

## COURTLAND S. WILSON LIBRARY

### FACT SHEET

2015-2016

**Address:** 303 Washington Avenue

**Phone:** 203-946-2228

**Website:** <http://nhfpl.org/locations-hours/wilson-branch/>

**Branch Manager:** John Jessen

**Librarian:** Marian Huggins

**Library Technical Assistant:** Karina Gonzalez

**Library Assistant:** Connie Dobbs

**Hours:** Mon CLOSED | Tue 12-8 | Wed 10-6

Thu 10-6 | Fri CLOSED | Sat 10-5

**Square Footage:** 20,000

**Public Computer Stations:** 27 plus 18 in computer lab

**Date Opened:** 2006

The **Courtland S. Wilson Library** opened in 2006. With the largest footprint among the NHFPL branches, Wilson is a beacon of opportunity and life-long learning in the “Hill.” Originally open for 39 hours a week and staffed by 5 full-time employees, it fell victim to budget cuts during the economic downturn and now offers access to the public for only 31 hours during the week with a crew of 3 dedicated staff. Despite these limitations, Wilson attracted an estimated 107,000 users in FY15, second only to Ives. Wilson serves family literacy with daily homework help and monthly bulk book delivery to school teachers. Youth chess, LEGO clubs, and a newly formed Minecraft computer club meet weekly. Many community groups convene in Wilson’s 7 meeting rooms of various capacities including fitness classes, non-profit gatherings, and state and local government organizations. The Computer Lab hosts groups and offers computer instruction including digital literacy classes in Spanish and weekly free tax preparation during tax season. The Branch Manager serves on the Board of the New Haven Ecology Project and Helping Our Youth Achieve – a new organization specializing in helping at risk children realize their full potential.

**Community Partners:** Boy Scouts Troop 4288, Boys & Girls Club, Break-thru, Cast Management Group, Chang Inc., Chat & Chew, C. Scott Hill Health Center, CT Mental Health Center, CT Anime Club, Guns Down/Books Up, Hill Community Management Teams, Hill Museum of Arts, Hill Youth Action Committee, Helping Our Youth Achieve, IFAI, LEAP, Long Wharf Theatre, Harvard Match Project, MOMS, Music Haven, New Haven Land Trust, Pardon Me, Party for Socialism and Liberation, VITA, Woman I AM, Youth Day Project

**School Cluster:** Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School, Clemente Leadership Academy, Engineering and Science University Magnet School, High School in the Community, Hill Central Music Academy, Hope Child Development Center Preschool, John C. Daniels School, LULAC Preschool, New Horizons High School, Sound School, St. Martin De Porres, and Truman School

#### INSTITUTIONAL METRICS

FY2014-15

<b>Library Cardholders</b>	4,059	↓
<b>User Visits</b>	107,073	↓
<b>Circulation</b>	33,674	↑
<b>Youth Programs</b>	209	↑
<b>Computer Sessions</b>	14,938	↓



Community Indicators	Hill (Pop=16,016)	City of New Haven (Pop=129,779)
Population 5-17 years of age	22%	16%
Hispanic Population	51%	27%
Single Parent Mothers with one or more people under 18 years	41%	30%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	77%	70%
No High School Diploma	33%	19%
Non-English Home Language; Speak English less than very well	24%	13%
Unemployment Rate	19%	11%
Household Income <\$25K	48%	35%
Income below 100% of poverty level	41%	25%
Child Poverty Rate	53%	33%

Source: DataHaven 2012