MITCHELL LIBRARY

FACT SHEET

2015-2016

Address: 37 Harrison Street
Phone: 203-946-8117
Website: http://nhfpl.org/locations-hours/mitchell-branch/
Branch Manager: Sharon Lovett-Graff
Outreach Librarian: Soma Mitra
Library Technical Assistants: Lore Lichtenberg
Hours: Mon 12-8| **Tue CLOSED** | Wed 10-6 | Thu 10-6 | **Fri CLOSED** | Sat 10-5
Square Footage: 14,027
Public Computer Stations: 20
Date Opened: 1966; Last Renovated in 2002

The **Donald G. Mitchell Memorial Library** was founded in 1910, adopted into the New Haven Free Public Library System in 1922, and opened in its current facility in 1966. Situated on the edge of Beecher Park, Mitchell Library has become a cornerstone of the Westville, West Hills and Beaver Hills neighborhoods. Residents frequent the library to attend community meetings, borrow the latest bestsellers, conduct research, or take advantage of the library's free Wi-Fi. Mitchell Library offers a variety of programs for children such as Stay and Play Story Hour, a LEGO-building club after school, and special school vacation week events for older children. For adults and seniors, Mitchell Library offers a variety of topical speakers, author talks and film screenings. Volunteers abound, sharing their skills and talents, including gardening, art exhibits, knitting club, tutoring and English classes for new immigrants. Former President of the Friends of Edgewood Park and board member of the Westville Renaissance Neighborhood Alliance, Branch Manager, Sharon Lovett-Graff currently serves on the Westville-West Hills Management Team.

Community Partners: Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven, Long Wharf Theater, Westville Village Renaissance Alliance, Blockwatch 303, Westville/West Hills Community Management Team, Chapel Haven, Community Action Agency, New Haven Department of Parks Recreations and Trees, New Haven Food Policy Council, HomeHaven

School Cluster: Common Ground High School, Edgewood School, L.W. Beecher Museum School, Mauro-Sheridan School, Davis Street School, West Rock Author's Academy, Westville Community Nursery School, St. Aeden's St Brendan's School, Blake Street Early Childhood Center, Brennan Rogers School of Communications & Media

INSTITUTIONAL METRICS

FY2014-15

Library Cardholders	5,244	↓
User Visits	57,929	↓
Circulation	70,635	↑
Youth Programs	167	↑
Computer Sessions	11,991	↓

COMMUNITY INDICATORS	Westville (Pop=7,995)	Amity (Pop=4,426)	Beaver Hills (Pop=5,609)	Edgewood (Pop=4,474)	West Rock (Pop=3,838	City of New Haven (Pop=129,779)
Population 5-17 years of age	13%	18%	21%	17%	7%	16%
African-American/Black Population	24%	57%	63%	55%	30%	33%
Single Parent Mothers with one or more people under 18 years	13%	35%	33%	36%	41%	30%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	50%	56%	58%	82%	88%	70%
No High School Diploma	6%	18%	18%	22%	24%	19%
Non-English Home Language; Speak English less than very well	5%	7%	9%	11%	8%	13%
Unemployment Rate	3%	12%	11%	16%	11%	11%
Household Income <$25K	17%	30%	28%	32%	65%	35%
Income below 100% of poverty level	14%	23%	25%	19%	28%	25%
Child Poverty Rate	5%	24%	21%	24%	56%	33%

Source: DataHaven 2012