



WILLIS K. STETSON LIBRARY

FACT SHEET

2015-2016



Address: 200 Dixwell Avenue
Phone: 203-946-8119
Website: <http://nhfpl.org/locations-hours/stetson-branch/>
Branch Manager: Diane Brown
Library Assistant: Rhonda Taylor
Library Technical Assistant: Rory Martorana
Hours: Mon 10-6 | Tue 10-6 | Wed 12-8 | Thu CLOSED | Fri CLOSED | Sat 10-5
Square Footage: 7,560
Public Computer Stations: 20
Date Opened: Dixwell Avenue Branch (forerunner) 1917; Stetson, 1941; new location 1968

The **Stetson Library** is the go-to “Cultural Arts Space” for programs and events resonating with the predominantly African-American community of Stetson’s service area. Stetson Library is envisioned as a cornerstone of the Q House revival. The Stetson Branch Manager serves on the Mayoral Q House planning committee.

Throughout the year, Stetson partners with local organizations to bring social services to local residents and serves as the hub of philanthropic initiatives such as distribution of winter coats and handmade goods for children. Among its continuing programs Stetson focuses on healthy lifestyles, youth development, mentoring and programming for teens at risk. It also features training, job information and adult programming, including two women’s book clubs of long-standing. During the summer, Stetson plays a critical role as host to youth camps.



Community Partners: Kidz Kook, Africa is Me, SPORT Academy, Performing Our History, Hill Health Center, ConnCAT, Girl Scouts, Village of Power, International Festival of Arts & Ideas, Long Wharf Theater, TLC Daycare, HYTE Tennis, Elephant In The Room and Teen Challenge.
School Cluster: Wexler/Grant Community School, Lincoln-Bassett, King/Robinson Magnet School, James Hillhouse High School and Common Ground High School

INSTITUTIONAL METRICS

FY2014-15

Library Cardholders	2,614	↓
User Visits	37,225	↑
Circulation	8,632	↓
Youth Programs	273	↑
Computer Sessions	9,472	↑

Community Indicators	Dixwell (Pop=5,169)	Newhallville (Pop=6,873)	City of New Haven (Pop=129,779)
Population 5-17 years of age	15%	22%	16%
African-American/Black Population	68%	85%	33%
Single Parent Mothers with one or more people under 18 years	42%	41%	30%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	78%	70%	70%
No High School Diploma	29%	30%	19%
Non-English Home Language; Speak English less than very well	3%	9%	13%
Unemployment Rate	22%	21%	11%
Household Income <\$25K	45%	44%	35%
Income below 100% of poverty level	29%	26%	25%
Child Poverty Rate	35%	28%	33%

Source:
DataHaven 2012