

**Hartford Public Library  
Programs for Children, Teens, and Families  
November 2014**

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

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

**Students**

**Yummy, Yummy Stories: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3 and up. Hungry for a good story? Join us for two yummy, yummy stories all about food. Sing songs about food and make a delicious treat afterwards!

***Downtown - Children's Library***, Thursday, November 6, 4:30 p.m.

**Homework Club: Education (Downtown)**

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

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

**Veterans' Day: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Veterans' day remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Monday, November 10, 4:30 p.m.

**Pizza Talks: One Book: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 11 and up. Join other youths in the library for pizza talks around our November book selection, *Locomotion*, by Jacqueline Woodson. Read selected passages from the book and share your thoughts on family, separation, and loss in your community.

***Downtown – Youth Program Room***, Thursday, November 13, 4:30 p.m.

**Early Readers' Book Club: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 6-8. Join our Early Readers' Book Club! This month we are reading *The Mystery at the Haunted House* by David Alder. Please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Tuesday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.

**American Indian Heritage Celebration: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 7 and up. Be a part of some great stories, songs, and crafts from the Native American tradition. Explore Native American culture by making a simple rainstick.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Saturday, November 22, 2:30 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Life Skills (Downtown)**

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

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Monday, November 24, 4:30 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Harvest: Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Thanksgiving at your library. Enjoy stories, music, snacks and a cool craft to take home.

**Downtown - Children's Library**, Tuesday, November 25, 3:45 p.m.

**Children and Families****WordPlay: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 2-5 with parent/care provider. Innovative story time programs that mixes vocabulary, cultural literacy, and creativity to improve school readiness skills and increase adult/child engagement for Dual-Language Learners.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Mondays, November 3 and 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Harvest 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, November 4, 18, and 25, 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, November 7 and 28, 10:30 a.m.

**Creative Play Center: Thanksgiving Finger Art - Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Babies up to 13 months. Join us in our Creative Play Center for special songs, stories, music and toys to encourage early literacy skills. You and your baby will create a Thanksgiving keepsakes using finger paint. No registration required!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 11:30 – 12:30.

**Sing a Song: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5 with caregivers. Join us for musical sing-a-long story time featuring books written in song!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Friday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.

**Alphabet City: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Letters, letters everywhere! Join us for a fun alphabet story time featuring stories, songs and a letter craft activity

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Monday, November 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**National Children's Book Week: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Celebrate National Children's Book Week with us! Enjoy rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children's books.

**Downtown Library - Children Library**, Monday, November 17, 4:30 p.m.

**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, November 22, 11:30 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, Monday***, November 24, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Creative Play Center: Thanksgiving Finger Art - Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Young children ages 13 – 24 months. Join us in our Creative Play Center for special songs, stories, music and toys to encourage early literacy skills. You and your child will create a Thanksgiving keepsakes using finger paint. No registration required!

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Wednesday, November 26, 2014, 11:30 – 12:30.

**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, November 1, 8, 15, and 22, and 25, 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, November 3 – 26, 3:45-4:45 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**, Monday, November 3, 4:45 p.m.

**Get Money Wise: What's on Sale at the School Store: 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**, Tuesday, November 4, 4:45 p.m.

**Infant and Toddler Story time: 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, November 5, 12:30 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**, Wednesday, November 5, 4:45 p.m.

**RSCO School Choice Game Night: Education (Albany)**

All Ages. Bring the family to play games, enjoy food, and ask any questions you have about the School Choice application process.

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

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

Ages 5 and up. Play board games with others your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life, and Disney Scene It?

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, November 10, 4:45 p.m.

**Reading Buddies @ the Library: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3 and Up. Kids ages 3-8, get partnered with an older child ages 9-18. Find a cozy spot in the library to read books together and win a free book to take home.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.

**Yummy, Yummy, Stories: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3 and up. Hungry for a good story? Join us for two yummy stories all about food. Sing songs about food, design your own restaurant menu, and eat some yummy fruits.

**Albany Branch**, Monday, November 13, 6:00 p.m.

**Creative Play Center (ECRR): Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages birth-5 with adult caregiver. Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read®. Share special books, educational toys, finger games, music and take home activities to support early literacy skills.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, November 14, 12:30 p.m.

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

Ages 13 and up. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family and friends.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, November 14, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Monday, November 17, 4:45 p.m.

**Sing a Song: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregiver. Join us for a musical sing-a-long storytime featuring books written in song.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, November 18, 2:30 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, November 18, 4:45 p.m.

**Online Scavenger Hunt: Technology (Albany)**

Ages 6 and up. Compete in our online scavenger hunt challenge to win fun prizes.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, November 19, 4:45 p.m.

**RSCO School Choice Dinner: Education (Albany)**

All ages. Bring the whole family to enjoy a tasty dinner, and ask the RSCO School Choice specialists any questions you have about the RSCO application.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, November 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, November 21, 3:30 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***, Monday, November 24, 4:45 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***, Tuesday, November 25 4:45 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Celebration: Education (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Learn about the history of Thanksgiving, make Thanksgiving crafts, and enjoy a Thanksgiving snack.

***Albany Branch***, Wednesday, November 26, 2:00 p.m.

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

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

***Albany Branch***, Friday, November 28, 2:00 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 assignment with us.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays-Thursdays, November 3-28, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Sing A Song: Early Literacy**

Ages 3-5 with caregivers. Join us for musical sing-a-long story time featuring books written in song!

Mark Twain Branch, Wednesday, November 5, 10:00 a.m.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 a.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 November 6 and 20, 10:00 a.m.

**Wordplay Project: Early Literacy**

Ages 3-5. "Word Play," - 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, November 10, 17 and 24, 10:00 a.m.

**A Two Minute Challenge: Education**

Ages 7 and up. We have a tray full of interesting objects, you have two minutes to observe, and then the memory game is on! Score and win prizes.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, November 4, 4:00 p.m.

**Socially Acceptable? Life Skills**

Ages 7 and up. What is socially acceptable behavior in one place may not be so in another. Let's take a humorous look at the do's and don'ts of our everyday social practices by role playing. Don't blame us if you can't stop laughing.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

**Veterans Day: Education**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Veteran day remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, November 6, 4:00 p.m.

**Geoweeek! Education**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy Geography Awareness week. Learn about geography with fun puzzles, websites, games, and more!

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, November 10 – Friday, November 14, 4:00 p.m.

**Board Games for Bored Kids: Entertainment**

All ages. Get into the spirit of competition with our assortment of latest board games.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays November 10 and 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Early Readers' Book Club: Education**

Ages 6-8. Join our Early Readers' Book Club! This month we are reading *The Mystery at the Haunted House* by David Alder. Please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.

**Family Movie Night: Entertainment**

All ages. Enjoy a fun movie with family and friends at your library. Snack is on us.

**Barbour Branch**, November 19, 5:00 p.m.

**Color Blocking: Life Skills**

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a two-part workshop on color blocking. Animal creations and candle-making will be the focus areas.

**Barbour Branch**, Friday, November 14 and 21, 2:00 p.m.

**American Indian Heritage Celebration Rain Stick: Education**

Ages 7 and up. Be a part of some great stories, songs, and crafts from the Native American tradition. Explore Native American culture by making a simple Rainstick.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, November 24, 3:00 p.m.

**Let's Get Together: Education**

All ages. Let's get together to offer thanks for all the good that has come our way. Share with us your best moments over delicious snack and a cup of cider.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, November 26, 4:00 p.m.



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

**For 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, November 3-26, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Dia de Los Muertos: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Join our celebration of eternal life as we learn about *Dia de Los Muertos*.

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

**National Family Literacy Month: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up with adult family member. Learn to connect and share memories through storytelling and journaling.

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

**ToddlerTime – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 13 - 24 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. Families will leave with take home activities designed to engage children based on the components of the ECRR program: Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing. Groups and individuals please register in advance.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, November 5; Monday, November 17; Thursday, November 20, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Veteran's Day: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Veteran day remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.

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

**Drop-In Seasonal Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Stop by the library and check out our craft table. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursdays, November 6 and 20, 4:00 p.m.

**Check Your Facts!: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Play a game of historic proportions! Test your knowledge of American history with a game of *Jeopardy*. We supply the answer (and rewards!), you supply the question.

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

**American Indian Heritage Celebration Rain Stick: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 7 and up. Be a part of some great stories, songs, and crafts from the Native American tradition. Explore Native American culture by making a simple rain stick.

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

**Color Blocking: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a two-part workshop on color blocking. Animal creations and candle-making will be the focus areas.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Fridays, November 14 and 21, 2:00 p.m.

**UpCycle: Arts & Entertainment/Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. It's better than recycling, it's upcycling! Give new life to everyday neglected objects on American Recycles Day!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

**Oodles of Doodles: Arts & Entertainment/Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Participate in a free-form artistic workshop. Explore the works of famous artists, and create your own masterpiece using colored pencils and your imagination.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

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

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday, November 24 and Wednesday, November 26, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**Baby Time – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 1 and up with adult friends. 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.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesdays, November 05, 12, 19 4:00 p.m.

**Am Little, You Are Big- An Hour of Opposites: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Share stories, rhymes and songs all about opposites!

**Camp Field Branch**, Mondays, November 10, 17, and 24, 10:00 a.m.

**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 –Thursday, November 3 - 27, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Yummy Yummy Stories: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3 and up. Hungry for a good story? Join us for two yummy, yummy stories all about food. Sing songs about food, design your own restaurant menu, and eat some yummy fruits.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, November 4, 18, 12:30 p.m.

**Veterans Day: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Veteran day remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, November 10, 4:00 p.m.

**American Indian Heritage Celebration Rain Stick: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages: 7 and up. Be a part of some great stories, songs, and crafts from the Native American tradition.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, November 13, 4:00 p.m.

**National Cake Day! Life Skills (Camp Field)**

All ages. It's National Cake Day! On this day, we celebrate one of the world's favorite desserts—cake. The cake we know and love today evolved from early leavened breads, which were sweetened with honey, fruit, and nuts. Did you know that the word "cake" comes from the Old Norse word, "kaka," meaning a baked flour confection? Whether you prefer vanilla, chocolate, red velvet, or even the pineapple-upside-down variety, come and decorate your favorite cupcake.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.

**GeoWeek!: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy Geography Awareness week. Fun ways with puzzles, websites, and games etc.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, November 20, 4.00 p.m.

**Calico Corn Craft and Story: Holiday Crafts. (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Thanksgiving at your library. Enjoy stories, Music, snack and make a picture of calico corn (Indian corn) using footprints, seeds and beans.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, November 19, 3:30 p.m.

**Early Reader's Book Club: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6-8. Join our Early Readers' Book Club! This month we are reading *The Mystery at the Haunted House* by David Alder.

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

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

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

**SING A SONG: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 3-5 with caregivers. Join us for musical sing-a-long storytime featuring books written in song!

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, November 5, 10:00 a.m.

**BABY TIME – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages newborn to 13 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. Families will leave with take home activities designed to engage children based on the components of the ECRR program: Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing.

**Goodwin Branch**. Wednesday, November 5 and 19, 11:30-12:15 p.m.

**SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE? Life Skills (Goodwin)**

Ages 7 and up. What is socially acceptable behavior in one place may not be so in another. Let's take a humorous look at the do's and don'ts of our everyday social practices by role playing. Don't blame us if you can't stop laughing.

**Goodwin Branch**. Wednesday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

**GEOWEEK!: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy Geography Awareness week. Learn about geography with fun puzzles, websites, games, and more!

**Goodwin Branch**. Monday, November 10 – Friday, November 14, 3:45 p.m.

**VETERANS DAY: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Veteran day remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.

**Goodwin Branch**., Tuesday, November 11, 5:00 p.m.

**TODDLERTIME – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 13 - 24 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. Families will leave with take home activities designed to engage children based on the components of the ECRR program: Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing.

**Goodwin Branch**. Wednesday, November 12, and 26, 10:15-11:00 a.m

**COLOR BLOCKING: Life Skills (Goodwin)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a two-part workshop on color blocking. Animal creations and candle-making will be the focus areas.

**Goodwin Branch**. Friday, November 14 and 21, 2:00 p.m.

**EARLY READERS' BOOK CLUB: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 6-8. Join our Early Readers' Book Club! This month we are reading *The Mystery at the Haunted House* by David Alder. Please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

**Goodwin Branch.** Tuesday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.

**NATIONAL CAKE DAY!: Life Skills (Goodwin)**

All ages. It's National Cake Day! On this day, we celebrate one of the world's favorite desserts—cake. Whether you prefer vanilla, chocolate, red velvet, or even the pineapple-upside-down variety, come and decorate your favorite cupcake.

**Goodwin Branch.** Wednesday, November 19, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

**AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION RAIN STICK: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 7 and up. Be a part of some great stories, songs, and crafts from the Native American tradition. Explore Native American culture by making a simple Rainstick.

**Goodwin Branch,** Thursday, November 20, 3:00 p.m.

**The Goodwin Branch Library's listen and learn center is available for children ages 3 and up Mondays through Saturdays. No registration is required. Please ask the Librarian for the AWE computers.**

**Mark Twain Branch  
55 Forest Street  
Hartford, CT 06105**

**For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540**

**Story Celebration! : Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us as we celebrate National Picture Book Month. Pick up a *Story Calendar* from our circulation desk and win prizes each week for reading picture books with your child!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday, November 3 - Friday, November 28, 12:30 p.m.

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

Ages 8 and up. Join us for creative projects using low-tech and high-tech materials, bring your ideas and make what you like!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24, 3:00 p.m.

**WordPlay: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 2-5 with parent/care provider. Innovative story time program that mixes vocabulary, cultural literacy, and creativity to improve school readiness skills and increase adult /child engagement for Dual-Language Learners.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24, 5:30 p.m.

**Sing a Song: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with caregivers. Join us for musical sing-a-long storytime featuring books written in song!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, November 5, 10:00 a.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, November 6, 13, 20, 3:00 p.m.

**Color Blocking : Life Skills (Mark Twain)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a two-part workshop on color blocking. Animal creations and candle-making will be the focus areas.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Friday, November 14 and 28, 4:00 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ Your Library through Budgeting : Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 6 and up. Join us for a budgeting program centered on developing a family meal. Learn to plan a menu for a set number of people, judge the best choice, and then a couple days later, enjoy the meal!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Tuesday, November 18, 3:00 p.m.

**Talk Story : Family Literacy (Mark Twain)**

All ages. Join us in a celebration of multicultural stories and learn how to use technology to explore and enjoy stories from different cultures!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.

**Toddler Time – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 13 - 24 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. Families will leave with take home activities designed to engage children based on the components of the ECRR program: Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing.

***Mark Twain Branch***, Saturday, November 22, 10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

**Baby Time – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages newborn to 13 months. Join us for an informal gathering of conversation, a brief program of stories, finger games, music, movement, and playing with toys. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

***Mark Twain Branch***, Saturday, November 22, 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.



Hartford Public Library  
Park Branch  
744 Park Street  
Hartford CT 06106

For information on Park Branch programs, call 860-695.7500

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

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

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

**Creative Fingers: Life Skill (Park Branch)**

Kids. Create your own scarf using your fingers for these cold winter months.

**Park Branch**, Monday, November 3, 24, 3:45 p.m.

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

Ages 2 to 5. Parents/Childcare Providers. 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).

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, November 4, 18, 10:00 a.m.

**Hear The Sound: Education (Park Branch)**

All Ages. Celebrate Native American month by making a rain stick.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, November 4, 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**, Wednesday, November 5, 12, 4:00 p.m.

**Babytime , Toddlertime Or Preschool: 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, November 6, 20, 10:00 a.m.

**Reading Hour: Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages: 6 and up. Stop by for a snack while we listen to the story of the day.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, November 6, 20, 3:45 p.m.

**Geoweeek!: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy Geography Awareness week. Learn about geography with fun puzzles, websites, games, and more!

**Park Branch**, Monday, November 10 – Friday, November 14, 3:45 p.m.

**World Peace!: Life Skill (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. *World Peace Day* encourages us to be kind to others, and teach others to be peaceful. Let's create our peace symbol.

**Park Branch**, Monday, November 17, 3:45 p.m.

**Our Native Food: Education (Park Branch)**

All Ages. Learn about our native food the corn and do a craft.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, November 18, 3:45 p.m.

**Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)**

Ages: 5 and up. End the week with a movie and a snack.

**Park Branch**, Friday, November 21, 3:30 p.m.

**Gobble, Gobble: Life Skill (Park Branch)**

All Ages. Learn about the turkey through books and do a craft.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, November 18, 3:45 p.m.

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

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

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, November 26, 3:45 p.m.

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

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

**Park Branch**, Friday, 1:00 p.m.

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**YUMMY, YUMMY STORIES: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 3 and up. Hungry for a good story? Join us for two yummy, yummy stories all about food. Sing songs about food, design your own restaurant menu, and eat some yummy fruits.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, November 6, 4:00 p.m.

**SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE?: Life Skills (Ropkins)**

Ages 7 and up. What is socially acceptable behavior in one place may not be so in another. Let's take a humorous look at the do's and don'ts of our everyday social practices by role playing. Don't blame us if you can't stop laughing.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

**VETERANS DAY: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate Veteran day remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, October 10, 4:00 p.m.

**BABY TIME – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages newborn to 13 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. Families will leave with take home activities designed to engage children based on the components of the ECRR program: Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing.

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, November 3, 10, 17 and 24, 10

**AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION RAIN STICK: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 7 and up. Be a part of some great stories, songs, and crafts from the Native American tradition. Explore Native American culture by making a simple Rainstick.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.

**SING A SONG: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 3-5 with caregivers. Join us for musical sing-a-long storytime featuring books written in song!

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, November 18 and 25, 10:00 a.m.

**NATIONAL CAKE DAY! : Life Skills (Ropkins)**

All ages. It's National Cake Day! On this day, we celebrate one of the world's favorite desserts—cake. Whether you prefer vanilla, chocolate, red velvet, or even the pineapple-upside-down variety, come and decorate your favorite cupcake.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, November 19, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.