



Hartford Public Library  
Hartford, Connecticut

Programs for Teens, Children and Families  
July and August 2014

Downtown Library  
500 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

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

### Summer Reading Program: Fizz Boom Read!

Do you dream about having fun and winning grand prizes? Look for our Summer Reading Flyer to learn about our fantastic Summer Reading programs, and the great prizes you can win just by reading and learning this summer!

### SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, 18 and younger, June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at all library sites.

Lunch at the Ropkins and Mark Twain branches will be served in the school cafeteria at 12:30 pm.

## JULY

### Teens

#### **My Word My Space: Technology (Downtown)**

Ages 12 and up. Open computer time for teens, with assistance available if you wish!

***Downtown Library – Learning Lab***, Mondays – Fridays, July 8 -31, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

#### **Cool Jewels: Arts (Downtown)**

Ages 12 and up. Make trendy jewelry with the hottest materials and very little effort!

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Monday, July 22, 2:30 p.m.

### Students

#### **Celebrate the Fourth of July! Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 6 and up. Learn about the holiday, and make your own U. S. flag.

***Downtown – Children's Program Room***, Wednesday, July 2, 2:30 p.m.

**Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Story time: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-7. We're exploding with excitement as we present fantastic stories and clever crafts this summer!

**Downtown Library – Children's Library**, Saturdays, July 5 and 26, 11:00 a.m.

**Saturday Family Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Parents, bring your children for a relaxing afternoon of movies at the library. Refreshments will be served!

**Downtown – Children's Program Room**, Saturday, July 5, 2:30 p.m.

**Mad Science Workshop: Education (Downtown)**

All ages. Join our spectacular science workshops! A different program at every branch!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Thursday, July 10, 1:30 p.m.

**Milky Rainbow Science: Science Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Some exciting and unusual things happen when you mix a little milk, food coloring, and a drop of liquid soap. Amaze your friends and uncover the scientific secrets of soap!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Thursday, July 10, 3:30 p.m.

**Stars of Hartford! Talent Try Outs: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 8-18. Try out for our city-wide Talent Show! All participants audition at their branch library for the final show to be held at the Downtown Center for Contemporary Culture, Thursday, July 31. Prizes!

**Downtown – Children's Program Room**, Mondays, July 14 and 21, 5:30 p.m.  
and Saturday, July 19, 2:00 p.m.

**LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Downtown)**

Ages 10 and up or younger with a parent/caregiver helper. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Wednesday July 16, 1:30 p.m.

**African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Monday, July 21, 1:30 p.m.

**Mega Registration! Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Celebrate summer learning **with Mega Education®** at a summer registration party!! All youth and teens registered for summer learning who attend the party will be eligible to win one of two brand new Android tablets! Ice cream for everyone! Only youth and teens visiting that day are eligible, so your chances of winning are high! Other prizes also may be awarded.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Tuesday, July 22, 2:30 p.m.

**Auerfarm Animals: Education (Downtown)**

All ages. Don't chicken out—learn about life on the farm with live animals from Auerfarm!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Wednesday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Movie Madness!: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 8 and up, with adult friends. Join us for an exciting family movie on the big screen! Please call 860-695-6330 to find out the movie pick for the day. Refreshments will be served!

**Downtown – Children's Program Room**, Wednesdays, July 23 and 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Kitchen Sink Science: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 6 and up. Make sense of density by investigating the properties of household liquids and items found around your home.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Thursday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.

**Kitchen Science 101: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 7 and up. Use basic kitchen supplies to discover the world of science.

**Downtown - Children’s Library**, Saturday, July 26, 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**, Tuesday, July 29, 1:30 p.m.

**Learning to Look: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 10 and up. Learn to look carefully, think critically, and artfully discuss your experience. Join us for an excursion to the Wadsworth Atheneum. Interested participants must register in advance with their branch Youth Librarian. Permission slips required and space is very limited.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Wednesday, July 30, 10:30 a.m.

**Stars of Hartford! Talent Show: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 8-18. Come and cheer on our youth and friends who show that Hartford’s Got Talent! Finalists from tryouts at neighborhood branches will perform for prizes at the talent show in the Downtown Center for Contemporary Culture on Thursday, July 31st.

**Downtown Library – Center for Contemporary Culture**, Thursday, July 31, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Children and Families****Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Join the musical group, *Troubadour Trails*, for a free family concert at the Downtown Library, sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston fund.

**Downtown – Atrium**, Tuesday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.

**What Grows? Infant and Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages Birth – 24 months with parent or caregiver. What Grows? Enjoy reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing with your child. Join us as we share books, rhymes, songs, movement and finger plays to discover what grows and what doesn’t grow. No registration required.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Wednesdays, July 2 and 16, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

**Little Einsteins: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for hands-on scientific exploration, sure to stimulate scientific inquiry in the youngest of minds.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, July 7, 10:00 a.m.

**We are Going on a Bear Hunt: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-6, with adult friends. Join us for an interactive story time experience with songs, games, and crafts based on the classic children’s book, *We’re Going on A Bear Hunt!*

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Friday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.

**Small Smiles: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-6, with adult friends. Join us for a dental program presented by Small Smiles and learn about the importance of dental hygiene and healthy eating!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, July 14, 11:00 a.m.

**Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a nutrition puppet show presented by the Hispanic Health Council. Learn about the importance of healthy eating and physical exercise!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, July 21, 11:00 a.m.

**Natural Patterns: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us as we journey through the natural world to discover patterns in the plants and animals that live around us.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, July 28, 10:00 a.m.

**Summer Safety: Bikes & Water: Life Skills (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for summer bike and water safety tips, presented by Connecticut Children’s Medical Center.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Tuesday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.

**AUGUST****Teens****Sea Tea Improv: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

Ages 12 and up. Join a fantastic improvisational acting class with trained theater professionals who have performed in Hartford, New York and Boston.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Tuesday, August 5, 3:30 p.m.

**YOUmedia Preview: Technology (Downtown)**

Ages 12-18. Learn about YOUmedia Hartford, the new, fun teen digital learning space at HPL, opening this September in the Downtown Branch! Try a Digital Taster (a quick digital media activity) and tell the staff your ideas! Receive coupons for a free prize when YOUmedia opens!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Tuesday, August 12, 3:00 p.m.

**Students****Dig Into Engineering: Careers (Downtown)**

Ages 8 and up. Join our engineering competition and get a feel for what it’s like to be an engineer. Each team will be given newspaper and masking tape to design a sturdy table! The team with the table that can support the most weight will receive a special prize.

**Downtown - Children’s Library**, Saturday, August 3, 2:00 p.m.

**Build a Fizz-Inflator: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 7 and up. Don’t waste your breath blowing up a balloon. Let chemistry do it for you! Grab some baking soda and vinegar and use a classic chemical reaction to inflate a balloon.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Thursday, August 7, 2:00 p.m.

**Horizon Wings: Education (Downtown)**

All ages. Meet a live eagle, a falcon, a hawk, and more! Learn how animals fly, how they can be hurt, and how we can save them!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Thursday August 7, 3:30 p.m.

**Scream for Ice Cream!: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 6 and up. Don’t scream for ice cream, make your own! You will be surprised how easy, fun, and delicious it is to make ice cream. This activity entails lowering the freezing point to chill another substance-in this case, ice cream!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, August 11, 2:00 p.m.

**Trash to Treasure: Arts (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Go green with an earth-friendly craft.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Wednesday, August 13, 2:30 p.m.

**Grand Finale: Party! Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Enjoy ice cream, storytelling, games and crafts to celebrate Summer Learning followed by Bubblemania!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Thursday, August 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Grand Finale: Bubblemania!: Education (Downtown)**

All ages. Join our eye-popping, belly-laughing, fun-filled bubble extravaganza with Casey, the master of bubbles! Learn about the unbelievable beauty of spherical liquids!

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Thursday, August 14, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**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**, Friday, August 15, 2:30 p.m.

**Children and Families****Dig Into the Literary Works of Eric Carle: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5. Enjoy story time with the best of Eric Carle’s books, finger plays and rhymes. Then make a craft to take home.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Friday, August 1, 10:30 a.m.

**Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Join the musical group, *Surcari*, for a free family concert at the Downtown Library, sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston fund.

**Downtown – Atrium**, Monday, August 4 and Friday, August 8, 10:30 a.m.

**Round and Round the Garden: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5 with an adult friend. Bright and cheery as a summer garden, this story hour offers books and finger plays with themes of the garden and growing.

**Downtown – Children’s Library**, Monday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Fun with Bubbles: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-5, with adult caregiver. Easy to make and heaps of fun to play with. Enjoy these cool bubble activities and make bubbles of all shapes and sizes.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Friday, August 15, 10:30 a.m.

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

## **JULY**

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

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

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

### **Summer Lunch: Health (Albany)**

Ages 0-18. Kids and teens, stop by for a free and healthy lunch every week day from 12:30-1:30 p.m..

**Albany Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, July 1 – 31, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, July 1, 2:00 p.m.

### **Small Smiles: Health (Albany)**

Ages 3-7. Join Small Smiles and learn about the importance of brushing your teen and flossing every day.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, July 2, 10:30 a.m.

### **Build an Organic Community: Education (Albany)**

Ages 6 and up. Research, build, and study an aquatic bottle ecosystem.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, July 2, 2:00 p.m.

### **Double Dutch Jump Rope: Health (Albany)**

All ages. Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Jump between two rotating ropes to try some exciting new moves. Taught by a professional Double Dutch instructor.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, July 3, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Monday, July 7, 2:00 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, July 8, 2:00 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, July 9, 12:30 p.m.

**Talent Show Auditions: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Do you have a fantastic talent you want to share? Come to our first tryouts session to enter into our talent show on July 31st.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.

**Ice Cream in a Baggie: Education (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Learn about the science of freezing points and make ice cream in a baggie. You'll be surprised by how easy, fun, and delicious it is to make ice cream.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.

**Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Albany)**

Ages 3-7. Join the Hispanic Health Council for a fun and entertaining puppet show all about health eating.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, July 11, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Friday, July 11, 3:00 p.m.

**African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

All ages. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat!

**Albany Branch**, Monday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.

**LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Albany)**

Ages 10 and up, or younger with a parent/caregiver helper Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 3:30 p.m.

**Get Money Wise: Estimating School Store Purchases: Life Skills (Albany)**

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

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.

**Screaming Balloons, Glacier Gak, and Quicksand: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Help us put the Fizz, Boom in summer learning! Explore the science of quicksand by making a quicksand goo, make a slimy gak to study the science of glaciers, and make a balloon scream. Dive into a world of fun and disgusting science.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 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, July 18, 2:00 p.m.

**Get Money Wise: Paying With Coins: Life Skills (Albany)**

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

**Albany Branch**, Monday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.



**Dig Into Engineering: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Join our engineering competition and get a feel for what it's like to be an engineer. Each team will be given newspaper and masking tape to design a sturdy table! The team with the table that can support the most weight will receive a special prize.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, July 22, 2:00 p.m.

**Talent Show Auditions: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Do you have a fantastic talent you want to share? Come to our second tryouts session to enter into our talent show on July 31st.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 2:00 p.m.

**Mad Science: Education (Albany)**

All ages. Join our spectacular science workshops! A different program at every branch!

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 1:30 p.m.

**Auerfarm Animals: Education (Albany)**

All ages. Don't chicken out—learn about life on the farm with live animals from Auerfarm!

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.

**Open Story Time: Early Literacy (Albany)**

All ages. Join us for funny stories, silly songs, and a lot of fun. Open to children of all ages with adult caregivers.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, July 25, 12:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Friday, July 25, 2:00 p.m.

**Reading Hour: Education (Albany)**

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

**Albany Branch**, Monday, July 28, 2:00 p.m.

**Multiplication Marathon: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Join in our multiplication competition. Children and teens can compete to win prizes.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, July 29, 2:00 p.m.

**Owl Pellet Dissection: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a hands-on dissection of owl pellets. Discover what owls eat by examining owl pellets and reconstruct the skeletons of the owl's prey.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.

**Sharon Family Farm Mobile Petting Zoo: Education (Albany)**

All ages. Meet a donkey, an alpaca, sheep, pigs, baby goats, rabbits, and chickens in a traveling petting zoo! USDA certified program.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, July 31, 3:30 p.m.

## AUGUST

### **Summer Lunch: Health (Albany)**

Ages 0-18. Kids and teens, stop by for a free and healthy lunch every week day from 12:30-1:30 p.m..

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Saturdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Friday, August 1, 3:00 p.m.

### **Forensics 101: Education (Albany)**

Ages 8-14. Learn how to identify fingerprints and how each fingerprint is unique. Record your fingerprint and create a crime scene.

**Albany Branch**, Monday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.

### **Get Money Wise: Learn to Make Change: 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, August 5, 2:00 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, August 6, 12:30 p.m.

### **YouMedia Taster: Technology (Albany)**

Ages 12 and up. The library will be opening a fantastic YouMedia Teen Center in September. Come get a taste of what it'll be like with these fun activities.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.

### **Ready, Set, Engineer: Careers (Albany)**

Ages 8 and up. Join up with a team to compete in our engineering challenge. Build a bridge out of popsicle sticks and compete in our load-test competition.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 2:00 p.m.

### **Open Story Time: Early Literacy (Albany)**

All ages. Join us for funny stories, silly songs, and a lot of fun. Open to children of all ages with adult caregivers.

**Albany Branch**, Friday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2:00 p.m.

**Get Money Wise: Coupon Class: Life Skills (Albany)**

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

*Albany Branch*, Monday, August 11, 2:00 p.m.

**Build a Fizz-Inflator: Education (Albany)**

Ages 7 and up. Don't waste your breath blowing up a balloon. Let chemistry do it for you! Grab some baking soda, vinegar, and use a chemical reaction to inflate a balloon.

*Albany Branch*, Tuesday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.

**Just an Illusion: Education (Albany)**

Ages 6 and up. Colors, lights, and images can create colors that are deceptive. Get some mental exercise with some fun and intriguing optical illusions.

*Albany Branch*, Wednesday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.

**Summer Reading Finale: Education (Albany)**

All ages. Celebrate the end of the summer with food, music, games, crafts, and prizes.

*Albany Branch*, Thursday, August 14, 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, August 15, 2:00 p.m.

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

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

*Albany Branch*, Monday, August 18, 2:00 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, August 19, 2:00 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, August 20, 2:00 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 video game to test your musical abilities.

*Albany Branch*, Thursday, August 21, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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**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, August 25, 2:00 p.m.

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

Ages 4-8. Join us while we read a classic early reader story and make a fun craft. Light refreshments will be served.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, August 26, 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, August 27, 4:45 p.m.

**Fun 'N Games: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Play classic games like Simon Says, Heads Up 7 Up, Red Rover, and Red Light Green Light.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, August 28, 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, August 29, 3:30 p.m.

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## JULY

### **Summer Safety: Bikes & Water: Life Skills (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5. Join us for summer bike and water safety tips, presented by Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

**Barbour Branch**, July 1, 10:30 a.m.

### **Summer Lunch: Health (Barbour)**

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**Barbour Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, July 1 – 31, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### **Milky Rainbow Science: Education (Barbour)**

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**Barbour Branch**, July 1, 2:00 p.m.

### **Henna, The Organic Tattoo: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 10 and up. What are natural dyes and how do they work? Find out the answer to this and try a traditional eastern henna tattoo design.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, July 2, 2:00 p.m.

### **UCONN Husky Reads: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 3-6 with adult caregiver. Husky Reads promotes good health and nutrition habits by reading nutrition-focused, health-oriented books to young children. Lessons include reading aloud several similarly themed picture books, doing a related craft or physical activity, and eating a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays, July 7, 14 and 21, 10:00 a.m.

### **Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Barbour)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to teach the importance of helpings kids learn how to eat healthy and keep active.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, July 7, 1:30 p.m.

### **LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Barbour)**

Ages 10 and up, or younger with adult helper. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, July 7, 3:30- 4:30 p.m.

### **Small Smiles: Health (Barbour)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to eating healthy.

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**Just an Illusion: Education (Barbour)**

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**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.

**Make a Lemonade Fizzy Drink: Life Skills (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a fun science experiment that leaves you with your own lemon soda to drink afterwards!

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.

**Little Einsteins: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for hands-on scientific exploration, sure to stimulate scientific inquiry in the youngest of minds.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.

**Historic Hartford: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 10 and up. Travel to and tour Connecticut's State Capitol. Learn about the building's design, political functions, and history. Please register in advance as space is very limited and permission slips are needed.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.

**Learning to Look: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 10 and up. Learn to look carefully, think critically, and artfully discuss your experience. Join us for an excursion to a City site. Interested participants must register in advance with their branch Youth Librarian. Permission slips required and space is limited.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 10:00 a.m.

**Make Ice Cream in a Baggie!: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Children will learn about the properties of liquids and freezing points. This activity entails lowering the freezing point to chill another substance--in this case, ice cream! You will be surprised by how easy, fun and delicious it is to make ice cream.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.

**Stars of Hartford! Talent Show Try Outs: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)**

Ages 6-18. Try out for our city-wide Talent Show! All participants audition at their branch library for the final show to be held at the Downtown Center for Contemporary Culture, Thursday, July 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Prizes!

**Barbour Branch**, Friday, July 18 and Thursday, July 24, 2:00p.m.

**Build an Organic Community: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Research, build, and study an aquatic bottle ecosystem.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.

**African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)**

All Ages. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat! All ages.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, July 21, 3:00 p.m.

**Natural Patterns: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Join us as we journey through the natural world to discover patterns in the plants and animals that live around us.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 a.m.

**Auerfarm Animals: Education (Barbour)**

All Ages. Don't chicken out—learn about life on the farm with live animals from Auerfarm!

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, July 22, 3:00 p.m.

**Kitchen Sink Science: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Make sense of density by investigating the properties of household liquids and items found around your home.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 2:00 p.m.

**Sea Tea Improv: Arts & Entertainment (Barbour)**

Age 10 and up. Join a fantastic improvisational acting class with trained theater professionals who have performed in Hartford, New York and Boston.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, July 28, 1:30- 2:30 p.m.

**Wonderful Whales: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 5-7. Children will learn all about whales through stories, informational text and hands-on science activities. Activities: How baleen works and make a blubber glove.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, July 29, 2:00 p.m.

**Hoot! Hoot! Owl Pellet Dissection: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us at the Barbour Branch Library as we dissect owl pellets. Owls, like many other birds of prey, eat their food whole. Since birds have no teeth, they can't chew their food. The owl slowly digests its meal by separating the softer parts from the harder material. Activity: Discover what owls eat, examine the contents of owl pellets and try to reconstruct the skeleton. Registration required.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.

**Sharon Family Farm Mobile Petting Zoo: Education (Barbour)**

All ages. Meet a donkey, alpaca, sheep, pigs, baby goats, rabbits, and chickens in a traveling petting zoo! USDA certified program.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, July 31, 1:30 p.m.

**AUGUST****Summer Lunch: Health (Barbour)**

Ages 0-18. Kids and teens, stop by for a free and healthy lunch every week day from 12:30-1:30 p.m..

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, August 1-15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Ready, Set, Engineer!: Careers (Barbour)**

Ages 8 and up. Join up with a team to compete in our engineering challenge. Build a bridge out of popsicle sticks and compete in our load-test competition. The team whose bridge holds the most weight will win a fun prize.

**Barbour Branch**, Friday, August 1, 2:00 p.m.

**UCONN Husky Reads: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 3-6 with adult caregiver. Husky Reads promotes good health and nutrition habits by reading nutrition-focused, health-oriented books to young children. Lessons include reading aloud several similarly themed picture books, doing a related craft or physical activity, and eating a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays, August 4 and 18, 10:00 a.m.

**Fun with Bubbles: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Easy to make and heaps of fun to play with. Enjoy these cool bubble activities and make bubbles of all shapes and sizes.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.

**Lego "Barb-alooza": Technology (Barbour)**

Ages 8-12. Design, build and explore with hundreds of Legos at the Barbour Branch Lego club. Come to the library and see what you can build with our Lego sets!

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.

**YOUmedia Preview: Technology (Barbour)**

Ages 12-18. Learn about YOUmedia Hartford, the new, fun teen digital learning space at HPL, opening this September in the Downtown Branch! Try a Digital Taster (a quick digital media activity) and tell the staff your ideas! Receive coupons for a free prize when YOUmedia opens!

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, August 5, 3:00p.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**, Wednesdays, August 6 and 20, 2:00 p.m.

**Animal Kingdom Story Time: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 3-5, with parent/caregiver. Join us with your young ones for animal stories and rhymes that offer science in the guise of fun and games. Groups please call 860-695-7400 in advance to register.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 10:00 a.m.

**Gobbledy Goo!: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Is it a solid? Is it a liquid? Experiment with the strange stuff scientists call a colloid.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.

**Forensics 101: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 8-10. Children will learn how to identify fingerprints and how each fingerprint is unique. They will also learn about the history of forensic science. Activities: Record your fingerprint and create a crime scene.

**Barbour Branch**, Friday, August 8, 2:00 p.m.

**Build a Fizz-Inflator: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Don't waste your breath blowing up a balloon. Let chemistry do it for you! Grab some baking soda and vinegar and use a classic chemical reaction to inflate a balloon.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday, August 19, 2:00 p.m.



**Designing Minds: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 8 and up. Discover how engineers design bridges to support the weight of people and cars. Participate in a fun challenge using paper cups, string and drinking straws!

***Barbour Branch***, Thursday, August 21, 2:00 p.m.

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JULY

**Free Summer Lunch: Health (Blue Hills)**

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, July 1-31, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Mad Science: Education (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Join our spectacular science workshops! A different program at every branch!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, July 1, 1:30 p.m.

**Little Einsteins: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for hands-on scientific exploration, sure to stimulate scientific inquiry in the youngest of minds.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, July 2; Thursday, July 17; and Friday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.

**Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Join the musical group, *Troubadour Trails*, for an interactive, entertaining free concert! Sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston Fund.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, July 2, 10:00 a.m.

**Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Our summer music series continues with the live musical group, *Mikata*. Sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston Fund.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesdays, July 2 and 9, 2:00 p.m.

**Patriotic Microcrafts: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Make and share tiny patriotic treasures.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesdays, July 2 and 16, 3:00 p.m.

**Mega Registration!: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate summer learning with **Mega Education**® when they visit the Blue Hills Branch on Wednesday, July 3, for a summer registration party!! All youth and teens who have registered for summer learning that attend the party will be eligible to win one of two brand new Android tablets! And ice cream for everyone! Come early to confirm your registration and to enter your name in the raffle box! Only youth and teens visiting that day are eligible, so your chances of winning are high! Other prizes also may be awarded.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Ice Cream Social 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Confirm your registration 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Organic Community: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Research, build, and study an aquatic bottle ecosystem.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday, July 14, 3:00 p.m.

### **LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Blue Hills)**

Ages 10 and up, or younger with an adult helper. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 1:30 p.m.

### **UCONN Husky Reads: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Husky Reads promotes good health and nutrition habits by reading nutrition-focused, health-oriented books to young children. Lessons include reading aloud several similarly themed picture books, doing a related craft or physical activity, and eating a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesdays, July 15, 22 and 29, 3:00 p.m.

### **Horizon Wings: Education (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Meet a live eagle, falcon, hawk, and more! Learn how animals fly, how they can be hurt, and how we can save them!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 1:30 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**, Tuesday, July 15, 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, July 17, 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, July 22, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.

### **Small Smiles: Health (Blue Hills)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to eating healthy.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Friday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

### **African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

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### **Stars of Hartford! Talent Show: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8-18. Try out for our city-wide Talent Show! All participants audition at their branch library.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 3:00 p.m.

### **Summer Safety: Bikes & Water: Life Skills (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5. Join us for summer bike and water safety tips, presented by Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.

### **Auerfarm Animals: Education (Blue Hills)**

All Ages. Don't chicken out—learn about life on the farm with live animals from Auerfarm!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 1:30 p.m.

### **Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Blue Hills)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to teach the importance of helping kids to learn how to eat healthy and keep active.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Friday, July 25, 1:30 p.m.

### **Sweet Solutions: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Join us for age-appropriate math games, fueled by candy!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday, July 28, 2:00 p.m.

### **Just an Illusion: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Colors, light and patterns can create images that are deceptive. Get some mental exercise while having a great time with our list of optical illusions.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, July 29, 2:00 p.m.

### **Natural Patterns: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Join us as we journey through the natural world to discover patterns in the plants and animals that live around us.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.

## **AUGUST**

### **Free Summer Lunch: Health (Blue Hills)**

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, August 1-15, 12:30 p.m.

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

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesdays, August 5 and 19; Monday, August 11; Wednesday, August 13, 1:30 p.m.

### **Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

All ages. Our summer music series continues with the musical group, *Surcari*, presenting a free concert! This program is brought to us by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston Fund.

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

### **UConn Husky Reads: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, August 5, 3:00 p.m.

### **Fun with Bubbles: Education (Blue Hills)**

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.

**Learning to Look: Education (Blue Hills)**

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 9:30 a.m.

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**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 1:30 p.m.

**Animal Kingdom Story Time: Early Literacy (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3-5, with parent or caregiver. Join us with your young ones for animal stories and rhymes that offer science in the guise of fun and games. Groups please call 860-695-7400 in advance to register.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, August 6 & Monday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Build a Fizz-Inflator: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 7 and up. Don't waste your breath blowing a balloon. Let chemistry do it for you! Grab some baking soda and vinegar and use a classic chemical reaction to inflate a balloon.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, August 12, 2:00 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, August 26-28, 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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### SUMMER LUNCH

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, 18 and younger, June 23 to August 15, Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

### JULY

#### **Animal Kingdom Story Time: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5, with parent or caregiver. Join us with your young ones for animal stories and rhymes that offer science in the guise of fun and games. Groups please call 860-695-7443 to register in advance.

**Camp Field Branch**, Mondays, July 7, 14 and 21, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Natural Patterns: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5, with parent or caregiver. Join us as we journey through the natural world to discover patterns in the plants and animals that live around us.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesdays, July 16 and 23, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Small Smiles: Health (Camp Field)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to eating healthy.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.

#### **UCONN Husky Reads: Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-8 with adult friends. Husky Reads promotes good health and nutrition habits by reading nutrition-focused, health-oriented books to young children. Lessons include reading aloud several similarly themed picture books, doing a related craft or physical activity, and eating a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.

#### **LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Camp Field)**

Ages 10 and up, or younger with a parent or caregiver helper. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, July 7, 1:30 p.m.

#### **Wonderful Whales: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5-7. Children will learn all about whales through stories, informational text and hands-on science activities. Activities: How baleen works and blubber glove.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.

#### **Make Lemonade Fizzy Drink: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a fun science experiment that leaves you with your own lemon soda to drink afterwards!

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.

**African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)**

All Ages. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat!

**Camp Field Branch**, Friday, July 18, 1:30 p.m.

**Kitchen Sink: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Make sense of density by household liquids and trinkets around your home.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, July 21, 3:00 p.m.

**Mad Science: Education (Camp Field)**

All Ages. Join our spectacular science workshops! A different program at every branch!

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, July 22, 1:30 p.m.

**Make Ice Cream In A Baggie!: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Children will be able to learn that based on the concept of water's "freezing point," this activity entails lowering the freezing point to chill another substance-in this case, ice cream! You will be surprised at the ease and delicious fun you'll have when you make ice cream.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 4:30 p.m.

**Screaming Balloons, Glacier Gak and Quicksand: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up. Help us put the *Fizz, Boom, Pop* in summer reading! Explore the science of quicksand by making quicksand goo, make a slimy GAK to study the science of glaciers, and make a balloon scream. Dive into a world of fun and disgusting science.

**Camp Field Branch**, Friday, July 25, 5:30 p.m.

**Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Camp Field)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to teach the importance of helpings kids to learn how to eat healthy and keep active.

**Camp Field Branch**, July 28, 1:30 p.m.

**Milky Rainbow Science: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Some exciting and unusual things happen when you mix a little milk, food coloring, and a drop of liquid soap. Amaze your friends and uncover the scientific secrets of soap!

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, July 29, 3:00 p.m.

**Little Einsteins: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for hands-on scientific exploration, sure to stimulate scientific inquiry in the youngest of minds.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 3:00p.m.

**Organic Community: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Research, build, and study an aquatic bottle ecosystem.

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## AUGUST

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**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, August 4, 1:30 p.m.

### **Ready, Set, Engineer!: Technology (Camp Field)**

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**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 2:00 p.m.

### **Designing Minds: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 8 and up. Discover how engineers design bridges to support the weight of people and cars with a fun challenge using paper cups, string and drinking straws!

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, August 11, 1:30 p.m.

### **Money Wise @ Camp Field: Financial Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 8 and up. Children will be able to understand the roles of the cashier and customer when making and receiving change.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesday, August 13, 1:30 p.m.

### **Just an Illusion: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 12 and up. Colors, light and patterns can create images that are deceptive. Get some mental exercise while having a great time with our list of optical illusions.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.

### **Fun with Bubbles: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up. Easy to make and heaps of fun to play with. Enjoy these cool bubble activities and make bubbles of all shapes and sizes.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, August 6, 1:30 p.m.

### **Lego Camp-alooza: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 8-12. Design, build and explore with hundreds of Legos at the Camp Field Branch Lego club. Come to the library and see what you can build with our Lego sets!

**Camp Field Branch**, Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2:00 p.m.



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**Summer Learning Registration: Parent & Child, Youth, Teen, Child Care, and Summer Providers.**

Attention, all book lovers: make this your best summer ever for reading! Register for Fizz, Boom and Spark a Reaction (Teens) Read summer learning program at your neighborhood library, track your reading, activities, program attendance and more to earn fabulous prizes! For more information visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org). Look for the Sun!

**Summer Lunch Program: Health (Dwight)**

A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, 18 and younger ONLY!

***Dwight Branch***, Mondays-Fridays, July 1-31, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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

Ages 3 and up with adult friend. Join us for a free screening of children's popular movies. Healthy snacks will be served.

***Dwight Branch***, Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2:45 p.m.

**Double Dutch: Health (Dwight)**

Ages 6 and up. Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Jump between two rotating ropes to try some exciting new moves. Taught by a professional Double Dutch instructor.

***Dwight Branch***, Wednesday, July 2, 1:30 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ your library: What's on sale at your school?: Life Skills (Dwight)**

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

***Dwight Branch***, Thursday, July 3, 1:30 p.m.

**Small Smiles: Health (Dwight)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to eating healthy.

***Dwight Branch***, Monday, July 7, 10:00 a.m.

**UConn Husky Reads: Health Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregiver. Listen to UConn Huskies read aloud several nutrition themed picture books, do a related craft or physical activity, and eat a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

***Dwight Branch***, Tuesday, July 8, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Learning to Look: Wadsworth Athenaeum Field Trip: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 10 and up. Learn to look carefully, think critically, and artfully discuss your experience. Join us for an excursion to a City site. Interested participants must register in advance with their branch Youth Librarian. Permission slips required and space is very limited.

***Dwight Branch***, Wednesday, July 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Dwight)**

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**Dwight Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ your library: Charting and Graphing Sales: Life Skills (Dwight)**

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

**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, July 10, 1:30 p.m.

**Teen Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 13-19. Join us for a free screening of Teen popular movies from the '90s and now. Free movie snacks will be served.

**Dwight Branch**, Fridays, July 11, 18, and 25, 2:45 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ your library: Paying with Coins: Life Skills (Dwight)**

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

**Dwight Branch**, Monday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.

**African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

All ages. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat!

**Dwight Branch**, Monday, July 14, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Summer Safety: Water & Bikes: Life Skills (Dwight)**

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**Dwight Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.

**Wonderful Whales: Education (Dwight)**

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**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.

**Stars of Hartford! Talent Show Auditions: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

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**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 1:30 p.m. and Monday, July 21, 1:30p.m.

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All ages. Don't chicken out—learn about life on the farm with live animals from Auerfarm!

**Dwight Branch**, Monday, July 21, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

**Historic Hartford: State Capitol Field Trip: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 10 and up. Travel to and tour Connecticut's State Capitol. Learn about the building's design, political functions, and history. Join us for an excursion to a City site. Interested participants must register in advance with their branch Youth Librarian. Permission slips required and space is very limited.

**Dwight Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 10:15-11-15 a.m.

### **Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Dwight)**

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**Dwight Branch**, Friday, July 25, 1:30 p.m.

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**Dwight Branch**, Tuesday, July 29, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

### **Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Estimating School Store Purchases: Life Skills (Dwight)**

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**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, July 31, 1:30 p.m.

### **Mega Registration!: Literacy (Dwight)**

All ages. Celebrate summer learning with **Mega Education®** when they visit the Dwight Branch on Thursday, July 31, beginning at 12:30 p.m. for a summer registration social!! All youth and teens who have registered for summer learning that attend the social will be eligible to win one of two brand new Android tablets! And ice cream for everyone! Come early to confirm your registration and to enter your name in the raffle box! Only youth and teens visiting that day are eligible, so your chances of winning are high! Other prizes also may be awarded.

**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, July 31, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Confirm your registration 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social 2:30 pm – 3:30 p.m.

### **Stars of Hartford Talent Show Finale: Arts & Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Join and cheer on your friends as they compete in the annual Stars of Hartford Talent Show.

**Downtown—Center for Contemporary Culture**, Thursday, July 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## **AUGUST**

### **Summer Lunch Program: Health (Dwight)**

Ages to 18. A nutritious summer lunch will be served free of charge to children and teens, 18 and younger ONLY!

**Dwight Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, August 1-15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### **Get Money Wise @ your library: Calculating Sales: Financial Literacy (Dwight)**

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

**Dwight Branch**, Friday, August 1, 1:30 p.m.

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

Ages 3 and up with adult friends. Join us for a free screening of Children's popular movies. Healthy snacks will be served.

**Dwight Branch**, Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2:45 p.m.

**Teen Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 13-19. Join us for a free screening of Teen popular movies from the '90s and now. Free movie snacks will be served.

**Dwight Branch**, Fridays, August 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2:45 p.m.

**Sea Tea Improv: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 10 and up. Join a fantastic improvisational acting class with trained theater professionals who have performed in Hartford, New York and Boston.

**Dwight Branch**, Monday, August 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Sharon Family Farm Mobile Petting Zoo: Education (Dwight)**

All ages. Meet a donkey, an alpaca, sheep, pigs, baby goats, rabbits, and chickens in a traveling petting zoo! USDA certified program.

**Dwight Branch**, Tuesday, August 5, 2:50 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ your library: Learning about making change: Financial Literacy (Dwight)**

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

**Dwight Branch**, Wednesday, August 6, 1:30 p.m.

**Forensics 101: Education (Dwight)**

Ages 8-10. Children will learn how to identify fingerprints and how each fingerprint is unique. They will also learn about the history of forensic science. Activities: Record your fingerprint and create a crime scene.

**Dwight Branch**, August 6, 2:00 p.m.

**UConn Husky Reads: Health (Dwight)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. Listen to UConn Huskies read aloud several nutrition themed picture books, do a related craft or physical activity, and eat a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

**Dwight Branch**, Tuesdays, August 5 and 12, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**YOUmedia Preview: Technology (Dwight)**

Teens. Learn about YOUmedia Hartford, the new, fun teen digital learning space at HPL, opening this September in the Downtown Branch! Try a Digital Taster (a quick digital media activity) and tell the staff your ideas! Receive coupons for a free prize when YOUmedia opens!

**Dwight Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Determining Profit and Loss: Financial Literacy (Dwight)**

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

**Dwight Branch**, Friday, August 8, 1:30 p.m.

**Thumb Print Animals: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

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

**Dwight Branch**, Monday, August 11, 1:30 p.m.

**JEM and the Holograms' Synergy Earrings: Arts & Entertainment (Dwight)**

Adults only. If you were a kid in the '80s, you are probably familiar with the cartoon "JEM and the Holograms." If not you can catch up by viewing the first episodes of the cartoon at the library. JEM and the Holograms are a group of girls who are transformed into a colorful rock band with the help of Synergy, a computer and special pink star earrings. When they are not rockin' out they fight corrupt individuals. A live JEM movie is currently being made so let's rock out and make synergy earrings for "show time synergy".

***Dwight Branch***, Tuesday, August 12, 2:30 p.m.

**Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Couponing Class for Families: Financial Literacy (Dwight)**

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

***Dwight Branch***, Wednesday, August 13, 1:30 p.m.

**Summer Learning Grand Finale: Entertainment (Downtown)**

All ages. Party!!! Enjoy ice cream, storytelling, games and crafts to celebrate Summer Learning followed by Bubblemania!

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Thursday, August 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Grand Finale: Bubblemania!: Education (Downtown)**

All ages. Join our eye-popping, belly-laughing, fun-filled bubble extravaganza with Casey, the master of bubbles! Learn about the unbelievable beauty of spherical liquids!

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Thursday, August 14, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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

For information on Goodwin Branch Programs, call 860.695.7480

## JULY

### **Summer Lunch: Health (Goodwin)**

Children to 18 years. Join us for free summer lunch from June 23rd to August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Goodwin Branch**, July 1-31, 2014, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### **Small Smiles: Health (Goodwin)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to eating healthy.

**Goodwin Branch**, Tuesday, July 1, 1:30 p.m.

### **The Science of Fire with the Hartford Fire Department: Life Skills (Goodwin)**

Ages 8 and up. Fire fighters, a fire engine, and a lot of hot topics! Join us for a meet and greet with the Hartford Fire Department and a Q&A session on the science of fire!

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, July 2, 1:30 p.m.

### **What Grows? Infant & Toddler Story Time: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages Birth – 24 months with parent or caregiver. What Grows? Enjoy reading, writing, singing, talking and playing with your child. Join us as we share books, rhymes, songs, movement and finger plays to discover what grows and what doesn't grow. No registration required.

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.

### **Mad Science Workshops: Education (Goodwin)**

All Ages. Join our spectacular science workshops!

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Goodwin Branch**, Mondays, July 7, 14 and 21, 1:30 p.m.

### **Horizon Wings: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 5 and up. Meet a live eagle, a falcon, a hawk, and more! Learn how animals fly, how they can be hurt, and how we can save them.

**Goodwin Branch**, Monday, July 14, 3:30 p.m.

### **African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Goodwin)**

Ages 3 and up. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat!

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 3:00 p.m.

**Hoot! Hoot! Owl Pellet Dissection: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us at the Goodwin Branch Library as we dissect owl pellets. Owls, like many other birds of prey, eat their food whole. Since birds have no teeth, they can't chew their food. The owl slowly digests its meal by separating the softer parts from the harder material. Activity: Discover what owls eat, examine the contents of owl pellets and try to reconstruct the skeleton. Registration required.

**Goodwin Branch**, Thursday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.

**Milky Rainbow Science: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Some exciting and unusual things happen when you mix a little milk, food coloring, and a drop of liquid soap. Amaze your friends and uncover the scientific secrets of soap!

**Goodwin Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.

**LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Goodwin)**

Ages 10 and up. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Goodwin Branch**, Monday, July 21, 3:30 p.m.

**Auerbach Farm: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 4 and up. Don't chicken out! Learn about life on the farm with live animals from the Auerbach Farm!

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.

**NATURAL PATTERNS: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. With parent/caregiver. Join us as we journey through the natural world to discover patterns in plants and animals that live around us.

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.

**Learning to Look: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 10 and up. Learn to look carefully, think critically, and artfully discuss your experience. Join us for an excursion to a City site. Interested participants must register in advance with their branch Youth Librarian. Permission slips required and space is very limited.

**Goodwin Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.

**Sea Tea Improv: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 10 and up. Join a fantastic improvisational acting class with trained theater professionals who have performed in Hartford, New York and Boston

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 3:30 p.m.

**Summer Safety: Bikes & Water: Life Skills (Goodwin)**

Ages 3-5. Join us for summer bike and water safety tips, presented by Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

**Goodwin Branch**, Thursday, July 31, 10:30 a.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.**

## **AUGUST**

### **Summer Lunch: Health (Goodwin)**

Children to 18 years. Join us for free summer lunch until August 15.

**Goodwin Branch**, August 1-15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### **Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Goodwin)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to teach the importance of helping kids learn how to eat healthy and keep active.

**Goodwin Branch**, Friday, August 1, 1:30 p.m.

### **Fun With Bubbles: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 7 and up. Easy to make and heaps of fun to play with. Enjoy these cool bubble activities and make bubbles of all shapes and sizes.

**Goodwin Branch**, Tuesday, August 5, 2:00 p.m.

### **Forensics 101: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 8-10. Children will learn how to identify fingerprints and how each fingerprint is unique. They will also learn about the history of forensic science. Activities: Record your fingerprint and create a crime scene.

**Goodwin Branch**, Tuesday, August 12, 2:00 p.m.

### **LEGO “Good-alooza”: Technology (Goodwin)**

Ages 8-12. Design, build and explore with hundreds of Legos. Come to the library and see what you can build with our Lego sets!

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.

### **Money Wise: Learn to Make Change: Life Skills (Goodwin)**

Ages 8 and up. Children will learn about the roles of the cashier and customer when making and receiving change.

**Goodwin Branch**, Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7, 1:30 p.m.

### **Build a Fizz-Inflator: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 7 and up. Don't waste your breath blowing up a balloon. Let chemistry do it for you! Grab some baking soda and vinegar and use a classic chemical reaction to inflate a balloon.

**Goodwin Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 2:00 p.m.

### **Designing Minds: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 8 and up. Discover how engineers design bridges to support the weight of people and cars. Participate in a fun challenge using paper cups, string and drinking straws!

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, August 13, 2:00 p.m.

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

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

**Summer Lunch: Health (Mark Twain)**

Ages 0-18. Join us for free summer lunch from June 23 - August 15 at the Mark Twain Branch Library. A cold lunch will be served inside the Mark Twain Branch from June 23 - July 3; a hot lunch will be served in the Hartford Public High School cafeteria from July 7 - August 8; a cold lunch will be served inside the Mark Twain Branch from August 11 - August 15.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, June 23-August 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

(**Please Note:** when lunched is served in the Hartford Public High School cafeteria, youth must arrive 12:30 - 12:50 p.m. to receive a lunch.)

**JULY**

**Mad Science: Education (Mark Twain)**

All ages. Join our spectacular science workshops! A different program at every branch!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 2, 1:30 p.m.

**The Science of Fire with Hartford Fire Department: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Fire fighters, a fire engine, and a lot of hot topics! Join us for a meet and greet with the Hartford Fire Department and a Q&A session on the science of fire!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 2, 3:00 p.m.

**Double Dutch: Health (Mark Twain)**

All ages. Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Jump between two rotating ropes to try some exciting new moves. Taught by a professional Double Dutch instructor.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday, July 7, 1:30 p.m.

**Window Greenhouse: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 7 and up. Inch by inch, row by row, we're going to make a garden grow with the summer sun, a seed and a window. Join us on our gardening adventure!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Tuesday, July 8, 1:30 p.m.

**Natural Patterns: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 3-5 with parent or caregiver. Join us as we journey through the natural world to discover patterns in the plants and animals that live around us.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.

**Auerbach Farms: Education (Mark Twain)**

All ages. Don't chicken out—learn about life on the farm with live animals from Auerfarm!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 1:30 p.m.

**Build an Organic Community: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 6 and up. Research, build, and study an aquatic bottle ecosystem.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Thursday, July 10, 1:30 p.m.

**Learning to Look: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 10 and up. Learn to look carefully, think critically, and artfully discuss your experience. Join us for an excursion to a City site. Interested participants must register in advance with their branch Youth Librarian. Permission slips required and space is very limited.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Friday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.

**Stars of Hartford! Talent Show Try Outs: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

Ages 6-18. Try out for our city-wide Talent Show! All participants audition at their branch library for the final show to be held at the Downtown Center for Contemporary Culture, Thursday, July 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Prizes!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Friday, July 11, 3:00 p.m.

**Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Mark Twain)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to teach the importance of helping kids learn how to eat healthy and keep active.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.

**Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

All ages. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat

**Mark Twain Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 3:30 p.m.

**Trashion Fashion: Life Skills (Mark Twain)**

Ages 10 and up. Newspaper dresses, candy wrapper headbands, bubble wrap shirts? Find out what's hot in eco-friendly clothing using recycle materials and create your own Trashion Fashion!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 1:30 p.m.

**Horizon Wings: Education (Mark Twain)**

All ages. Meet a live eagle, a falcon, a hawk, and more! Learn how animals fly, how they can be hurt, and how we can save them.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 3:30 p.m.

**Wonderful Whales: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 5-7. Children will learn all about whales through stories, informational text and hands-on science activities. Activities: How baleen works and make a blubber glove.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 1:30 p.m.

**LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Mark Twain)**

Ages 10 and up, or younger with an adult helper. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday, July 21, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Mark Twain Branch**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 22, 24, 29 and 31, 1:30 p.m.

**Just an Illusion: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 12 and up. Colors, light and patterns can create images that are deceptive. Get some mental exercise while having a great time with our list of optical illusions.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.

**Sea Tea Improv: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

Ages 10 and up. Join a fantastic improvisational acting class with trained theater professionals who have performed in Hartford, New York and Boston.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday, July 28, 3:30 p.m.

**Bioluminescence: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Join us for a fascinating exploration of glow in the dark animals and what makes them shine so bright. Create your own glow-in-the dark lantern to take home!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 1:30 p.m.

**AUGUST****Summer Lunch: Health (Mark Twain)**

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**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday - Friday, August 1-15, 12:30 p.m.

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**Get Money Wise: Life Skills (Mark Twain)**

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

**Mark Twain Branch**, Tuesday and Thursday, August 19 and 21, 1:30 p.m.

**Designing Minds: Education (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Discover how engineers design bridges to support the weight of people and cars. Participate in a fun challenge using paper cups, string and drinking straws!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, August 20, 1:30 p.m.

**YOUmedia Taster: Technology (Mark Twain)**

Ages 12 and up. Learn about YOUmedia Hartford, the new, fun teen digital learning space at HPL, opening this September in the Downtown Branch! Try a Digital Taster (a quick digital media activity) and tell the staff your ideas! Receive coupons for a free prize when YOUmedia opens!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Friday, August 22, 1:30 p.m.

Hartford Public Library  
Park Branch  
744 Park Street  
Hartford CT 06106

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**UCONN Husky Reads: Health (Park Branch)**

Ages 3-7. Husky Reads promotes good health and nutrition habits by reading nutrition-focused, health-oriented books to young children. Lessons include reading aloud several similarly themed picture books, doing a related craft or physical activity, and eating a healthy snack to support the learning objectives. Educators use reading as a means to heighten understanding of healthy nutrition.

**Park Branch**, Mondays, July 7- August 11, 2:00 p.m.

**Mad Science: Education (Park Branch)**

All Ages. Join our spectacular science workshops! A different program at every branch!

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, July 8, 1:30 p.m.

**LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Park Branch)**

Ages 10 and up, or younger with adult helper. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto. Space is limited

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 1:30 p.m.

**Stars of Hartford! Talent Show Try Outs: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

Ages 6-18. Try out for our city-wide Talent Show! All participants audition at their branch library for the final show to be held at the Downtown Center for Contemporary Culture, Thursday, July 31, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Prizes!

**Park Branch**, Thursday, July 10, and Friday, July 18, 3:30 p.m.,

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

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

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays, July 17 and 31, 1:30 p.m.

**Small Smiles: Health (Park)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a program offered by *Small Smiles* and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to eating healthy.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m.

**African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

All ages. Join drummer Inara Ramin for a high-energy workshop on African drumming. Try out different drums and learn to jump to the beat!

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 1:30 p.m.

**Summer Safety: Bikes & Water: Life Skills (Park)**

Ages 3-5. Join us for summer bike and water safety tips, presented by Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 a.m.

**Auerfarm Animals: Education (Park)**

All ages. Don't chicken out—learn about life on the farm with live animals from Auerfarm!

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, July 22, 1:30 p.m.

**Kitchen Sink: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Make sense of density by household liquids and trinkets around your home.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 2:00 p.m.

**Building Sites: Careers (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Be an architect. Enjoy building bridges and ridges to see what holds the best. Then enjoy building a cool structure out of edible food.

**Park Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 1:30 p.m.

**Sea Tea Improv: Arts & Entertainment (Park)**

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**Park Branch**, Tuesday, July 29, 1:30 p.m.

**Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Park)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to teach the importance of helpings kids learn how to eat healthy and keep active.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 10:30 a.m.

**Mega Registration!: Education (Park)**

All ages. Celebrate summer learning with **Mega Education**® when they visit the Park Branch on Wednesday, July 30 for a summer registration party!! All youth and teens who have registered for summer learning that attend the party will be eligible to win one of two brand new Android tablets! And ice cream for everyone! Come early to confirm your registration and to enter your name in the raffle box! Only youth and teens visiting that day are eligible, so your chances of winning are high! Other prizes also may be awarded.

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(Confirm your registration 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

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**Park Branch**, Tuesday, August 5, 1:30 p.m.

**Gobbledy Goo!: Education (Park)**

Ages 6 and up. Is it a solid? Is it a liquid? Experiment with strange stuff scientists call a colloid.

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.

**Horizon Wings: Education (Park)**

All ages. Meet a live eagle, a falcon, a hawk, and more! Learn how animals fly, how they can be hurt, and how we can save them!

**Park Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, August 12, 1:30 p.m.

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Ropkins Branch  
1750 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06120

For information on Ropkins Branch programs, call 860.695.7520

**Summer Lunch: Health (Ropkins)**

Ages 0-18. Join us for free summer lunch from June 24 to August 15.

**Ropkins Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, July 1-31, 12:30 - 1:00p.m.

**Double Dutch: Health (Ropkins)**

All ages. Double your summer fun by learning to jump Double Dutch! Jump between two rotating ropes to try some exciting new moves. Taught by a professional Double Dutch instructor.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, July 1, 1:30 p.m.

**Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

All ages. Join musical groups *Troubadour Trails*, *Mikata*, and *Surcari* for free concerts at your branches. Sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston Fund.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, July 1, 2:00 p.m.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.

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

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.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 5:00 p.m.

**Stars of Hartford! Talent Show Try Outs: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

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(Confirm your registration 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

**Auerfarm Animals: Education (Ropkins)**

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**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, July 9, 3:00 p.m.

**Little Einsteins: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 3-5 with adult caregivers. Join us for hands-on scientific exploration, sure to stimulate scientific inquiry in the youngest of minds.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursdays, July 10, 17 and 24, 10:00 a.m.

**Milky Rainbow Science: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 5 and up, with adult friends. Some exciting and unusual things happen when you mix a little milk, food coloring, and a drop of liquid soap. Amaze your friends and uncover the scientific secrets of soap!

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.

**African Drumming: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

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**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, July 15, 1:30 p.m.

**LED Origami Lamps: Technology (Ropkins)**

Ages 10 and up, or younger with a parent or caregiver helper. Learn how to create an amazing origami lamp with LED lights with tech artist Balam Soto.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, July 16, 3:30 p.m.

**Make Ice Cream In A Baggie!: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Children will learn about the properties of liquids and "freezing point." This activity entails lowering the freezing point to chill another substance--in this case, ice cream! You will be surprised by how easy, fun and delicious it is to make ice cream.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.

**Hispanic Health Council Healthy Eating Puppet Show: Health (Ropkins)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a puppet show provided by the Hispanic Health Council to teach the importance of helping kids to learn how to eat healthy and keep active.

**Ropkins Branch**, Friday, July 18, 1:30 p.m.

**Sea Tea Improv: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

Ages 10 and up. Join a fantastic improvisational acting class with trained theater professionals who have performed in Hartford, New York and Boston.

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, July 21, 1:30 p.m.



**Small Smiles: Health (Ropkins)**

Ages 4-6, with adult friends. Join us for a program offered by Small Smiles and learn all about the importance of dental hygiene and how it relates to eating healthy.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, July 23, 1:30 p.m.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 1:30 p.m.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, July 29, 1:30 p.m.

**Make a Lemonade Fizzy Drink: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 7 and up. Join us for a fun science experiment that leaves you with your own lemon soda to drink afterwards.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.

**Build an Organic Community: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Research, build, and study an aquatic bottle ecosystem.

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, July 28, 2:00 p.m.

**Wonderful Whales: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 5-7. Children will learn all about whales through stories, informational text and hands-on science activities. Activities: How baleen works and make a blubber glove.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.

**Sharon Family Farm Mobile Petting Zoo: Education (Ropkins)**

All ages. Meet a donkey, an alpaca, sheep, pigs, baby goats, rabbits, and chickens in a traveling petting zoo! USDA certified program. Let's take the city bus and go to Albany Branch to see this program.

*(Permissions Slips required)*

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, July 31, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (estimated return time)

Catch the bus to go to Albany Branch for the 2:50 p.m. program.

**AUGUST****Lego "Ropk"-alooza": Technology (Ropkins)**

Ages 8-12. Design, build and explore with hundreds of Legos at the Ropkins Branch Lego club. Come to the library and see what you can build with our Lego sets!

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.

**Animal Kingdom Story Time: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

Ages 3-5, with parent or caregiver. Join us with your young ones for animal stories and rhymes that offer science in the guise of fun and games. Groups please call 860-695-7520 in advance to register.

**Ropkins Branch**, Mondays, August 4 and 11, 10:00 a.m.

**Forensics 101: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 8-10. Children will learn how to identify fingerprints and how each fingerprint is unique. They will also learn about the history of forensic science. Activities: Record your fingerprint and create a crime scene.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, August 5, 2:00 p.m.

**Money Wise: Learn to Make Change: Life Skills (Ropkins)**

Ages 8 and up. Children will learn about the roles of the cashier and customer when making and receiving change.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, August, 6, and 11, 2:00 p.m.

**Gobbledy Goo!: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Is it a solid? Is it a liquid? Experiment with strange stuff scientists call a colloid.

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, August 7, 2:00 p.m.

**Summer Music Series: Arts & Entertainment (Ropkins)**

All ages. Our summer music series continues with the live music of *Surcari*, in a free family concert. Sponsored by the City of Hartford Evelyn Preston Fund.

**Ropkins Branch**, Friday, August 8, 2:00 p.m.

**YOUmedia Preview: Technology (Ropkins)**

Ages 12 and up. Learn about YOUmedia Hartford, the new, fun teen digital learning space at HPL, opening this September in the Downtown Branch! Try a Digital Taster (a quick digital media activity) and tell the staff your ideas! Receive coupons for a free prize when YOUmedia opens!

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, August 12, 1:30 p.m.

**Ready, Set, Engineer!: Careers (Ropkins)**

Ages 8 and up. Join up with a team to compete in our engineering challenge. Build a bridge out of popsicle sticks and compete in our load-test competition. The team whose bridge holds the most weight will win a fun prize.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, August 12, 2:30 p.m.

**Build a Fizz-Inflator: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 7 and up. Don't waste your breath blowing up a balloon. Let chemistry do it for you! Grab some baking soda and vinegar and use a classic chemical reaction to inflate a balloon.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, August 13, 1:30 p.m.

**Fun with Bubbles: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 7 and up. Easy to make and heaps of fun to play with. Enjoy these cool bubble activities and make bubbles of all shapes and sizes.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, August 13, 2:30 p.m.

**Summer Learning Grand Finale: Entertainment (Ropkins)**

All ages. Party!!! Enjoy ice cream, storytelling, games and crafts to celebrate Summer Learning followed by Bubblemania! (*Permissions Slips required*)

**Ropkins Branch**, Thursday, August 14, 12:45-5:00 p.m. (estimated return time)

(Catch the bus to go to the Downtown Library, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. party followed by Bubblemania)

**Grand Finale: Bubblemania!: Education (Ropkins)**

All ages. After the Party we'll stay at the Downtown Children's Library for an eye-popping, belly-laughing, fun-filled bubble extravaganza with Casey, the master of bubbles! Learn about the unbelievable beauty of spherical liquids!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Thursday, August 14, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Designing Minds: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 8 and up. Discover how engineers design bridges to support the weight of people and cars. Participate in a fun challenge using paper cups, string and drinking straws!

***Ropkins Branch***, Friday, August 15, 2:00 p.m.