

Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
April 2014

Downtown Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

Teens

My Word, My Space: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Open computer time for teens, with assistance available if you wish!
Downtown – Learning Lab, Mondays-Thursdays, April 1-30, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

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!
Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, April 1-30, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Play with Measurement: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Practice measuring around the library. Use lots of different objects to measure things: blocks, string, pencils, etc. Learn that inches, feet, and metrics, are only one way to measure things.
Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday April 3, 2:30 p.m.

Paws to Read: Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Have a reluctant reader at home? Bring your child 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, or just drop in for a session.
Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, April 5 and 19, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Books, Books, and More Books: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Children's Book Day with family and friends by reading our favorite children's book together. Check out a special book to share at home.
Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.

Dear Poet Project: Education (Downtown)

Ages 10 and up. Participate in a series of activities that will allow you to explore and interact with poetry through letter writing.
Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, April 14, 4:30 p.m.

National Library Week: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Find fun and fantasy, biography and science at your library. Make your own book at our craft table.
Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m.

Spring Scavenger Hunt: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Explore spring at the library. Search for signs of spring all around you and join us for a special treat.
Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, April 17, 4:30 p.m.

El Día De Los Niños: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Let's use the universal language of friendship and love to celebrate El Día. A multilingual lesson of greetings and peace comes from Lezlie Evans' *Can You Greet the Whole Wide World?* and from Karen Katz' *Can You Say Peace?* Make a peace flag to take home.
Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, April 24, 4:30 p.m.

DIA — Celebrate Diversity in Action: Heritage (Downtown)

Children & Families. Join us for a heritage evening of sharing and learning about other cultures. Share stories from your native land, learn to count in another language, try another artistic style, and sample some ethnic snacks. The Day of the Child/Day of the Book began in Mexico as El Día de los Niños, was adopted by libraries as El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros, and is now DIA – Diversity in Action. Celebrate with us!
Downtown – Youth Program Room, Wednesday, April 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Children and Families

Spring Blossoms Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.
Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10:00 a.m.

Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages Birth- 24 months with parent or caregiver. Come talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required.
Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesdays, April 2 and 16, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

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, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth- 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, April 7, 14, and 28, 11:00 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Bring your family to the library 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 12 and 19, 11:00 a.m.

Alphabet Express: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 2 and up, with adult friends. Take a trip with your 2 year old on our alphabet train. Enjoy your ride with songs, stories, and a craft.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, April 21, 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 crafts.

Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

Homework Help: Education (Albany)

Grades K and up. Join our homework club to receive help with your assignments!

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, April 1-30, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

April Fools' Madness: Education (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Share fun April Fools' Day ideas and make a melting popsicle paperweight to fool your friends and family.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, April 1, 2:30 p.m.

Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Calling all Lego fans! Get wildly creative with fun Lego projects! Bring a friend along.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, April 2, 2:30 p.m.

Glitter Mason Jar Candle Holder: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Make an easy and beautiful candle holder using everyday household objects.

Albany Branch, Thursday, April 3, 2:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, April 4, 2:30 p.m.

Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. We provide the supplies. You and your child supply the creativity.

Albany Branch, Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Brush up on your math by using these tasty candies!

Albany Branch, Monday, April 7, 4:45 p.m.

Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Make a necklace or bracelet for yourself or a friend.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, April 8, 4:45 p.m.

Right on the Money @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.

Spring Scavenger Hunt: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Embark on a journey to search for signs of spring. Then join us for a special spring treat.

Albany Branch, Thursday, April 10, 4:45 p.m.

Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Albany)

Ages 4-6. April is HPL's month of kindergarten preparedness programs and activities. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Health Council to learn about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast every morning before school. Enter a raffle to win a canvas tote full of healthy goodies.

Albany Branch, Friday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, April 11, 3:30 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Seek the unknown and stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Albany Branch, Monday, April 14, 4:45 p.m.

My First eBook: Technology (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Learn new technologies in a fun, friendly space as we make a collaborative poetry e-book using pictures, words, and sounds.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, April 15, 4:45 p.m.

Infant and Toddler Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Birth-24 months. Come talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required. Parents/caregivers are expected to stay with children during all story time sessions.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, April 16, 12:30 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Dig through our bin of the month and play with fun toys and early literacy manipulatives.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, April 16, 4:45 p.m.

World Book Online Scavenger Hunt: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Explore *The World Book* online encyclopedia and compete in our scavenger hunt challenge. Complete the scavenger hunt to receive a prize!

Albany Branch, Thursday, April 17, 4:45 p.m.

Early Readers' Book Club: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 5-9. Take turns reading from our book of the month and do a fun craft.

Albany Branch, Monday, April 21, 4:45 p.m.

Puzzle Madness: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Put your jigsaw skills to the test in a race to assemble a puzzle the fastest. Winners will receive a free book.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, April 22, 4:45 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Play board games with other kids and teens your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life, and Disney Scene It.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, April 23, 4:45 p.m.

PJs and Ice Cream Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Come dressed in your pajamas to listen to humorous stories, make a nifty craft, and enjoy a cold treat.

Albany Branch, Thursday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Readiness: All About Safety: Health (Albany)

Ages 4-6. April is HPL's month of kindergarten preparedness programs and activities. Join us to hear from the CT Children's Medical Center to learn all about safety and how it applies to kindergarten readiness.

Albany Branch, Friday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Springtime Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3-5. Springtime stories, rhymes and finger plays about budding flowers and baby animals are in store for young ones and their caregivers.

Albany Branch, Friday, April 25, 12:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, April 25, 3:30 p.m.

Right on the Money @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

Albany Branch, Monday, April 28, 4:45 p.m.

Mock Interviews: Careers (Albany)

Ages 14-19. Do you need practice interviewing for a job? Sign up to do a mock interview and receive tips and feedback you can use in a real-life interview.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, April 29, 4:30 p.m.

DIA – Celebrate Diversity in Action: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Share stories from your native land, learn to count in another language, try another artistic style, and sample some ethnic snacks.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 4:45 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Barbour Branch
261 Barbour Street
Hartford, CT 06120

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400

Homework Club: Education (Barbour)

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

Barbour Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, April 1-30, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Name Game: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 4 and up. April is Kindergarten Awareness month at the library. Tell us your name: write it, say it aloud, count the letters in your name, decorate it and play a name game.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, April 1, 4:00 p.m.

World Book Online Scavenger Hunt: Technology (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Explore *The World Book* online encyclopedia and compete in our scavenger hunt challenge. Use the encyclopedia to search for facts and information. Complete the scavenger hunt to receive a prize!

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, April 2, 4:30 p.m.

Spring: In So Many Words: Education (Barbour)

Ages 12 and up. Discover the palette of senses dished out by the season in selections from Douglas Florian's *Handsprings*. Create a representation of a selected poem in water color painting.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, April 3, 3:00 p.m.

Alphabets in Order: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 4 and up. Our Kindergarten Awareness programs continue. Alphabet letters are on the march. Use the alphabet song to keep them in the right order.

Barbour Branch, Friday, April 4, 3:30 p.m.

Give Some-Take Some: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 4 and up. More for Kindergarten Awareness month. Let's read Pat Hutchins' book *The Doorbell Rang* and find out what puts more cookies on your plate and what makes them less. Play cookie count and get to eat some yummy ones.

Barbour Branch, Monday, April 7, 4:00 p.m.

Dear Poet Project: Education (Barbour)

Ages 10 and up. Participate in a series of activities that will allow you to explore and interact with poetry through letter writing.

Barbour Branch, Tuesdays, April 8 and 29, 2:30 p.m.

Mix in Math: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Answer the question of the week and help make bar graph of the answers.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, April 9, 4:30 p.m.

For the Love of Language: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. This game is all about phonics and is sure to amuse you..

Barbour Branch, Thursday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.

National Library Week: Education (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Find fun and fantasy, biography and science at your library. Make your own book at our craft table.

Barbour Branch, Monday, April 14, 4:30 p.m.

Glitter Mason Jar Candle Holder: Arts and Entertainment (Barbour)

Ages 10 and up. Easy and simple; just some glitter and double-sided tape.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m.

Ship-Shape It: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 4 and up. Kindergarten Awareness: get to know your geometric shapes by manipulating and creating pictures with them. Make and take home your own Shape book.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, April 17 10:00 a.m.

How About Some Eggs!: Arts and Crafts (Barbour)

All ages. Creative egg painting is in store for you to try at the branch library along with some good snacks and even a better story.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, April 17, 4:00 p.m.

Retell me a story: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 4 and up. Kindergarten Awareness: I'll tell you a little story; you can get a prize for retelling the same to me.

Barbour Branch, Monday, April 21, 3:30 p.m.

Tale of a Tree: Education (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Find out how important trees are for all kinds of life through a beautiful book. Make sand art trees to take home.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, April 22, 4:30 p.m.

My First eBook: Technology (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Join us to learn new technologies in a fun, friendly space as we make a collaborative poetry e-book using pictures, words and sounds.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, April 23, 4:30 p.m.

Books, Books, and More Books: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Children's Book Day with family and friends at the library. Enjoy our selection of favorite read-aloud children's books and leave with a special book to share at home.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, April 24, 4:30 p.m.

A Page From My Life: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Continue to build your personal memoir for 2014. Add a page every last week of the month to save what has been significant or interesting in your life. Binders, paper, writing tools and embellishment materials are provided.

Barbour Branch, Monday, April 28, 4:30 p.m.

El Día De Los Niños: Education (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Let's use the universal language of friendship and love to celebrate El Dia. A multilingual lesson of greetings and peace comes from Lezlie Evans' *Can You Greet the Whole Wide World* and from Karen Katz' *Can You Say Peace?*. Make a Peace Flag to take home.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Blue Hills Branch
649 Blue Hills Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For more information on Blue Hills Branch programs, call 860.695.7420

Joke's on You!: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Share and write hysterical jokes, and make an eclectic joker's mask.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, April 1, 2:00 p.m.

Books, Books, and More Books: Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Children's Book Day with family and friends by reading our favorite children's book together. Then you can take a special book to share at home.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, April 2, 2:00 p.m.

National Kite Month: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Craft a unique kite from tissue paper. Let's hope for just enough wind so we can test them out!

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.

Dear Poet Project: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 10 and up. Participate in a series of activities that will allow you to explore and interact with poetry through letter writing.

Blue Hills Branch, Fridays, April 4 and 11, 2:00 p.m.

Homework Club: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 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, April 7-30, 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

National Geographic Kids Almanac Trivia: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Check it out! See how much you really know about everything you've ever wanted to know!

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, April 7, 4:00 p.m.

DIA- Celebrate Diversity in Action: Heritage (Blue Hills)

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Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, April 8, 5:00 p.m.

The Carrot Seed: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers/Ages 5 and up. Share the story of a boy's confidence in one small seed. Enjoy extension activities to include Playdoh building and a candy math sorting game. Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling 860-695-7420.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.; Monday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

El Día de los Niños: Education (Blue Hills)

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Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week!: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Visit your neighborhood branch in celebration of National Library Week! Learn the ins-and-outs of your library with an educational scavenger hunt.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.

Bunny's Easter Egg: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Listen to a sweet story of a sleepy bunny, tired from hiding Easter eggs. You will be surprised by the story's conclusion, and the craft that we make!

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, April 15, 5:00 p.m.

How to Eat Fried Worms: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Share excerpts from this hilarious story and participate in a stomach-churning competition!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.

Earth Day: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Learn about and celebrate Earth Day with a planting activity.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, April 22, 5:00 p.m.

Shakespeare Day: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Shakespeare's 450th birthday with readings and a sweet English treat.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.

Poem in Your Pocket Day: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. April is National Poetry Month. Celebrate today by making a pocket sized poem.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, April 24, 4:00 p.m.

Magnetic Poetry: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Combine words and magnets to create, and re-create poetry.

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

April Showers...: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. April showers bring May flowers. Using watercolors, paint a seasonal picture to remind you of what's ahead.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford CT 06114

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)

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!

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

Books, Books and More Books: Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Children's Book Day with family and friends by reading our favorite children's book together. Then you can take a special book to share at home.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, April 7, 3:30 p.m.

Harold and the Purple Crayon: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate International Children's Book Day with us. Read the book *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson, then use shapes to stimulate your imagination and create a unique image.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, April 9, 16 and 30, 10:00 a.m.

Dear Poet Project: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 10 and up. Participate in a series of activities that will allow you to explore and interact with poetry through letter writing.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.

Spring Scavenger Hunt: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Come smell that spring is in the air. We will go around our neighborhood and search for signs of spring. Then join us for special spring edible treat.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.

Look Around: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 7 and Up. Explore the library with the help of math.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

Glitter Mason Jar Candle Holder: Arts and Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 10 and up. Easy and simple; just some glitter and double sided tape.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, April 17, 4:00 p.m.

National Library Week: Education (Camp Field)

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My First eBook: Technology (Camp Field)

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World Book Online Scavenger Hunt: Technology (Camp Field)

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

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

Hartford Public Library
Dwight Branch
7 New Park Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460

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, Mondays-Fridays, April 1-30, 4:00 p.m.

Rainy Story times: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5. April showers bring May flowers; stories are blooming at the library. Individual families welcome, groups please register by calling 860-695-7462.

Dwight Branch, Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:00 a.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, April 4, 11 and 25, 3:00 p.m.

Glitter Mason Jar Candle Holder: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 10 and up. Easy and beautiful! Just some glitter and double sided tape.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.

Fashion Victim Key Chains: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. This is your chance to be a fashion model...all you need to bring is a small picture of yourself to create a one of a kind fashion key chain.

Dwight Branch, Thursday, April 17, 4:00 p.m.

Astronomy: Science (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the stars and galaxies. Make a picture of our galaxy, the Milky Way, using black paper and glitter.

Dwight Branch, Monday, April 21, 4:00 p.m.

Thumbprint Animals: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)

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

Dwight Branch, Thursday, April 24, 4:00 p.m.

World Penguin Day: Education (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Learn about these cute and popular grounded birds from Antarctica through pictorial books and documentary films. If you wear black and white--penguin colors--you get a special prize. However, wearing a tuxedo in their honor is optional.

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Goodwin Branch Programs, call 860.695.7480

Homework Club: Education (Goodwin)

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!

Goodwin Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, April 1-30, 3:45 p.m.

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Goodwin Branch, Monday, April 7, 3:45 p.m.

Spring Scavenger Hunt: Education (Goodwin)

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Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Goodwin Branch, Saturday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.

Look Around: Education (Goodwin)

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Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, April 23, 2:45 p.m.

DIA- Celebrate Diversity In Action: Heritage (Goodwin)

Children & Families. Join us for a heritage afternoon of sharing and learning about other cultures. Share stories from your native land, learn to count in another language, try another artistic style, and sample some ethnic snacks. The Day of the Child/Day of the Book began in Mexico as El Día de los Niños, was adopted by libraries as El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros, and is now DIA – Diversity in Action. Celebrate with us!

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 2:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Mark Twain Branch
55 Forest Street
Hartford CT 06105

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

Common Core Tour: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Discover the many amazing stories the library has about cool scientific discoveries, people who changed history and the many different animals that live in our world with a fun library scavenger hunt.

Mark Twain Branch, Tuesday, April 1, 2:00 p.m.

World Playground: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Join us for stories, songs, and a craft as we celebrate International Children's Book Day.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Money Wise @ HPL: Life Skills (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Learn about budgeting the money you earn to afford the things you need to live.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, April 2, 2:00 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 dramatic readings, conversation and fun activities while exploring Asian languages and cultures. Follow us on Instagram at @Hartford Otaku.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 3:00 p.m.

Rechenka's Eggs: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a journey to the Ukraine with a reading of *Rechenka's Eggs* by Patricia Polacco, and learn about the process of egg decorating in different cultures.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, April 9, 4:00 p.m.

Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join our new 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, Friday, April 11, 3:00 p.m.

My First eBook: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 8 and up. Join us to learn new technologies in a fun, friendly space as we make a collaborative poetry e-book using pictures, words and sounds.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.

Verses: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 8 and up. Explore the many wonderful children's books written in verse by author Margarita Engle and create a special poetry bookmark to keep track of your reading.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.

World Book Scavenger Hunt: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Explore *The World Book* online encyclopedia and compete in our scavenger hunt challenge. Use the encyclopedia to search for facts and information. Complete the scavenger hunt to receive a prize!

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, April 21, 4:00 p.m.

Color My World: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us in a color wonderful celebration of Earth Day. Discover the bright oranges, deep purples and brilliant blues found in our natural world and help create an Earth Day Color collage.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.

El Día de los Niños: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. Let's use the universal language of friendship and love to celebrate El Día. A multilingual lesson of greetings and peace comes from Lezlie Evans' *Can You Greet the Whole Wide World?* and from Karen Katz' *Can You Say Peace?*. Make a Peace Flag to take home.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 4:00 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Park Branch
744 Park Street
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Park Branch programs, call 860.695.7500

Books, Books and More Books: Literacy (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Children's Book Day with family and friends by reading our favorite children's book together. Then you can take a special book to share at home.

Park Branch, Wednesday, April 2, 3:45 p.m.

Bingo: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Stop by the library for a fun afternoon of Bingo. Prizes will be awarded.

Park Branch, Thursday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

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

Park Branch, Fridays, April 4 and 25, 3:30 p.m.

Homework Club: Education (Park)

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

Park Branch, Mondays-Fridays, April 7-30, 3:00 p.m.

Paper World: Education (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Discover a world of possibilities on paper with seasonal word searches, mazes, unscrambles and coloring sheets of the day.

Park Branch, Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 3:45 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, Wednesdays, April 9, 1:00 p.m. and April 23, 3:45 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy viewing the seasonal movie of the day.

Park Branch, Friday, April 11, 3:30 p.m.

Colorful Eggs: Education (Park)

Ages 5 and up. Explore the mixing of colors by coloring eggs.

Park Branch, Tuesday, April 15, 3:45 p.m.

We're Going On An Egg Hunt: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Get your daily exercise by taking a walk to the park and run around looking for eggs.

Park Branch, Wednesday, April 16, 3:45 p.m.

Egg Extravaganza: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 5 and up. Create beautiful colors with tissue paper as you decorate a paper egg.

Park Branch, Thursday, April 17, 3:45 p.m.

Earth Day: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Learn how you can save your earth through books and make an earth friendly craft.

Park Branch, Tuesday, April 22, 3:45 p.m.

I'm Special: Education (Park)

Ages 6 and up. You are someone special. Create an acrostic poem using your name during National Poetry Month.

Park Branch, Thursday, April 24, 3:45 p.m.

DIA--Celebrate Diversity In Action: Heritage (Park)

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Park Branch, Tuesday, April 30, 3:45 p.m.

Hartford Public Library
Ropkins Branch
1750 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120

For information on Ropkins Branch programs, call 860.695.7520

Homework Club: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 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!

Ropkins Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, April 7-30, 3:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.

Joke's on You!: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Share and write hysterical jokes, and make an eclectic joker's mask.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, April 1, 2:00 p.m.

Books, Books, and More Books: Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Children's Book Day with family and friends by reading our favorite children's book together. Then you can take a special book to share at home.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, April 2, 2:00 p.m.

National Kite Month: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Craft a unique kite from tissue paper. Let's hope for just enough wind so we can test them out!

Ropkins Branch, Thursday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.

Dear Poet Project: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 10 and up. Participate in a series of activities that will allow you to explore and interact with poetry through letter writing.

Ropkins Branch, Fridays, April 4 and 11, 2:00 p.m.

National Geographic Kids Almanac Trivia: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Check it out! See how much you really know about everything you've ever wanted to know!

Ropkins Branch, Monday, April 7, 3:45 p.m.

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Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, April 8, 3:45 p.m.

Spring Scavenger Hunt: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Come smell that spring is in the air. We will go around our neighborhood and search for signs of spring. Then join us for special spring edible treat.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, April 9, 3:30 p.m.

The Carrot Seed: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers/Ages 5 and up. Share the story of a boy's confidence in one small seed. Enjoy extension activities to include Playdoh building and a candy math sorting game. Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling 860-695-7522.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

El Día de los Niños: Education (Ropkins)

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Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week!: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Visit your neighborhood branch in celebration of National Library Week! Learn the ins-and-outs of your library with an educational scavenger hunt.

Ropkins Branch, Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.

National Library Week: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Find fun and fantasy, biography and science at your library. Make your own book at our craft table.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.

Earth Day: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Learn about and celebrate Earth Day with a planting activity.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, April 22, 4:00 p.m.

Shakespeare Day: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Shakespeare's 450th birthday with readings and a sweet English treat.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.

Poem in Your Pocket Day: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Celebrate National Poetry Month today by making a pocket sized poem.

Ropkins Branch, Thursday, April 24, 4:00 p.m.

Magnetic Poetry: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 12 and up. Combine words and magnets to create, and re-create poetry.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, April 29, 5:00 p.m.

April Showers...: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. April showers bring May flowers. Using watercolors, paint a seasonal picture to remind you of what's ahead.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, April 30, 4:00 p.m.