

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

**October is the month for Mystery! Mysterious books, films, and programs await you!**

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

**For information on Downtown Library Youth Services 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, October 1-30, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

**Turn a Leaf: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Leaves turn colors and become more interesting in the fall. Explore a variety of leaves, learn the trees they come from, share Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert and make leaf creatures.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Monday, October 6, 4:30 p.m.

**Mystery Story Writing Contest: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 8-12. Write the scariest story and win a prize! Entries should be one to two pages long and are due no later than October 31.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Mondays-Thursdays, October 7-30, 4:00 p.m.

**Magazine Month: Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 6 and up. October is National Children’s Magazine month. Enjoy exploring and discussing your favorite magazines!

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Thursday, October 9, 4:30 p.m.

**Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 5-7, please join us with adult friends. “On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another.” Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Tuesday, October 14, 4:30 p.m.

**National Fossil Day: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 6 and up. Discover prehistoric traces of life. Create a modern-day replica to take home.

***Downtown – Children’s Library***, Thursday, October 16, 4:30 p.m.

**Halloween Fun: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 5 and up. Halloween will certainly be fun when children design their own jack-o'-lanterns, build skeletons, play gruesome games, and read scary poems aloud.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Saturday, October 18, 2:00 p.m.

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

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

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Monday, October 20, 4:30 p.m.

**Musical Books: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, Musical Chairs, and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the Fall!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Tuesday, October 21, 4:30 p.m.

**Hydration Nation: Health (Downtown)**

Ages 10 and up. Did you know that the human body is more than 60 percent water? Try a variety of refreshing infused waters and talk about their benefits.

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Thursday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.

**Cosmetology Month: Education (Downtown)**

Ages 10 and up. Explore your passion for makeup and beauty and be on your way to a lucrative career in the beauty industry. Come and get beautiful at the library!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Thursday, October 30, 4:30 p.m.

**Sweet Tooth: Education (Downtown)**

All ages welcome! Stop by the library for a treat to soothe your sweet tooth!

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Friday, October 31, 3:45 p.m.

**Children and Families**

**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, October 3 and 10, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

**Downtown – Children's Library**, Mondays, October 6 and 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Spooky 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, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

***Downtown - Children's Library***, Wednesday, October 8, 11:30-12:15 p.m.

**WordPlay: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

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

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Mondays, October 13 and 27, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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

Ages 13 - 24 months with caregivers. Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read® (ECRR). Enjoy special books, educational toys, finger games and music. Families will receive a take home activity for parent/child engagement.

***Downtown – Children's Library***, Wednesday, October 15, 10:45-11:30 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***, Saturday, October 18, 11:30 a.m.

**Mother Goose Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Infants with adult friends. You are your little one's first teacher! Enjoy classic rhymes and finger plays.

***Downtown - Children's Library***, Friday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.

**Family Mystery Night: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages 3-10, with adult friends. Bring your whole family to the Library, play some mystery games and listen to the best in children's picture book mysteries! Make a cool mystery craft to take home.

***Downtown Library – Youth Program Room***, Tuesday, October 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Albany Branch  
1250 Albany Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112**

**For information on Albany Branch programs, call 860.695.7380**

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Saturdays, October 4, 11, and 25, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Homework Help: Education (Albany)**

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

**Albany Branch**, Mondays-Fridays, October 1 – 29, 3:45-4:45 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, October 1, 4:45 p.m.

**Hispanic Heritage Month: Education (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Learn about Hispanic Heritage, and explore the music and food surrounding the culture.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Friday, October 3, 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, October 3, 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, October 6, 4:45 p.m.

**Get Money Wise: What's on Sale at the School Store: Life Skills (Albany)**

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

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, October 7, 4:45 p.m.

**Infant and Toddler Story time: Early Literacy (Albany)**

Birth-24 months. Come talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. No registration required. Parents & caregivers are expected to stay with children during all story time sessions.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, October 8, 12:30 p.m.

**Turn a Leaf: Education (Albany)**

Ages 5 and up. Explore different leaves, listen to *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make a leaf creature.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, October 8, 4:45 p.m.

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

Ages 5 and up. Get together with other teens and play some of Board Game Geek's top 100 board games.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, October 9, 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, October 10, 3:30 p.m.

**Teen Read Week Murder Mystery: Education (Albany)**

Ages 12 and Up. There was a murder at the library last Sunday when the library was closed! Read books during Teen Read Week or vote for the Top Ten Teen Books to collect clues to solve the murder. Stop in any time the library is open to collect clues.

**Albany Branch**, Monday, October 13 – Saturday October 18th

**Teen Reading Hour: Education (Albany)**

Ages 12 and up. Turn your dreams into reality and celebrate Teen Read Week. Stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

**Albany Branch**, Monday, October 13, 4:45 p.m.

**Sew Electric: Technology (Albany)**

Ages 12 and up. Celebrate Teen Read Week with an illuminating program about e-textiles and make your own LED Booklight Bookmark.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, October 14, 4:45 p.m.

**Cosmetology for Teens: Careers (Albany)**

Ages 11 and up. Celebrate Teen Read Week by exploring your passion for make-up, and be on your way to a lucrative career in the beauty industry.

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, October 15, 4:45 p.m.

**Teen Murder Mystery Dinner: Education (Albany)**

Ages 12 and up. Celebrate Teen Read Week with a fun murder mystery. Eat pizza, get into character, and help us solve the mystery.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, October 16, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Friday, October 17, 12:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Friday, October 17, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**Albany Branch**, Monday, October 20, 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, October 21, 4:45 p.m.

**Little Typists: Technology (Albany)**

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

**Albany Branch**, Wednesday, October 22, 4:45 p.m.

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

Ages 3 and up. Wear your PJs to the library, enjoy cozy bedtime stories, make a fun craft, and enjoy a bedtime snack.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, October 23, 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, October 24, 3:30 p.m.

**National Fossil Day: Education (Albany)**

Ages 6 and up. Discover prehistoric traces of life. Create a modern-day replica of a fossil to take home.

**Albany Branch**, Monday, October 27, 4:45 p.m.

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

Ages 4-9. Join us while we read a classic early reader story and make a fun craft. This month's book is *Mystery at the Haunted House*. Light refreshments will be served.

**Albany Branch**, Tuesday, October 28 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**, Wednesday, October 29 4:45 p.m.

**Haunted House Extravaganza: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)**

Ages 6 and up. Take a 10-minute walk through our haunted house and try not to scream. Costumes encouraged. Reservations strongly suggested.

**Albany Branch**, Thursday, October 30, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

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

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

***Albany Branch***, Friday, October 31, 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**Homework: Education (Barbour)**

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

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays-Thursdays, October 1-31, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Creative Play: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

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

**Barbour Branch**, Thursdays October 2 and 16, Tuesday October 14, 10:00 a.m.

**Magazine Month: Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. October is National Children's Magazine month. Enjoy exploring and discussing your favorite magazines!

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday October 2, 4:30 p.m.

**Wordplay Project: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

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

**Barbour Branch**, Mondays, October 6 & 20 Tuesdays October 7 & 21, 10:00 a.m.

**Little Typists: Technology (Barbour)**

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.

**Barbour Branch**, Monday October 6, 4:30 p.m.

**Sew Electric: Technology (Barbour)**

Ages 14 and up. Join us as we kick off Teen Read Week with an illuminating program about innovations in e-textiles (the combination of fabric and electronics) and make your own LED Booklight Bookmark!

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday October 8, 4:30 p.m.

**Cosmetology Month: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 10 and up. Explore your passion for makeup and beauty and be on your way to a lucrative career in the beauty industry. Come and get beautiful at the library!

**Barbour Branch**, Friday October 10, 4:30 p.m.

**Musical Books: Early Literacy (Barbour)**

Ages 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, 'Musical Chairs' and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the Fall!



**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday October 15, 4:30 p.m.

**National Fossil Day: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 6 and up. Discover prehistoric traces of life. Create a modern-day replica to take home.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday October 16, 4:30 p.m.

**Rangoli In Dipawali: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us to celebrate the great Indian and Nepali festival! Enjoy story crafts and make nice Rangoli.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday October 21, 4:30 p.m.

**Turn A Leaf: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 7 and up. Leaves turn colors and become more interesting in the fall. Explore a variety of leaves, learn the trees they come from, share *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make leaf creatures.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday October 22, 4:30 p.m.

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

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.

**Barbour Branch**, Wednesday, October 22, 5:00 p.m.

**Following Fall in Verse: Education (Barbour)**

Ages 8 and up. Douglas Florian paints beautiful fall pictures with words in AUTUMNBINGS. Enjoy his poetry and paint a fall picture to take home.

**Barbour Branch**, Tuesday October 28, 4:30 p.m.

**On a Dark and Stormy Night...: Entertainment (Barbour)**

All ages. Inviting all spook lovers to come and enjoy a somewhat scary movie at the library while enjoying some ghoulish snacks.

**Barbour Branch**, Thursday October 30, 4:00 p.m.

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

**For information on Blue Hills Branch programs, call 860.695.7420**

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

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

**Blue Hills Branch**, Mondays-Thursdays, October 1-30, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Ages 13 - 24 months with caregivers. Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read® (ECRR). Share special books, educational toys, finger games and music. Families will leave with take home activities designed to engage children based on the components of the ECRR program: Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing. Groups and individuals please register in advance by calling (860) 695-7420.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesdays, October 1, 15, and 29, 10:00 a.m.

**In the Moon of Falling Leaves: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Share Native American author, Joseph Bruchac's poem, *In the Moon of Falling Leaves*. Create an oil pastel illustration to accompany the poem afterwards.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, October 1, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, October 2, 4:00 p.m.

**Turn a Leaf: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 7 and up. Leaves turn colors and become more interesting in the fall. Explore a variety of leaves, learn the trees they come from, share *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make leaf creatures.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday, October 6, 4:00 p.m.

**DIY Creepy Crawly: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Use household items to create a creepy crawly spider sack.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, October 7, 5:00 p.m.

**Romare Bearden: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Fuse jazz, folklore and culture through collage.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, October 8, 2:00 p.m.

**Fright Fest: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 8 and up. Dare to be scared with brain-busters, a movie, and snack!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Fridays, October 10 and 17, 2:00 p.m.

**Sew Electric: Technology (Blue Hills)**

Ages 14 and up. Join us as we kick off Teen Read Week with an illuminating program about innovations in e-textiles (the combination of fabric and electronics) and make your own LED Booklight Bookmark!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.

**National Fossil Day: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Discover prehistoric traces of life. Create a modern-day replica to take home.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

**Dreams Into Reality: Education (Blue Hills)**

Turn dreams into reality this Teen Read Week. Learn about the ancient art of Tasseography and practice tea leaf reading with friends.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, October 16, 4:00 p.m.

**Patterned Leaves: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Investigate patterns made naturally by nature. Afterwards, chose a leaf shape that appeals to you, and fill it with funky designs.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Monday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.

**Monster Mash: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 12 and up. Calling all artists! Team up to create gruesome milk jug monsters to compete in our library competition.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, October 21, 5:00 p.m.

**Rangoli in Dipawali: Education (Blue Hills)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us to celebrate the great Indian and Nepali festival! Enjoy story crafts and make nice Rangoli.

**Blue Hills Branch**, Wednesday October 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Carnival Days: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy the onset of crisp autumn days with traditional carnival games and treats, inside the library! Win tickets for prizes, get a henna tattoo, and enjoy the season!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Tuesday, October 28, 5:00 p.m.

**Pumpkin, Pumpkin, Pumpkin: Arts & Entertainment (Blue Hills)**

Ages 3 and up with adult caregivers. Celebrate all things fall with age-appropriate autumnal stories and crafts!

**Blue Hills Branch**, Thursday, October 30, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Ages 1 and up with adult friends. Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read® (ECRR). Share special books, educational toys, finger games, music and take home activities to support early literacy skills.

**Camp Field Branch**, Wednesdays, October 08, 22, 10:30 p.m.

**Let the Wild Rumpus Start: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 3-5, with adult friends. On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another. Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individuals welcome. Groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7443.

**Camp Field Branch**. Mondays, October 06, 13, 10:30 a.m.

**Homework Club: Education (Camp Field)**

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

**Camp Field Branch**, Mondays –Thursday, October 1 - 31, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Magazine Month: Literacy (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. October is National Children's Magazine month. Enjoy exploring and discussion your favorite magazine.

**Camp Field Branch**, Tuesday, October 07, 4:00 p.m.

**Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Camp Field)**

Ages 4 and up. Come play games with kids and teens your own age.

**Camp Field Branch**, Fridays, October 3,10,17,24 and 31 4:00 p.m.

**Apples, Apples, and More Apples: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

All ages. Listen to the story on apples, write a poem about apples, and enjoy a variety of apples for snack.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, October 09, 4:00 p.m.

**Sew Electric: Technology Sew Electric (Camp Field)**

Ages 14 and up. Join us as we kick off Teen Read Week with an illuminating program about innovations in e-textiles (the combination of fabric and electronics) and make your own LED Booklight Bookmark!

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.

**Musical Books: Early Literacy (Camp Field)**

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

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, October. 16, 4:00 p.m.

**Rangoli In Diwali: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us to celebrate the great Indian and Nepali festival with story crafts and make nice Rangoli.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, October 20, 4.00pm

**Turn A Leaf: Education (Camp Field)**

Ages 7 and up. Leaves turn colors and become more interesting in fall. Explore a variety of leaves, know the trees they come from, share *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make leaf creatures.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, Oct. 23, 4:00 p.m.

**National Fossil Day: Education National Fossil Day (Camp Field)**

Ages 6 and up. Discover prehistoric traces of life. Create a modern-day replica to take home.

**Camp Field Branch**, Monday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.

**Halloween Fun: Holiday Craft (Camp Field)**

Ages 5 and up. Halloween will certainly be fun when children design their own jack-o'-lanterns, make fighting masks, Halloween cats, spider webs, bats, and more. Build skeletons, play gruesome games, and read scary poems aloud.

**Camp Field Branch**, October 29, 30, 4:00 p.m.

**Choice Game Night: Education (Camp Field)**

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.

**Camp Field Branch**, Thursday, October 30, 5:00 p.m.

**Dwight Branch  
7 New Park Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106**

**For information on Dwight Branch programs, call 860.695.7460**

**Fall Story time: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 3 and 5. Enjoy the fall season with music and stories. Groups please register in advance 860-695-7462.

**Dwight Branch**, Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:00 a.m.

**WordPlay: Early Literacy (Dwight)**

Ages 2 and 5. This 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 each child.

**Dwight Branch**, Wednesdays, October 1, 15, and 29, 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, providing an opportunity to share special books, educational toys, finger plays and music. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child.

**Dwight Branch**, Mondays, October 6, 13 and 20, 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, October 8, 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, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 3:00 p.m.

**Gathering for Games: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages 6-11. School's Out! Meet up with your friends at the Coziest 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, October 3, 10, 17, and 24, 3:00 p.m.

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

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.

**Dwight Branch**, Wednesday, October 29, 5:00 p.m.

**Halloween Costume Craze: Arts and Entertainment (Dwight)**

Ages birth to 14 year old. Stop by the Dwight Branch Library in your Halloween costume and get some sweet treats.

**Dwight Branch**, Friday, October 31, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

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

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

**WORDPLAY: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

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

**Goodwin Branch.** Thursday, Oct. 9, 23 10:00 a.m.

**NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. Discover prehistoric traces of life. Create a modern-day replica to take home.

**Goodwin Branch,** Wednesday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Goodwin Branch.** Tuesday, Oct. 8 and 22, 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

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

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**Goodwin Branch.** Wednesdays, October 15 and 29, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

**MAGAZINE MONTH: Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 6 and up. October is National Children's Magazine month. Enjoy exploring and discussing your favorite magazines!

**Goodwin Branch.** Tuesday, October 21, 3:45 p.m.

**MUSICAL BOOKS: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 5-7. Play a version of the classic old time favorite, 'Musical Chairs' and explore some exciting mystery books to read for the Fall!

**Goodwin Branch.** Tuesday, October 21, 4:00 p.m.

**TURN A LEAF: Education (Goodwin)**

Ages 7 and up. Leaves turn colors and become more interesting in the fall. Explore a variety of leaves, learn the trees they come from, share *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make leaf creatures.

**Goodwin Branch.** Wednesday, Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m.

**LET THE WILD RUMPUS START: Early Literacy (Goodwin)**

Ages 3-5 with adult friends. On the night Max wore his wolf suit, he made mischief of one kind and another. Set sail for the land of wild things and have a wild rumpus of a time. Individuals welcome. Groups please register in advance by calling 860-695-7480.

**Goodwin Branch**, Wednesday, October 22, 10:00 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.**



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

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

**Los Cuentos: Literacy (Mark 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, October 1, 8, 15, 4:00 p.m.

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

Ages 14 and up. Calling all manga fans! Choose a manga name and join us for dramatic readings, conversation and fun activities while exploring Asian languages and cultures. Follow us on Instagram at @Hartford Otaku.

**Mark Twain Branch**, Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 3:00 p.m.

**Voices: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Join our teen book club to share favorite books and connect with other book lovers. This month we are delighted to welcome award-winning Connecticut teen author, Odia Kane! Ms. Kane will share her writing process and her experience as a published author.

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

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

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

**Mark Twain Branch**, Mondays, October 6, 20, 27, 3:00 p.m.

**Choice Game Night: Education (Mark 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, October 6, 5:00 p.m.

**Minute Mysteries: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Join us for a fun, spirited book talk featuring marvelous mysteries. Each week, solve a library mystery for a chance to win a spooktacular prize!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**Sew Electric: Technology (Mark Twain)**

Ages 14 and up. Join us as we kick off Teen Read Week with an illuminating program about innovations in e-textiles (the combination of fabric and electronics) and make your own LED Booklight Bookmark!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Monday, October 13, 3:00 p.m.

**Dem Bones: Literacy (Mark Twain)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us for a lively reading of Shake Dem Halloween Bones and create a spooky glow-in-the-dark door hanger!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, October 22, 4:00 p.m.

**String Pumpkins: Arts & Entertainment (Mark Twain)**

Ages 8 and up. Join us as we create magical pumpkins from yarn!

**Mark Twain Branch**, Wednesday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

**Park Branch**, Monday-Friday, October 1-31, 3:00 p.m.

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

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

**Park Branch**, Wednesday, October 1, 15, 29, 3:45 p.m.

**Not So Scary: Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 5 and up. Let's enjoy some not-so-scary stories with a treat.

**Park Branch**, Thursdays, October 2 -30, 3:45 p.m.

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

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

**Park Branch**, Friday, October 3, 24, 3:30 p.m.

**Got To Get Out: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy doing seasonal paper mazes to stimulate your mind.

**Park Branch**, Monday, October 6, 3:45 p.m.

**Creepy Crawlers: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Enjoy exploring the world of spiders and make a craft.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, October 7, 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, October 8, 22, 4:00 p.m.

**Gotcha! Movie Madness: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Family. ARGHHH! If scary movies are something you're into, then this is the place to be. Join us for an out of this world experience as we explore the most mysterious movies the library has to offer. Snack will be provided.

**Park Branch**, Friday, October 10, 17, 3:45 p.m.

**Go Searching: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Enjoy completing seasonal word searches.

**Park Branch**, Monday, October 13, 3:45 p.m.

**“WordPlay”: Early Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 2 to 5. Parents/Childcare Providers. This innovative story time program mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve the school readiness skills and increase parent/caregiver engagement of English Language Learners (ELLs).

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, October 14, 21, 28, 10:00 a.m.

**Mr. Bone: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 6 and up. Explore the human body with puzzle, books, computer game, and craft.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, October 14, 3:45 p.m.

**Babytime , Toddlertime Or Preschool: Early Literacy (Park Branch)**

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

**Park Branch**, Thursday, October 16, 23, 30, 10:00 a.m.

**Jumble Up: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Concentrate and focus on unscrambling a variety of words this month.

**Park Branch**, Monday, October 20, 3:45 p.m.

**Magazine Month: Literacy (Park Branch)**

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**Park Branch**, Tuesday, October 21, 3:45 p.m.

**Choice Game Night: Education (Park Branch)**

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**Park Branch**, Thursday, October 23, 5:00 p.m.

**Puzzlemania: Education (Park Branch)**

Ages 8 and up. Word puzzles, picture puzzles -- it’s puzzlemania!

**Park Branch**, Monday, October 27, 3:45 p.m.

**Orange Galore: Literacy (Park Branch)**

Ages 7 and up. Listen to pumpkin stories and make some unusually beautiful pumpkins craft to celebrate the fall season.

**Park Branch**, Tuesday, October 28, 3:45 p.m.

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

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**CHOICE GAME NIGHT: Entertainment (Ropkins)**

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**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, October 1, 5:00 p.m.

**LITTLE TYPISTS: Technology (Ropkins)**

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.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, October 7, 4:30 p.m.

**TURN A LEAF: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 7 and up. Leaves turn colors and become more interesting in the fall. Explore a variety of leaves, learn the trees they come from, share *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert and make leaf creatures.

**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, October 14, 4:30 p.m.

**NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 6 and up. Discover prehistoric traces of life. Create a modern-day replica to take home.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, October 16, 4:30 p.m.

**RANGOLI IN DIPAWALI: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 5 and up. Join us to celebrate the great Indian and Nepali festival! Enjoy story crafts and make nice Rangoli.

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday October 22, 4.30 p.m.

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

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

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, October 6 and 20, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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

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**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, October 14 and 28, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**MUSICAL BOOKS: Early Literacy (Ropkins)**

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**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, October 23, 4:30 p.m.

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**Ropkins Branch**, Tuesday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**SEW ELECTRIC: Technology (Ropkins)**

Ages 14 and up. Join us as we kick off Teen Read Week with an illuminating program about innovations in e-textiles (the combination of fabric and electronics) and make your own LED Booklight Bookmark!

**Ropkins Branch**, Monday, October 13, 4:00 p.m..

**COSMETOLOGY MONTH: Education (Ropkins)**

Ages 10 and up. Explore your passion for makeup and beauty and be on your way to a lucrative career in the beauty industry. Come and get beautiful at the library!

**Ropkins Branch**, Wednesday, October 15, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.