A Bear Hunt, followed by an I Spy game and a cuddly craft.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesdays. September 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a.m.

**Stem Skills Build- A- Thon: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Put your Stem (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

**Camp field Branch**, Thursday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.

**People and Places: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up. People are the same and also different. Find out about some of the cultural practices around the world that make us interestingly different from each other.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, September 14, 3:00 p.m.

**All About The Animals: Life Skills (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. September is World Animal Remembrance Month. Learn about the different species of animals that are celebrated around the world and why they are so special.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, September 21, 3:30 P.M.

**Fun Fridays: Arts and Entertainment (Camp Field)**

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

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, September 24, 3:30 p.m.

**Around the World in an Hour: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 8 and up. Learn about people, places, culture and history in the shortest possible time.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, September 28, 3:30 p.m.

**International Literacy Day: Literacy (Camp Field)**

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our beautifully diverse world through stories from different cultures and traditions.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tues., September 29, 3:00 p.m.

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

**For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460**

### **Teens**

#### **Write Like an Egyptian: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 12 and up. Take a step back in time and learn how to write your name in hieroglyphs as we explore topics in Ancient Egyptian mythology and culture.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Tuesday, September 15, 3:00 PM

### **Students**

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

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.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Mondays-Thursdays, September 1-30, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### **Ekphrastic Poetry: Creative Writing (Dwight)**

Ages 8 and up. Bring in your favorite piece of art, or find a new one in a book at the library. Draw inspiration from your piece, and turn what you see into a poem. Or, read ekphrastic poems by famous poets instead!

**(Dwight Branch)**, Wednesday, September 2, 3:15 p.m.

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

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

**(Dwight Branch)**, Fridays, September 4, 11, 18 and 25, 3:00 p.m.

#### **Around the World in an Hour: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 8 and up. Learn about people, places, culture and history in the shortest possible time.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Monday, September 7, 3:00 p.m.

#### **All About the Animals: Life Skills (Dwight)**

Ages 5 and up. September is World Animal Remembrance Month. Learn about the different species of animals that are celebrated around the world and why they are so special.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Monday, September 21, 2:45 P.M.

#### **Checker Day: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Get out the Checker Board. Today is Checkers Day! So, do you want the red checkers? Or the black ones? Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game while playing!

**(Dwight Branch)**, Wednesday, September 23, 3:30 p.m.

#### **People and Places: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 7 and up. People are the same and also different. Find out about some of the cultural practices around the world that make us interestingly different from each other.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Tuesday, September 29, 3:15 p.m.

## **Children and Families**

### **Friends around the World Story Times: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Start your week off with rhymes, songs, games, finger plays, and the best in children's books.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Mondays, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 12:45 p.m.

### **National Teddy Bear Day: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive rendition of We're Going on A Bear Hunt, followed by an I Spy game and a cuddly craft.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Wednesday, September 9, 12:45 p.m.

### **The Very Hungry Caterpillar: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Join us as we read Eric Carle's classic story. After, color in your own hungry caterpillar craft.

**(Dwight Branch)**, Friday, September 18, 1:00 p.m.

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

**For information on Goodwin Branch programs, call 860.695.7480  
Goodwin Branch Youth September 2015 calendar**

**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY: Literacy (*Goodwin Branch*)**

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our beautifully diverse world through stories from different cultures and traditions.

***Goodwin Branch***, Tuesday, September 8, 5:00 p.m.

**NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR DAY: Early Literacy (*Goodwin Branch*)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive rendition of We're Going on A Bear Hunt, followed by an I Spy game and a cuddly craft.

***Goodwin Branch***, Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.

**AROUND THE WORLD IN AN HOUR: Education (*Goodwin Branch*)**

Ages 8 and up. Learn about people, places, culture and history in the shortest possible time.

***Goodwin Branch***, Thurs, September 10, 3:30 p.m.

**Junior Maker Lego® Club: Education (*Goodwin Branch*)**

Ages 10 and up. Join us for a fun afternoon of building with LEGO® bricks. We'll supply the bricks -- just bring your imagination!

***Goodwin Branch Library***, Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, 5:00 p.m.

**FUN FRIDAYS: Arts and Entertainment (*Goodwin Branch*)**

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

***Goodwin Branch***, Fridays, September, 11, 18 and 25, 3:30 p.m.

**STEM SKILLS BUILD-A-THON: Education (*Goodwin Branch*)**

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

***Goodwin Branch*** Thursday, September 17, 3:30 p.m.

**Board Games Bash! Arts & Entertainment (*Goodwin Branch*)**

All ages. Start your weekend with fun activities at the library! Dive into our board game collection for UNO, Chutes & Ladders, Monopoly, Jenga, and more.

***Goodwin Branch Library***, Fridays, September 23, 3:30 p.m.

**First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (*Goodwin Branch*)**

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

***Goodwin Branch***, Monday, September 14, 28, 12:30 p.m.

**PEOPLE AND PLACES: Education (*Goodwin Branch*)**

Ages 7 and up. People are the same and also different. Find out about some of the cultural practices around the world that make us interestingly different from each other.

***Goodwin Branch***, Thursday, September 24, 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**

**International Literacy Day: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

All ages. Join us as we celebrate our beautifully diverse world through stories from different cultures and traditions.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Tuesday, September 8, 4:00 p.m.

**Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Join our teen book club to share favorite books and connect with other book lovers. Check out our teen book club tumblr, <http://www.tumblr.com/blog/whatdoesthebooksay> and recommend books to add.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Wednesday, September 9, 3:00 p.m.

**Around the World in an Hour: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Learn about people, places, culture and history in the shortest possible time.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Thursday, September 10, 4:00 p.m.

**Hartford Otaku Manga Club: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Calling all manga fans! Choose a manga name and join us for fun activities and talk all about manga. Follow us on Instagram @Hartford Otaku.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28, 3:00 p.m.

**National Teddy Bear Day: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Enjoy listening to bear tales such as Corduroy, Bear Sees Colors, and an interactive rendition of We're Going on A Bear Hunt, followed by an I Spy game and a cuddly craft.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Wednesday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.

**Stem Skills Build-a-Thon: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 5 and up. Put your STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to the test with our building challenges! Work individually or in teams to build bridges, towers, and more.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Thursday, September 16, 4:00 p.m.

**Fun Fridays: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

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

***Mark Twain Branch***

Fridays, September 18, 25, 4:00 p.m.

**Maker Party: Technology (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Grab your tablet, laptop, smartphone or ipod and head to the library for a global celebration, Maker Party! Learn how to make cool stuff online! Let's go!

***Mark Twain Branch***

Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 p.m.

**Los Cuentos : Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 6 and up. Join us for a celebration of Pura Belpre Award winners, childrens' books by Latino/Latina writers and illustrators that best portray and celebrate Hispanic culture. Enjoy lyrical tales and traditional hispanic crafts.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Thursdays, September 17, 24, 4:00 p.m.

**Behind Bars : Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Help free the banned books jailed in the library! Add your opinion about Banned Books to our world wall and 1 book will be freed. Raise your voice and break down the bars!

***Mark Twain Library***

Monday - Wednesday, September 28 - 30, 3:00 p.m.

**Park Branch  
744 Park Street  
Hartford CT 06106**

**For information on Park Branch programs, call 860-695.7500**

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Homework Help: Education (Park Branch)**

Grade K and up. Need help with your homework? Stop by and get it done!

**Park Branch**, Monday-Friday, September 1-30, 3:00 p.m.

### **Bin Day: Early Literacy (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, September 9, 30, 3:45 p.m.

### **9/11: Life Skills (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Discuss the events of September 11, 2001 and do a remembrance peace activity in honor of this day.

**Park Branch**, Friday, September 11, 3:45 p.m.

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

Ages 7 and up. Come and celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month with Spanish stories.

**Park Branch**, Monday, September 14, 21, 28, 3:45 p.m.

### **“WordPlay”: Early Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 2 to 5, with Parents/Childcare Providers. Join us for an innovative story time program that mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve school readiness skills and increase parent/caregiver engagement of English Language Learners (ELLs).

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, September 16, 30, and Thursday September 24 10:00 a.m.

### **National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Enjoy endless hands-on learning activities with play-doh.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday September 16, 3:45 p.m.

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

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about back to school, Hispanic Heritage day, and the Fall season.

**Park Branch**, Mondays, September 17, 3:45 p.m.

### **Game Day: Entertainment (Park Branch)**

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games.

**Park Branch**, Friday, September 18, 3:45 p.m.



**Checkers Day: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Get out the checkers board. Today is Checkers Day! Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game and have fun playing it!

***Park Branch***, Wednesday, September 23, 3:45 p.m.

**Happy Birthday, Shel Silverstein!: Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy humorous poetry as we celebrate the birthday of the award-winning poet, Shel Silverstein.

***Park Branch***, Thursday, September 24, 4:00 p.m.

**Periculas (Movie): Entertainment (Park Branch)**

Family. Start and enjoy the weekend by stopping to view the movie of the day with your family.

***Park Branch***, Friday, September 25, 3:30 p.m.

**Ropkins Branch  
1750 Park Street  
Hartford CT 06106**

**For information on Ropkins Branch programs, call 860-695.7520**

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Homework Help: Education (Ropkins Branch)**

Grade K and up. Need help with your homework? Stop by and get it done!

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday-Friday, September 1-30, 3:00 p.m.

### **Bin Day: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy manipulating puzzles, magnetics, bingo, and many more literacy toys from the bin of the month.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, September 9, 30, 3:45 p.m.

### **9/11: Life Skills (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Discuss the events of September 11, 2001 and do a remembrance peace activity in honor of this day.

**Park Branch**, Friday, September 11, 3:45 p.m.

### **Cuentos: Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 7 and up. Come and celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month with Spanish stories.

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, September 14, 21, 28, 3:45 p.m.

### **“WordPlay”: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 2 to 5, with Parents/Childcare Providers. Join us for an innovative story time program that mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve school readiness skills and increase parent/caregiver engagement of English Language Learners (ELLs).

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, September 16, 30, and Thursday September 24 10:00 a.m.

### **National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Enjoy endless hands-on learning activities with play-doh.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday September 16, 3:45 p.m.

### **Seasonal Activity Sheets: Education (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about back to school, Hispanic Heritage day, and the Fall season.

**Ropkins Branch**, Mondays, September 17, 3:45 p.m.

### **Game Day: Entertainment (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games.

**Ropkins Branch**, Friday, September 18, 3:45 p.m.

**Checkers Day: Education (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Get out the checkers board. Today is Checkers Day! Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game and have fun playing it!

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, September 23, 3:45 p.m.

**Happy Birthday, Shel Silverstein!: Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy humorous poetry as we celebrate the birthday of the award-winning poet, Shel Silverstein.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, September 24, 4:00 p.m.

**Periculas (Movie): Entertainment (Ropkins Branch)**

Family. Start and enjoy the weekend by stopping to view the movie of the day with your family.

**Ropkins Branch**, Friday, September 25, 3:30 p.m.