

Hartford Public Library
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
February 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 Library – Learning Lab, Mondays-Thursdays, February 3-27, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The Art of Quilling: Arts (Downtown)

Ages 10 and up. Get creative with the ancient art of paper quilling. Make a personalized decorative plaque.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Tuesday, February 25, 4:30 p.m.

Digital Learning Day: Technology (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Discover cool tech tools on computers and smartphones for personal use and academic success.

Downtown Library – Learning Lab, Thursday, February 27, 4:00 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 Library – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, February 3-27, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Endangered Animals: Education (Downtown)

Ages 7 and up. Children can create endangered-animal mobiles. We will develop a list of endangered animals, and then the children will choose five animals to include on their mobiles. Students can draw pictures of their animals, find photographs in old magazines, or download pictures.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Saturday, February 8, 2:30 p.m.

It's the Year of the Horse: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. It's the year 4710! Learn about the Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year, and its history. Then make a craft for the Year of the Horse.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 p.m.

International Friendship Week Celebration: Art & Entertainment (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Start off International Friendship Week by making a woven friendship bracelet.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.

Fairyland: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland! We'll read fairy stories and poems, and enjoy a magical craft.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 p.m.

Melting Snowman: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Stop by the library and enjoy various books about snowmen. Then make a melting snowman craft to remind you that spring is near.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Thursday, February 20, 4:30 p.m.

Children and Families

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 Library – Children's Library, Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 11:00 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 Library – Children's Library, Mondays, February 3 and 24, 11:00 a.m.

Snowflakes Story Times: 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 Library – Children's Library, Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 10:00 a.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 2-5 Come sing, read, talk, write and play to promote early literacy & language skills. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

Downtown Library – Youth Program Room, Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:30 a.m.

Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages Birth – 3 years. No registration required. Come join us for stories, songs, movement and finger plays to support early literacy skills. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Wednesdays, February 5 and 19, 10:30 a.m.

O Is For Owl: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5. Read an owl story, *Good-Night Owl!* by Pat Hutchins, then make a simple Snow Owl craft with paper plates.

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Monday, February 10, 11:00 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 Library – Children's Library, Fridays, February 14 and 21, 10:30 a.m.

Family Poetry Night: Education (Downtown)

Ages 4 and up with adult friends. Bring your family to celebrate Black History Month at the Children's Library! Come recite your favorite poems and enjoy a night of music, soul food and poetry.

Downtown Library – Children's Program Room, Wednesday, February 26, 5:30 p.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 Library – Children's Library, Friday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112

For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380

Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Homework Help: Education (Albany)

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!

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, February 3–27, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Monday, February 3, 4:30 p.m.

Chinese New Year: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Help us bring in the Chinese New Year with stories, games and a craft.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, February 4, 4:30 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 2 and up. Dig through our bin of the month and play with fun toys and early literacy manipulatives.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, February 5, 4:30 p.m.

Library Olympics: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. In honor of the 2014 Winter Olympics, you are invited to participate in our speed read challenge, upside-down reading challenge, and shot-book challenge. Winners will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Albany Branch, Thursday, February 6, 4:30 p.m.

Winter Tales: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 2-6. Listen to cozy winter stories, sing wintry songs, and do a winter craft.

Albany Branch, Friday, February 7, 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, February 7, 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, February 10, 4:30 p.m.

Endangered Animals: Education (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Children can create endangered-animal mobiles. We will develop a list of endangered animals, and then the children will choose five animals to include on their mobiles. Students can draw pictures of their animals, find photographs in old magazines, or download pictures.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 p.m.

Baby Time: Early Literacy (Albany)

Birth-24 months. Read, sing, and play with your little one.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, February 12, 12:30 p.m.

The Art of Quilling: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 9 and up. Get creative with the ancient art of paper quilling. Make a personalized decorative plaque.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, February 12, 2:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Jeopardy: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Learn all about this romantic holiday by competing in our Valentine's Day trivia challenge and enjoy a tasty Valentine's treat.

Albany Branch, Thursday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.

Early Reader's Book Club: Early Literacy (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Tuesday, February 18, 4:30 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, February 19, 4:30 p.m.

Melting Snowman: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Stop by the library and listen to books about snowmen. Then make a melting snowman craft to remind you spring is near.

Albany Branch, Thursday, February 20, 5:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.

Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Design a necklace, bracelet, or anklet for yourself or a friend.

Albany Branch, Monday, February 24, 4:30 p.m.

Fairyland: Education (Albany)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland. We'll read fairy stories and poems, and then create a magical craft.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, February 25, 4:30 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, February 26, 4:30 p.m.

Digital Learning Day: Technology (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Discover cool tech tools on computers and smart phones for personal use and academic success.

Albany Branch, Thursday, February 27, 4:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

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

Albany Branch, Friday, February 28, 3:30 p.m.

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

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400

Homework Club: Education (Barbour)

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!

Barbour Branch, Mondays–Fridays, February 3-28, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Fun and Games Story Time: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Guessing game books, fun finger plays and circle games are part of this February story time. Please call 860-695-7402 to register your group.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, February 5, 10:00 a.m.

Library Olympics: Education (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. In honor of the 2014 Winter Olympics, the branch library will host its very own Library Olympics. Come participate in our speed read challenge, upside-down reading challenge, and our shot-book challenge. Winners will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals!

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, February 4, 4:30 p.m.

Digital Learning Day: Technology (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Discover cool tech tools on computers and smartphones for personal use and academic success.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

The Art of Quilling: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)

Ages 10 and up. Get creative with the ancient art of paper quilling. Make a personalized decorative plaque.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, February 6, 4:30 p.m.

Sounds like Science: Education (Barbour)

Ages: 8 and up. Soak up the science of sound through hands-on projects and experiments. Make a log of discoveries.

Barbour Branch, Tuesdays, February 11 and 25, 4:30 p.m.

Diversi-Tea: Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Join us in celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, an annual award given to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books. Discover teas from around the world and help create a "Leaves of Diversity" mural.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

International Friendship Week Celebration: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Start off International Friendship Week by making a woven friendship bracelet.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.

Fairyland: Education (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland! We'll read fairy stories and poems, and enjoy a magical craft.

Barbour Branch, Friday, February 14, 4:30 p.m.

Mix In Math: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Numbers are hiding in the newspaper. Let's play "Numbers in the News" to see how many numbers we can find.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, February 26, 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 monthly page every last Thursday 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, Thursday, February 27, 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

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, February 3-27, 3:00–4:30 p.m.

Family Is: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Enter into our month-long writing competition. Finish the phrase, "Family is..." in 100 words or less. Accompanying illustration is encouraged. Entries are due by Monday, February 24, 5:00 p.m. The winner will be announced and rewarded on Friday, February 28, 2014.

Blue Hills Branch, Mondays-Fridays, February 3-27, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Library Olympics: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. In honor of the 2014 Winter Olympics, you are invited to participate in our speed read challenge, upside-down reading challenge, and shot-book challenge. Winners will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, February 3, 4:00 p.m.

The Art of Quilling: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 10 and up. Get creative with the ancient art of paper quilling. Make a personalized decorative plaque.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.

Fine Motor Fun: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for an afternoon of fine motor fun. Activities include homemade lacing cards, scissors skills craft, puzzles, and more!

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, February 5, 1:30 p.m.

Digital Learning Day: Technology (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Discover cool tech tools on computers and smartphones for personal use and academic success.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

It's the Year of the Horse: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. It's the year 4710! Learn about the Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year, and its history. Then make a craft for the Year of the Horse.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, February 6, 4:00 p.m.

Jazz A-Z: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 8 and up. Escape to New Orleans as we take a rhythmic journey back in time to the origins of jazz music. Enjoy listening to a variety of artists, and write your own poetry to the sounds you hear.

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, February 7, 2:00 p.m.

Craft Corner: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Stop by our craft corner for an afternoon of Valentine's Day creations!

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, February 10, 3:00 p.m.

Love Story-Teens Only!: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Share stories of love found and lost in books and your own lives! While we talk, make Valentine's Day Mad Libs, Conversation Heart thumbprint art or a heart wreath while we enjoy a sweet treat.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, February 11, 5:00 p.m.

International Friendship Week Celebration: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills Branch)

Ages 5 and up. Start off International Friendship Week by making a woven friendship bracelet.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. Get together to read *Sunday*, by Synthia Saint James. Share what you and your family do on a typical Sunday, and make a traditional church fan.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, February 13, 4:00 p.m.

Reel Kids: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

Ages 5 and up. It's family movie night! Join us for a seasonal showing, accompanied by theatre treats.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, February 18, 5:00 p.m.

Colors of Us: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

Ages 3-5, with adult caregivers. Share a love of colors through stories, songs, and crafts. Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling 860-695-7420.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 p.m.

First Family: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Learn about our First Family, the Obamas, through books and other printed material. Write a letter to the family, and send it off to the White House.

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, February 19, 5:00 p.m.

Dave the Potter: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 6 and up. Share the story of Dave, a nineteenth-century pottery artist who lived and died as a slave in South Carolina. Learn to make clay creations afterwards.

Blue Hills Branch, Thursday, February 20, 4:00 p.m.

Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)

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

Blue Hills Branch, Friday, February 21, 2:00 p.m.

Soul Looks Back in Wonder: Life Skills (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Share poetry reflecting African American heritage. Write your own poem to express your creativity, and the beauty of your heritage, whatever it may be.

Blue Hills Branch, Monday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

Madam CJ Walker, American Entrepreneur: Education (Blue Hills)

Ages 12 and up. Born Sarah Breedlove on a Louisiana plantation, this astonishing woman became one of the most notable businesswomen of the twentieth century. Learn about this hair care philanthropist; put your own aspirations on paper; and make a hair pin in honor of Madam CJ Walker.

Blue Hills Branch, Tuesday, February 25, 5:00 p.m.

Bin Day: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)

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

Blue Hills Branch, Wednesday, February 26, 1:30 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, February 1-28, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Bring your family to the library every Wednesday to hear stories from the best in children's illustrated books, sing songs, share rhymes, and make a craft!

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:00 a.m.

Digital Learning Day: Technology (Camp Field)

Ages 8 and up. Discover cool tech tools on computers and smartphones for personal use and academic success.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

The Art of Quilling: Arts and Crafts (Camp Field)

Ages 10 and up. Get creative with the ancient art of paper quilling. Make a personalized decorative plaque.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, February 6, 3:30 p.m.

Love Story-Teens Only!: Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 12 and up. Share stories of love found and lost in books and your own lives! While we talk, make Valentine's Day Mad Libs, Conversation Heart thumbprint art or a heart wreath and enjoy a sweet treat.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, February 10, 3:30 p.m.

Snow in Many Colors: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Are you tired of seeing white snow? Let's have fun coloring the snow with food coloring.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, February 12, 3:00 p.m.

International Friendship Week Celebration: Art & Entertainment (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate International Friendship Week by making a woven friendship bracelet.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.

Melting Snowman: Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Stop by the library and listen to books about snowmen. Then make a melting snowman craft to remind you spring is near.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesday, February 19, 3:30 p.m.

Fairyland: Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland! We'll read fairy stories and poems, and enjoy a magical craft.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, February 24, 3:30 p.m.

Endangered Animals: Education (Camp Field)

Ages 7 and up. Children can create endangered animal mobiles. We will develop a list of endangered animals, and then the children will choose five animals to include on their mobiles. Students can draw pictures of their animals, find photographs in old magazines, or download pictures.

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday, February 25, 3:00 p.m.

People That Could Fly: Education (Camp Field)

All Ages. Celebrate Black History Month with a read aloud and discussion of Virginia Hamilton's tale, *The People That Could Fly*, then enjoy a soulful treat afterwards.

Camp Field Branch, Friday, February 27, 3:00 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)

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!

Dwight Branch, Mondays-Fridays, February 3-28, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Match-ups: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 2-4. Parents: help your child recognize before and after effects by visiting the library and using many of its early literacy tools.

Dwight Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, February 3-27, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Fun Fridays: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

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

Dwight Branch, Fridays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 3:00 p.m.

Get to Know Abraham Lincoln: Education (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. Learn the importance of Abraham Lincoln's character and victory as the president of the U.S.A. during the Civil War.

Dwight Branch, Tuesday, February 11, 3:00 p.m.

Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!: Early Literacy (Dwight)

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Let's ride! Join us for four-wheeled adventures about cars, trucks, and more! Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling 860-695-7462.

Dwight Branch, Wednesdays, February 12 and 26, 10:00 a.m.

Paper Heart Wreath: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)

Ages 6-8. Love is in the air....make a paper heart wreath to hang on your door for Valentine's Day!

Dwight Branch, Thursday, February 13, 3:00 p.m.

And Then There Were Eight: Science (Dwight)

Ages 6 and up. What happened to Pluto the planet? Why is it not a planet anymore? Find the answers to these questions in the library and make an out-of-the world craft.

Dwight Branch, Wednesday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.

Science Corner: Science (Dwight)

Grades 3-5. Science projects are around the corner, get ideas, tips, books, and practice lifting ice with a string. It takes a secret ingredient—and a little old-fashioned chemistry.

Dwight Branch, Friday, February 21, 3:00 p.m.

Bear Week: Education (Dwight)

Ages 8 and up. Learn about the Asiatic Black Bear, Black Bear, Brown Bear, Panda Bear, Polar Bear, Sloth Bear, Spectacled Bear, and Sun Bear. Get to know their habitat, diet, physical characteristics, behavior, and interactions with people. Create your favorite bear habitat.

Dwight Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, February 24-28, 3:00 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, February 3-27, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Snowflakes Story Times: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

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 860-695-7481.

Goodwin Branch, Mondays, February 3, 10, and 24, 10:00 a.m.

Library Olympics: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. In honor of the 2014 Winter Olympics, the branch library will host its very own Library Olympics. Come participate in our speed-read challenge, upside-down reading challenge, and our shot-book challenge. Winners will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals!

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, February 6, 4:30 p.m.

It's the Year of the Horse: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. It's the year 4710! Learn about the Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year, and its history. Then make a craft for the Year of the Horse.

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 p.m.

International Friendship Week Celebration: Art & Entertainment (Goodwin)

Ages 5 and up. Start off International Friendship Week by making a friendship bracelet.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.

Fairyland: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland! We'll read fairy stories and poems, and enjoy a magical craft.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, February 18, 4:30 p.m.

O Is For Owl: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

Ages 3-5. Read an owl story, *Goodnight Owl!* by Pat Hutchins, and make a simple Snow Owl craft with three paper plates.

Goodwin Branch, Wednesday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.

Smart Start STEM: Early Literacy (Goodwin)

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

Goodwin Branch, Monday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.

Digital Learning Day: Technology (Goodwin)

Ages 8 and up. Discover cool tech tools on computers and smartphones for personal use and academic success.

Goodwin Branch, Tuesday, February 25, 4:30 p.m.

The Art of Quilling: Arts (Goodwin)

Ages 10 and up. Get creative with the ancient art of paper quilling. Make a personalized decorative plaque.

Goodwin Branch, Thursday, February 27, 4:00 p.m.

Melting Snowman: Education (Goodwin)

Ages 8 and up. Stop by the library and enjoy various books about snowmen. Then make a melting snowman craft to remind you that spring is near.

Goodwin Branch, Friday, February 28, 3:45 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

History Makers: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 8 and up. Join us in a celebration of Black History month as we create a History Tree with quotes from people who inspired others through their words and actions.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, February 3, 3:30 p.m.

Info Lab 55: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join our online information literacy course and learn what you need to know to navigate life in the 21st Century. Topics include Google Tools, Copyright, Online Privacy, and Tech News.

Mark Twain Branch, Tuesday, February 4, 3:00 p.m.

Digital Learning Day: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages 8 and up. Discover cool tech tools on computers and smartphones for personal use and academic success.

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesdays, February 5, 12, and 19, 4:00 p.m.

Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Say it, Sing it, Write it. Join our new teen book club to share favorite books and connect with other book lovers.

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, February 7, 3:00 p.m.

It's the Year of the Horse: Education (Mark Twain)

Ages 6 and up. It's the year 4710! Learn about the Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year, and its history. Then make a craft for the Year of the Horse.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, February 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 dramatic readings, conversation and fun activities while exploring Asian languages and cultures. Follow us on Instagram at @Hartford Otaku.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, February 13, 3:00 p.m.

Heart Smart: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a healthy Valentine's Day party with fun activities and treats to keep your mind and body in check all year round.

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.

Money Wise @ HPL: Life Skills (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Join us to receive lots of helpful financial tips to prepare for college and life after high school.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday and Wednesday, February 24 and 26 3:00 p.m.

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Park Branch
744 Park Street
Hartford CT 06106

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Homework Club: Education (Park)

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!

Park Branch, Mondays-Fridays, February 3-28, 3:00 p.m.

Paper World: Education (Park)

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

Park Branch, Mondays, February 3, 10 and 24, 3:45 p.m.

Creative Building: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 5 and up. Calling all future architects and engineers! Design your own three dimensional buildings and structures using only mini marshmallows and toothpicks.

Park Branch, Tuesday, February 4, 3:45 p.m.

Reading Hour: Early Literacy (Park)

Ages 6 and up. After doing your homework, enjoy listening to a story to celebrate African American History month.

Park Branch, Wednesdays, February 5 and 19, 3:45 p.m.

Let the Games Begin: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 8 and up. What sport do you enjoy playing? Learn about Winter Olympics sports and history through books.

Park Branch, Thursday, February 6, 3:45 p.m.

Bye-Bye, Blues: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Winter blues dragging you down? Have fun playing UNO, Connect Four, checkers, puzzles and other board games.

Park Branch, Fridays, February 7 and 28, 3:30 p.m.

It's The Year of the Horse: Education (Park)

Ages 6 and up. It's the year 4710! Learn about the Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year, and its history. Then make a craft for the Year of the Horse.

Park Branch, Tuesday, February 11, 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, February 12, 2:00 p.m. and February 26, 3:45 p.m.

International Friendship Week Celebration: Art & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 5 and up. Start off International Friendship Week by making a woven friendship bracelet.

Park Branch, Thursday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.

Sealed With a Kiss!: Early Literacy (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Write a loveable poem to express your love and enjoy special treats!

Park Branch, Friday, February 14, 3:45 p.m.

Fairyland: Education (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland! We'll read fairy stories and poems, and enjoy a magical craft.

Park Branch, Tuesday, February 18, 3:45 p.m.

Build It!: Life Skills (Park)

Ages 8 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, February 20, 3:45 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Park)

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy viewing the African American history movie of the day.

Park Branch, Friday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.

Endangered Animals: Education (Park)

Ages 7 and up. Children can create endangered-animal mobiles. We will develop a list of endangered animals, and then the children will choose five animals to include on their mobiles. Students can draw pictures of their animals, find photographs in old magazines, or download pictures.

Park Branch, Tuesday February 25, 3:45 p.m.

Grrrr!: Education (Park)

Ages 5 and up. Polar Bear Day celebrates the world's largest carnivore. Learn more about the polar bear and other bears around the world through books and a furry craft.

Park Branch, Thursday, February 27, 3:45 p.m.

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1750 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120

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O is for Owl: Early Literacy (Ropkins)

Ages 3-5. Read an owl story, *Good-Night Owl!* by Pat Hutchins, and make a simple Snow Owl craft with three paper plates.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays, February 3, 10, and 24, 10:00 a.m.

Money Wise @ HPL: Life Skills (Ropkins)

Ages 13 and up. Join us to receive lots of helpful financial tips to prepare for college and life after high school.

Ropkins Branch, Mondays, February 3 and 24, 4:00 p.m.

Homework Club: Education (Ropkins)

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!

Ropkins Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, February 3-28, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Fairyland: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. Wings of imagination will take you to Fairyland! We'll read fairy stories and poems, and enjoy a magical craft.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

Library Olympics: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. In honor of the 2014 Winter Olympics, the branch library will host its very own Library Olympics. Come participate in our speed read challenge, upside-down reading challenge, and our shot-book challenge. Winners will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals!

Ropkins Branch, Monday, February 10, 4:00 p.m.

It's the Year of the Horse: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 6 and up. It's the year 4710! Learn about the Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year, and its history. Then make a craft for the Year of the Horse.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.

International Friendship Week Celebration: Art & Entertainment (Ropkins)

Ages 5 and up. Start off International Friendship Week by making a woven friendship bracelet.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

The Art of Quilling: Arts and Crafts (Ropkins)

Ages 10 and up. Get creative with the ancient art of paper quilling. Make a personalized decorative plaque.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

Endangered Animals: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 7 and up. Children can create endangered-animal mobiles. We will develop a list of endangered animals, and then the children will choose five animals to include on their mobiles. Students can draw pictures of their animals, find photographs in old magazines, or download pictures.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.

Melting Snowman: Education (Ropkins)

Ages 8 and up. Stop by the library and enjoy various books about snowmen. Then make a melting snowman craft to remind you that spring is near.

Ropkins Branch, Friday, February 21, 4:00 p.m.