

Hartford Public Library  
Hartford, Connecticut  
Programs for Children, Teens, and Families  
September 2014

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

Downtown Library  
500 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103  
For information on Downtown programs,  
call 860.695.6330

## 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, September 2-30, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

### **Veggie Tasters Delight: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun, delectable, and educational food tasting featuring a large variety of fruits and vegetables. While you’re munching away, learn about the health benefits they offer.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Saturday, September 6, 2:30 p.m.

### **Anansi the Spider: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Listen to Eric Kimmel’s book, *Anansi and the Talking Melon*, a tale about a clever spider who tricks Elephant and other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Tuesday, September 9, 4:30 p.m.

### **Choice Game Night: Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Kids, teens, and families will have the opportunity to ask questions about school choice as they play the new branch board games and enjoy pizza/snacks. Each family will also leave with a packet of information about this year’s lottery.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, September 15, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

### **Children’s Library Enrichment Open House: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up with adult friends. Explore hands-on Science, Technology, Math, and Engineering this fall at the Library.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Tuesday, September 16, 4:30 p.m.

### **2D Kites: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us as we explore the history and traditions of kites in different cultures and build your own kite to learn about principles of aerodynamics.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Monday, September 22, 4:30 p.m.

**Happy Birthday, Shel Silverstein! Education (Downtown)**

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

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Thursday, September 25, 4:00 p.m.

**Checkers Day Hunt: Education (Downtown)**

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

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Friday, September 26, 3:00 p.m.

**National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-7 with adult friends. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Learn to make homemade Play-Doh and enjoy endless hands-on learning activities.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Saturday, September 27, 2:30 p.m.

**Cuentos: Education (Downtown)**

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

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Monday, September 29, 4:30 p.m.

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

Ages 6 and up, with adult friends. Get a tour of the Children’s Room, sign up for library cards, and learn about our library services and policies. Decorate your homework folder with a calendar of activities for the month.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Tuesday, September 30, 4:30 p.m.

**Children and Families**

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

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. Enjoy rhymes, songs, games, finger plays and the best in children’s books. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 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, September 5 and 12, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Saturdays, September 6 and 27, 11:00 a.m.

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

Ages birth to 5, with adult friends. Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books, and music while your child meets other children.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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

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.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Wednesday, September 24, 11:30-12:15 p.m.

**Rhythm and Rhyme: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 2-5. Rhyming words tumble out of books and music for this story session. Sing, dance and play as you gather a treasure of beautiful words both new and old. .

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Friday, September 19, 10:30 a.m.

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

## SEPTEMBER

### **Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

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

***Albany Branch***, Saturdays, September 6, 13, and 27, 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, September 2 – 30, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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

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

***Albany Branch***, Tuesday, September 2 4:45 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, September 3, 4:45 p.m.

### **Rock Band: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Do you have what it takes to be in a band? Play this fun musical game to test your musical abilities.

***Albany Branch***, Thursday, September 4, 4:45 p.m.

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

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

***Albany Branch***, Friday, September 5, 3:30 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, September 8, 4:45 p.m.

### **2D Kites: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us to explore the history and traditions of kites in different cultures and build your own kite to learn about principles of aerodynamics.

***Albany Branch***, Tuesday, September 9, 4:45 p.m.

### **Grandparents Day: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 2-8. Read a story about grandparents and create a little handprint dishcloth for your grandparents to keep.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, September 10, 4:45 p.m.

**Teen Game Night: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 12 and up. Get together with other teens and play some of Board Game Geek's top 100 board games.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, September 11, 5:00 p.m.

**Creative Play Center (Every Child Ready to Read): Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages birth-5. Explore the concepts of Every Child Ready to Read and use early literacy materials with your infant or toddler.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, September 12, 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, September 12, 3:30 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ HPL: Life Skills (Albany)**

Ages 6-11. Join us for fun activities designed to get you thinking and learning about the best ways to manage your money.

**Albany Branch**, Monday, September 15, 4:45 p.m.

**National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages 3 and up. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Learn to make homemade Play-Doh and enjoy endless hands-on learning activities.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, September 16, 4:45 p.m.

**Musical Books: Education (Albany)**

Ages 5-7. Play a fun version of the classic favorite, Musical Chairs, and explore exciting mystery books to read for the fall.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, September 17, 4:45 p.m.

**Veggie Tasters Delight: Health (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a fun, delectable, an educational food tasting featuring a large variety of fruits and vegetables, and learn about the health benefits they offer.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, September 18, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Friday, September 19, 3:30 p.m.

**Creative Play Center (Every Child Ready to Read): Early Literacy (Albany)**

Ages birth-5. Explore the concepts of Every Child Ready to Read and use early literacy materials with your infant or toddler.

**Albany Branch**, Saturday, September 20, 2:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Monday, September 22, 4:45 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, September 23, 4:45 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**, Wednesday, September 24, 4:45 p.m.

**Teen Book Chat & Bash: Education (Albany)**

Ages 12 and up. Enjoy a slice of pizza and tell us about some of your favorite (or not-so-favorite) books. Get a bunch of cool book suggestions.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, September 25, 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, September 26, 3:30 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**, Friday, September 26, 12:30 p.m.

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

Ages 6 and up. Play board games with others your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life, and Disney Scene It?

**Albany Branch**, Monday, September 29, 4:45 p.m.

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

Ages 5-8. Join us while we read a classic early reader story and make a fun craft. Light refreshments will be served.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, September 30, 4:45 p.m.

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

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

## **SEPTEMBER**

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

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

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays-Thursdays, September 2-3, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

### **2D KITES: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us as we explore the history and traditions of kites in different cultures and build your own kite to learn about principles of aerodynamics.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, September 3, 4:00 p.m.

### **Moneywise Life-Skills: Financial Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Learn some of the fundamentals of personal finance by doing various tasks around the library to earn play money. Use that hard-earned money to make a budget to decide what snacks, toys, or prizes to purchase.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, Sep.4, 11 and 18, 4:00 p.m.

### **National Grandparents Day: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 5 and up. Read a story or poem about grandparents and create a special handprint gift that they can keep forever.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday September 6, 10:30 p.m.

### **10 Minutes R2S: Literacy (Barbour)**

All ages: Read 2 Succeed is the name of the 10 minute reading game. Pick your choice of in-house or online book, magazine or article, read for ten minutes and enter to win a prize. Prize draw for every session.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 4:00 p.m.

### **Mix in Math: Literacy (Barbour)**

6 and up. Math games are fun. Come and try

**Barbour Branch**, Friday September 12, 3:30 p.m.

### **Veggie Tasters Delight: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun, delectable, and educational food tasting featuring a large variety of fruits and vegetables. Try okra, jicama, eggplant, and lots of other fruits and vegetables. While you're munching away, learn about the health benefits they offer.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.

### **Rhythm And Rhyme: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Rhyming words tumble out of books and music for this story session. Sing, dance and play as you gather a treasure of beautiful words both new and old.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday September 9, 10:00 a.m.

**National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Learn to make homemade Play-Doh and enjoy endless hands-on learning activities.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday September 16, 4:00 p.m.

**Barbour Library Enrichment Open House: Life Skills (Barbour)**

All ages with adult friends. Come and join us for examples of some hands-on activities related to science, math, and engineering that your children will be exposed to throughout the year.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, September 17, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Checkers Day: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Get out the checkers board. Today is Checkers Day! Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game and have fun playing it!

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

**The Crisp Taste of Fall: Education (Barbour)**

All ages. Join us for a hands on session on the joys of fall. We'll have freshly picked apples to munch on as we explore the season itself through pictures and discussion.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, September 24, 4:00 p.m.

**Happy Birthday, Shel Silverstein!: Education (Barbour)**

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

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, September 25, 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

## **SEPTEMBER**

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

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

**Blue Hills Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, September 2-30, 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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

### **Teen Game Night- Reverse Charades: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Join us for a hilarious twist on charades!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 2, 5:00 p.m.

### **Huichol-The Art of an Ancient People: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate life, and honor life-giving forces of nature as we delve into the world of the Huichol, ancient descendants of the Aztecs. Learn about their culture through art by creating your own jicara (ceremonial bowl) and a beaded mask used for reflection.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesdays, September 3 and 17, 4:00 p.m.

### **WordPlay: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 2-5 with adult caregivers. 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.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursdays, September 4 and 18, 10:00 a.m.

### **Little Typists: Technology (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Welcome little typists of all ages and skill levels! Join our junior typing class and use a kid-friendly online program to improve your typing speed and accuracy. Learn about home row and practice typing without looking.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesdays, September 8 and 22, 4:00 p.m.

### **Mischief and Mayhem: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy one of many scrumdiddlyumptious ways of celebrating Roald Dahl Day! Write a revolting rhyme, make a BFG dream catcher, and enjoy a scrumptious surprise.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 9, 5:00 p.m.

### **National Grandparents Day: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 2- 8 years old. Read a story or poem about grandparents and create a handprint memory dishcloth that they can keep forever.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday September 10, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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

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

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, September 11, 4:00 p.m.

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

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Learn to make homemade Play-Doh and enjoy endless hands-on learning activities.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 16, 4:00 p.m.

**Choice Game Night: Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Kids, teens, and families will have the opportunity to ask questions about school choice as they play the new branch board games and enjoy pizza/snacks. Each family will also leave with a packet of information about this year's lottery.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 16, 5:00 p.m.

**Banned Books Week: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Celebrate the freedom to read. This year we focus on comics and graphic novels. Join us daily for a special activity.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday-Friday, September 22 -26, 3:30 p.m.

**Teen Game Night- 5 Second Rule: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. It should be a piece of cake...so spit it out!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 23, 5:00 p.m.

**Checkers Day: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Get out the checkers board. Today is Checkers Day! Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game and have fun playing it!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, September, 24, 4:00 p.m.

**National Apple Month: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Share fun facts about apples and enjoy a locally grown treat!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.

**Blue Hills Branch Library Enrichment Open House: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

All ages with adult friends. Come and join us for examples of some hands-on activities related to science, math, and engineering that your children will be exposed to throughout the year.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, September 30, 5:00 p.m.

**Camp Field Branch**  
**30 Campfield Avenue**  
**Hartford, CT 06114**  
For information about Camp Field Branch programs,  
call 860.695.7440

## SEPTEMBER

### **Veggie Tasters Delight: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun, delectable, and educational food tasting featuring a large variety of fruits and vegetables. Try okra, jicama, eggplant, and lots of other fruits and vegetables. While you're munching away, learn about the health benefits they offer.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, September 18, 3:00 p.m.

### **Rhythm and Rhyme: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5 with caregivers. Rhyming words tumble out of books and music for this story session. Sing, dance and play as you gather a treasure of beautiful words both new and old.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a.m.

### **National Grandparents Day: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 2- 8 years old. Read a story or poem about grandparents or mom and create a memory of little handprint Dishcloth that your mom or grandparents can keep with her forever.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesday September 10, 3:30 p.m.

### **Checkers Day: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Get out the checkers board. Today is Checkers Day! Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game and have fun playing it!

**Camp Field Branch**, Fridays. Sept., 12, 19 and 26, 3:30 p.m.

### **2D Kites: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us as we explore the history and traditions of kites in different cultures and build your own kite to learn about principles of aerodynamics.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, September 15, 3:30 p.m.

### **Toddler Time: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 13 - 24 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.

**Camp Field Branch**, Mondays, Sept. 8 and 29, 1:00 p.m.

### **National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Learn to make homemade Play-Doh and enjoy endless hands-on learning activities.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tues. September 23, 3:00 p.m.

## **Dwight Branch September Programs**

### **Back to school Story time: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3 and 5. The smell of freshly sharpened pencils is in the air, which can only mean one thing: school's about to start! Some of us are even heading off to school for the very first time, which can be scary and exciting and nerve-wracking all at once. So to calm some of those first day butterflies, we're going to be reading *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School* along with other stories all about school! Groups please register in advance 860-695-7462.

**Dwight Branch** Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 a.m.

### **WordPlay: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 2 and 5. Innovative story time program mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve the school readiness skills for English Language Learner (ELL) families and children. A parent or caregiver must accompany child.

**Dwight Branch** Wednesdays, September 10, 17, and 24, 5:30 p.m.

### **Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Birth to 5. Join us in our creative play center to explore the components to Every Child Ready to Read. There will be an opportunity to share special books, educational toys, finger plays and music. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

**Dwight Branch** Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, and 29, 4:00 p.m.

### **Thumb Print Animals: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Talk about ink on your finger! Create funny animals with just your fingers, ink, and thin tip permanent marker.

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

### **Children's Movie Matinee: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up with adult friend. Join us for a free screening of popular children's movies. Healthy snacks will be served.

**Dwight Branch** Thursdays, September 4, 12, 18, and 25, 3:00 p.m.

### **Gathering for Games- Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6-11. School's Out! Meet up with your friends at the Crozet Library for some gaming fun. The library will provide some games. Bring a friend. If you have a favorite game, bring it along to teach and share.

**Dwight Branch** Fridays, September 5, 13, 19, and 26, 3:00 p.m.

**Goodwin Branch**  
**460 New Britain Avenue**  
**Hartford, CT 06106**  
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**call 860.695.7480**

**Homework Club: Education (Goodwin)**

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.

**Goodwin Branch.** Mondays-Thursdays, September 3-26, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Enjoy a Book: Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Read a Book Day. Take time out of your busy life, and relax with a good book and a snack. Cozy up in a chair. It doesn't matter where you read, as long as you can do so in a comfortable manner. If you doze off along the way, we won't tell anyone.

**Goodwin Branch,** Monday, September 8, 3:45p.m.

**Preschool - Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 13 - 24 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.

**Goodwin Branch.** Wednesday, September 10 and 17, 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Checkers Day: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Get out the checkers board. Today is Checkers Day! Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game and have fun playing it!

**Goodwin Branch.** Thursday, September 11, 3:35 p.m.

**Rhythm And Rhyme: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Rhyming words tumble out of books and music for this story session. Sing, dance and play as you gather a treasure of beautiful words both new and old.

**Goodwin Branch.** Wednesday September 17, 10:00 a.m.

**National Play-Doh Day: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Learn new patterns and enjoy endless hands-on learning activities.

**Goodwin Branch.** Tuesday September 17, 5:00 p.m.

**Veggie Tasters Delight: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun, delectable, and educational food tasting featuring a large variety of fruits and vegetables. Try okra, jicama, eggplant, and lots of other fruits and vegetables. While you're munching away, learn about the health benefits they offer.

**Goodwin Branch.** Thursday, September 18, 3:30 p.m.

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

Ages 13 months plus 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.** Tuesday, September 23, 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

**Dances Of Hispanic Heritage: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Young dancers will present a dazzling performance of traditional music and dance from the different Spanish speaking countries while showcasing each area's colorful, authentic attire.

**Goodwin Branch.** Tuesday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.

**Happy Birthday, Shel Silverstein: Education (Goodwin)**

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

**Goodwin Branch,** Thursday, September 25, 4:00 p.m.

**Choice Game Night: Entertainment (Goodwin)**

All ages. Kids, teens, and families will have the opportunity to ask questions about school choice as they play the new branch board games and enjoy pizza/snacks. Each family will also leave with a packet of information about this year's lottery.

**Goodwin Branch.** Tuesday September 30, 5:00 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.**

**Park Branch  
744 Park Street  
Hartford CT 06106  
For information on Park Branch programs,  
call 860-695.7500**

## **SEPTEMBER**

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

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

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

### **Search for the Word: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Look through jumbles of letters to find words related to school, Fall, and Hispanic Heritage month.

***Park Branch***, Tuesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 18, 3:45 p.m.

### **Get Ready For School: Art (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Create fun and decorative pens, pencils, and decorate your own binder and journal for back to school.

***Park Branch***, Wednesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 4, 3:45 p.m.

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

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

***Park Branch***, Friday, September 5, 12, 3:45 p.m.

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

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

***Park Branch***, Monday, September 8, 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***, Wednesday, September 9, 16, 23, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

***Park Branch***, Wednesday, September 9, 17, 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, September 10, 24, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**Cuentos: Literacy (Park Branch)**

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

**Park Branch**, Monday, September 15, 22, 29, 3:45 p.m.

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

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Celebrate a simple 1950s invention. Learn to make homemade Play-Doh and enjoy endless hands-on learning activities.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday September 16, 3:45 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, September 18, 25 10:00 a.m.

**Hardware- Store Accessories – Arts (Park Branch)**

Ages 7 and up. Mix and match colors to make these stylish bracelet. Kids will love to trade and share with their friends.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, September 18, 3:45 a.m.

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

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

**Park Branch**, Friday, September 19, 26, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**Park Branch**, Thursday, September 25, 4:00 p.m.

**Choice Family Game Night – Education (Park Branch)**

All ages. Kids, teens, and families will have the opportunity to ask questions about school choice as they play the new branch board games and enjoy pizza/snacks. Each family will also leave with a packet of information about this year's lottery.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, September 25, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.



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## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Veggie Taster's Delight: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a fun, delectable, and educational food tasting featuring a large variety of fruits and vegetables. Try okra, jicama, eggplant, and lots of other fruits and vegetables. While you're munching away, learn about the health benefits they offer.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, September 18, 4:00 p.m.

### **Rhythm and Rhyme: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Rhyming words tumble out of books and music for this story session. Sing, dance and play as you gather a treasure of beautiful words both new and old.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday September 16, 10:00 a.m.

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

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**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday September 16, 4:00 p.m.

### **National Grandparents Day: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 2 and up. Read a story or poem about grandparents and create a special handprint gift that they can keep forever.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday September 10, 5:00 p.m.

### **Toddler time – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 13 - 24 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.

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, September 15, 22 and 29, 10:15-11:00 a.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**, Tuesday, September 30, 10:00-11:00 p.m.

### **Happy Birthday, Shel Silverstein!: Education (Ropkins)**

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

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, September 25, 4:00 p.m.

**2D Kites: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us as we explore the history and traditions of kites in different cultures and build your own kite to learn about principles of aerodynamics.

***Ropkins Branch***, Tuesday, September 23, 4:00 p.m.

**Checkers Day: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Get out the checkers board. Today is Checkers Day! Enjoy interesting facts about this traditional game and have fun playing it!

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

**Ropkins Library Enrichment Open House: Life Skills (Ropkins)**

All ages with adult friends. Come and join us for examples of some hands-on activities related to science, math, and engineering that your children will be exposed to throughout the year.

***Ropkins Branch***, Wednesday, September 17, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Hartford Otaku Manga Club: Literacy (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 @Hartford Otaku.

**Mark Twain Branch** Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25, 3:00 p.m.

### **Voices: Literacy (Twain)**

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

**Mark Twain Branch** Friday, September 5, 3:00 p.m.

### **2D Kites: Education (Twain)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us as we explore the history and traditions of kites in different cultures and build your own kite to learn about principles of aerodynamics.

**Mark Twain Branch** Monday, September 8, 3:30 p.m.

### **Rhythm & Rhyme: Early Literacy (Twain)**

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**Mark Twain Branch** Wednesday, September 10, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

**Mark Twain Branch** Monday, September 15, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Mark Twain Branch** Wednesdays, September 17, 24, 4:00 p.m.

### **ToddlerTime – Creative Play Center: Early Literacy (Twain)**

Ages 13 - 24 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 Library** Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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

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.

**Mark Twain Library** Saturday, September 20, 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

**Behind Bars: Literacy (Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Help free the banned books jailed in the library! Express your opinion about your freedom to read with a brief audio clip using Voice Memos app and 1 book will be set free! Raise your voice and break down the bars!

**Mark Twain Library** Monday - Friday, September 22 - 26, 2:30 p.m.

**Choice Game Night: Education (Twain)**

All ages. Kids, teens, and families will have the opportunity to ask questions about school choice as they play the new branch board games and enjoy pizza/snacks. Each family will also leave with a packet of information about this year's lottery.

**Mark Twain Branch** Monday, September 22, 5:00 p.m.