

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

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

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

**Teens**

**Red Carpet Reads: Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 12 and up. Teen Book Club is back starring book nominees for the 2015 Youth Media Awards, Category: YA Books. Glam up your favorite teen book in our star studded display, share your winning predictions, and talk about books!

***Downtown Library – Children's Library***, Monday, February 23, 4:00 p.m.

**Students**

**Homework Club: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Fall back into great homework habits with a trip to the library. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Mondays-Thursdays, February 2-26, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Celebrate Black History Month: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Black History Month with stories, crafts and a lot more! We will share new facts about the lives and achievements of African Americans.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Wednesdays, February 4 and 18, 4:00 pm.

**Hat Day: Life Skills (Downtown)**

Ages 6 and up. Isn't it great that hats come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and styles? Celebrate National Hat Day wearing your favorite hat to the library and decorate a free hat to take home! There's one to fit every size head and personality!

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Thursday, February 12, 4:00 pm.

**Valentine's Day Jeopardy: Education (Downtown)**

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

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Saturday, February 14, 2:30 pm.

**Pajama Day at the Library: Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Come to the library in your PJs and watch a movie on the big screen! (Don't forget your favorite stuffed animals!). We'll make popcorn, have cookies, and set up a 'hot chocolate bar' where everyone can add marshmallows, chocolate sprinkles, and whipped cream to their cocoa.

**Downtown – Youth Program Room, Saturday, February 21, 2:30 p.m.**

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

Ages 6-10 with adults. Join us to talk about some great award-winning children's picture books reflecting on themes such as fairness, greed, and courage. This month, we will be reading *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst. This group will meet once a month at the library.

**Downtown – Youth Program Room, Wednesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.**

**People that could Fly: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate black history month with a read aloud and discussion of Virginia Hamilton's tale *The People that could Fly* and enjoy a soulful treat afterwards.

**Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, February 26, 4:00 pm.**

**Worth a Thousand Words: Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 8 and up. Let's use some of those thousand words to read Wordless books. Make your own wordless book and decorate the cover.

**Downtown – Children's Library, Friday, February 27, 3:30 pm.**

**Children and Families**

**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, February 2 and 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Teddy Bear Tea: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver and teddy bears. Join us for a fun time of teddy bear stories, games and treats with our favorite stuffed toys!

**Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays, February 9 and 23, 10:00 a.m.**

**Snowflakes Story Times: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5, with a parent/caregiver. Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, finger plays, book-based activities, and - as always - the best in children's books! Individuals welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

**Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:00 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, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10:30 a.m.**

**Itty Bitty Babies: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages: Newborn – 12 months with adults. Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books appropriate for the youngest of the young. Learn how to introduce your child to words and language by incorporating

songs into all your routines such as bath time, diaper changes, getting into the car seat and nap time!  
NOTE: Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Wednesday, February 11, 11:30am -12:00 pm.

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

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

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Saturday, February 21, 11:30 a.m.

**Albany Branch**  
**1250 Albany Avenue**  
**Hartford, CT 06112**  
*For information on Albany Branch programs,*  
*call 860.695.7380*

## **FEBRUARY**

### **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 7, 21, and 28, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Grades K and up. Stop by after school to get help with your homework. Children under eight years old must be accompanied by an adult.

***Albany Branch***, Mondays-Thursdays, February 2 – 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

### **E-Book Assistance Drop-In: Technology (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Drop in to get help with browsing the library's e-book collection and checking out an e-book.

***Albany Branch***, Monday, February 2, 5:00 p.m.

### **Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Make a bracelet or necklace to keep or give to a friend.

***Albany Branch***, Tuesday, February 3, 5:00 p.m.

### **Play-Doh Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3 and up. Stop in for a silly story, sing silly songs, and make a silly creation out of Play-Doh.

***Albany Branch***, Wednesday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.

### **Parent/Child Book Club: Education (Albany)**

Ages 6-10 with adults. Join us to talk about great children's books and reflect on their themes. Our first book will be *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, and the group will meet once a month.

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, February 5, 6:00 p.m.

### **M&M Math: Education (Albany)**

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

***Albany Branch***, Friday, February 6, 4:00 p.m.

### **Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

All ages. Play board games with others your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life, and Disney Scene It?

***Albany Branch***, Monday, February 9, 5:00 p.m.

### **People that Could Fly: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate Black History Month with a read-aloud and discussion of Virginia Hamilton's tale *The People that Could Fly* and enjoy a soulful treat.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, February 10, 5:00 p.m.

**Kindle Club: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Stop in for our Kindle Book Club. Take turns reading from our e-book of the month and discuss the plot and characters.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 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 enjoying a tasty Valentine's treat.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, February 12, 5:00 p.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family and friends.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.

**Itty Bitty Babies: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Birth-24 months with caregivers. Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books appropriate for the youngest of the young. Learn how to introduce your child to words and language by incorporating songs into all your routines such as bath time, diaper changes, getting into the car seat and nap time! NOTE: Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on.

**Albany Branch**, Saturday, February 14, 2:00 p.m.

**Worth a Thousand Words: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 5 and Up. Let's use some of those thousand words to read Wordless books. Make your own wordless book and decorate the cover.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.

**Reading Hour: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, February 18, 5:00 p.m.

**Teen Book Club: Education (Albany)**

Ages 13-18. Calling all teens! Come join our monthly book club and discuss the book of the month while enjoying a slice of pizza.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, February 19, 5:30 p.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family and friends.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, February 20, 3:30 p.m.

**Melting Snowman Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3 and up. Come enjoy books about snowmen and make a melting snowman craft to remind you spring is near.

**Albany Branch**, Monday, February 23, 5:00 p.m.

**Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Design, build, and explore with Legos. See what you can build with our Lego sets.

***Albany Branch***, Tuesday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.

**Early Reader's Book Club: Education (Albany)**

Ages 4-9. Join us while we read a classic early reader story and make a fun craft. Light refreshments will be served.

***Albany Branch***, Wednesday, February 25, 5:00 p.m.

**Teddy Bear Tea: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3 and up. Join us for a fun night of teddy bear stories, games, and treats with our favorite stuffed toys!

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, February 26, 6:00 p.m.

**Toddler Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 2-3. Celebrate reading with fun stories, songs, and fingerplays for your little one.

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, February 27, 10:00 a.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

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

***Albany Branch***, Friday, February 27, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**Homework Help: Education**

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

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays-Thursdays, February 7-27, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Wordplay Project: Early Literacy**

Ages 3-5. "Word Play." Join us for an innovative story time program that mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve the school readiness skills and increase parent/caregiver engagement of English Language Learners (ELLs) from age two to five.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays, February 2, and 23, 10:00 a.m.

**People That Could Fly: Education**

Ages 7 and up; Celebrate black history month with a read aloud and discussion of Virginia Hamilton's tale The People Could Fly and enjoy a soulful treat afterwards.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, February 3, 4:00 p.m.

**A, B, Cs of Nutrition: Life Skills**

Ages 7 and up. Taste and nutrition go hand in hand in this series of 2 programs. Learn to make Hummus to dip veggie strips in and to dip fresh fruit in chocolate for scrumptious treats. Play nutrition bingo.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesdays, February 4 and 18, 4:00 p.m.

**Creative Play: Early Literacy**

Ages 3-5 months with caregivers. Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read® (ECRR). Share special books, educational toys, finger games and music. Receive activity tips on Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursdays February 5 and 19, 10:00 a.m.

**Worth A Thousand Words: Literacy/Education**

Ages 8 and up. Let's use some of those thousand words to read Wordless books. Make your own wordless book and decorate the cover.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

**Heartstrings: Arts & Crafts**

Ages 7 and up. This pretty heart is just right to write some heart-felt words to a friend. Hearts and Strings provided.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 p.m.

**Junior Maker Lego® Club: Education**

Ages 4 and up. Join us for an afternoon of Lego® building creativity and fun. We provide the blocks, you provide the imagination!

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 p.m.

**Valentine's Day Jeopardy: Education**

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

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

**Celebrate: Education**

Ages 5 and up. Help us celebrate Black History Month with stories and activities, we will share new facts about the lives and achievements of African Americans.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, February 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Melting Snowman: Education**

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.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.

**Mix in Math: Education**

Ages 8 and up. Estimation is the name of our math game. Join us for loads of fun.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

**Readers' Theatre: Education**

Ages 5-12. Join us for a dramatic reading of the classic fairy tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Barbour Branch, Wednesday, February 25, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Alphabet Express: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 2 and up. Take a trip with your 2 year old in our alphabet train. Enjoy your ride with songs, stories, crafts, and a delicious snack.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesdays, February 10, 17 and 24, 10:00 a.m.

**Worth a Thousand Words: Literacy/Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 8 and up. Let's use some of those thousand words to read Wordless books. Make your own wordless book and decorate the cover.

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

**Melting Snowman: Education (Camp Field)**

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!

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, Feb.10, 3:00 p.m.

**Valentine's Day Jeopardy: Education (Camp Field)**

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

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, February 12, 5:30 p.m.

**Teddy Bear Tea: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver and teddy bears. Join us for a fun night of teddy bear stories, games and treats with our favorite stuffed toys!

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, February 17, 3:30 p.m.

**People That Could Fly: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up; Celebrate black history month with a read aloud and discussion of Virginia Hamilton's tale The People That Could Fly and enjoy a soulful treat afterwards.

**Camp Field Branch Library**, Thursday, February 19, 5:30 p.m.

**Celebrate: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Help us celebrate Black History Month with stories and activities. We will share fun facts about the lives and achievements of African Americans.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, Feb 23, 3:30 p.m.

**Cultural Crafts: Arts and Crafts (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate African American traditions with craft activities.

Light refreshments provided.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 p.m.

**Beautiful Beads: Arts and Crafts (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up, make beautiful jewelry and crafts from different types of beads.  
**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, February 26, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

**WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 8 and up. Let's use some of those thousand words to read Wordless books. Make your own wordless book and decorate the cover.

**Goodwin Branch Library**, Thursday, February 5, 4:00 pm

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY: Education (Goodwin)**

All Ages: Join families across Connecticut for a celebration of the joy of reading at your local public library! Read a favorite picture book; decorate your own mini tote bag and a reading crown to take home!

**Goodwin Library**, Saturday, February 7, 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**ITTY BITTY BABIES: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages: Newborn – 12 months with adults. Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books appropriate for the youngest of the young. Learn how to introduce your child to words and language by incorporating songs into all your routines such as bath time, diaper changes, getting into the car seat and nap time!

NOTE: Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on.

**Goodwin Branch Library**, Wednesday, February 11, 12:30 pm -1:30 pm

**VALENTINE'S DAY JEOPARDY: Education (Goodwin)**

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

**Goodwin Branch Library**, Thursday, February 12, 4:00 pm

**SAY IT WITH SHAPES: Educational (Goodwin)**

Ages: 5 -7, Make patterns with shapes and words telling a story.

**Goodwin Branch Library**, Mondays, February 16 and 23 10:00 a.m.

**PEOPLE THAT COULD FLY: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 7 and up; Celebrate black history month with a read aloud and discussion of Virginia Hamilton's tale the People that could Fly and enjoy a soulful treat afterwards.

**Goodwin Branch Library**: Tuesday, February 24 4:30 pm

**PAJAMA DAY AT THE LIBRARY: Entertainment (Goodwin)**

Ages 5 and up. Come to the library in your PJs and watch a movie on the big screen! (Don't forget your favorite stuffed animals!). We'll make popcorn, have cookies, and set up a 'hot chocolate bar' where everyone can add marshmallows, chocolate sprinkles, and whipped cream to their cocoa.

**Goodwin Branch Library**, Wednesday, February 25, 4:00 pm

**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 5 and up. Help us celebrate Black History Month with stories, craft workshops and activities, we will share new facts about the lives and achievements of African Americans.

**Goodwin Branch Library**, through the month of February, 3:30 pm

**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**

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

Ages 14 and up. Happy New Year Hartford Otaku! Join us for lively conversation and fun activities that explore Asian languages and cultures and of course, manga! Follow us on Instagram @hartfordotaku.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:00 p.m.

**Voices Teen Book Club: 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, February 6, 3:00 p.m.

**Worth a Thousand Words: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Let's use some of those thousand words to read Wordless books. Make your own wordless book and decorate the cover.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Monday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.

**Heart Beats: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages: 5 and up. Learn about what makes your heart beat and make a healthy valentine for someone special.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 p.m.

**Subway Art: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

Ages: 5 and up. Explore the beautiful mosaic artwork found in the NYC Subway and design your own mosaics to take home.

***Mark Twain Branch***

Wednesdays, February 17, 4:00 p.m.

**World Kitchen: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 5 and up. Come to the World Kitchen and help us make and eat an international delight!

***Mark Twain Branch***

Fridays, February 20, 27, 3:30 p.m.

**Teddy Bear Tea: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver and teddy bears. Join us for a fun night of teddy bear stories, games and treats with our favorite stuffed toys!

***Mark Twain Branch***

Monday, February 23, 5:30 p.m.

**Park Branch**  
**744 Park Street**  
**Hartford CT 06106**  
For information on Park Branch programs,  
call 860-695.7501

## February

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

Ages 5 and up. Winter winds can't keep you from great homework habits and a great trip to the library! Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities for the holidays. Homework supplies provided.

***Park Branch, Monday-Friday, February 27, 3:00 p.m.***

### **Groundhog Day: Education**

Ages 5 and up. Have you seen your shadow lately? Check in for the most up to date news on the end of winter with books and activity sheets.

***Park Branch, Monday, February 2, 3:45 p.m.***

### **Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Life Skills (Park Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Join us for fun financial literacy activities sure to make you money wise!

***Park Branch, Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 2:00 p.m.***

### **Take Your Child to the Library Day: Life Skills (Park Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Join families across Connecticut for a celebration of the joy of reading at your local public library! Decorate your own mini tote bag and a reading crown to take home.

***Park Branch, Thursday, February 5, 3:45 p.m.***

### **Bye-Bye, Blues: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)**

Ages 7 and up. Winter blues dragging you down, get together with friends to have fun playing Jenga, Sorry, Trouble, and other board games.

***Park Branch, Friday, February 6, 27, 3:30 p.m.***

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

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about Mardi Gras, Presidents' Day, Chinese New Year, and other monthly theme.

***Park Branch, Monday, February 9, 23, 3:45 p.m.***

### **"WordPlay": Early Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 2 to 5, with Parents/Childcare Providers. 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, Tuesday, February 10, 17, 24 10:00 a.m.***

### **Melting Snowman: Education**

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!

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 p.m.

**Valentine's Day Celebration: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)**

Ages 7-12. Let's learn the history of Valentine's Day and then celebrate the day by making creative gifts for someone special such as friendship box and greeting card.

**Park Branch**, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

**Fantastic Heritage Film: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Black History Month by enjoying viewing the African American film of the day.

**Park Branch**, Friday, February 13, 20, 3:45 p.m.

**Mardi Gras!: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Come together and have fun on "Fat Tuesday!" Learn about Mardi Gras through coloring sheets, word search and carnival mask.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, February 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Babytime, Toddlertime, Preschooltime: Early Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages. Infant- 5. Story & Creative Play - Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read® (ECRR). Share special books, educational toys, finger games, music and take home activities to support early literacy skills.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, February 19, 26, 10:00 p.m.

**It's The Year of the Sheep: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. It's the year 4713. A Yin year, Aware yourself with a Chinese holiday, Chinese New Year with its history and a sheep craft.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, February 19, 3:45 p.m.

**Where Are They?: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Come together and learn about animals that hibernate during the Winter with books and activity sheets.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

**Animal Hour: Education (Park)**

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy reading about elephant, horse, pig, and other animal facts and enjoy animal cookies.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, February 25, 2:00 p.m.

**Fairyland: Education (Park Branch)**

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**, Thursday February, 26, 3:45 p.m.

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

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

**ITTY BITTY BABIES: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages: Newborn – 12 months with adults. Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books appropriate for the youngest of the young. Learn how to introduce your child to words and language by incorporating songs into all your routines such as bath time, diaper changes, getting into the car seat and nap time!

NOTE: Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on.

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, February 2, 9 and 23, 10:00 a.m.

**TEDDY BEAR TEA: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver and teddy bears. Join us for a fun night of teddy bear stories, games and treats with our favorite stuffed toys!

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

**WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS: Literacy (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Let's use some of those thousand words to read Wordless books. Make your own wordless book and decorate the cover.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, February 5, 4:00 p.m.

**CELEBRATE: Education (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Help us celebrate Black History Month with stories and activities. We will share fun facts about the lives and achievements of African Americans.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, Feb 11, 4:00 p.m.

**VALENTINE'S DAY JEOPARDY: Education (Ropkins Branch)**

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

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

**PEOPLE THAT COULD FLY: Education (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 7 and up; Celebrate black history month with a read aloud and discussion of Virginia Hamilton's tale The People that could Fly and enjoy a soulful treat afterwards.

**Ropkins Branch**: Tuesday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

**PAJAMA DAY AT THE LIBRARY: Entertainment (Ropkins Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Come to the library in your PJs and watch a movie on the big screen! (Don't forget your favorite stuffed animals!). We'll make popcorn, have cookies, and set up a 'hot chocolate bar' where everyone can add marshmallows, chocolate sprinkles, and whipped cream to their cocoa.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, February 25, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

