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Celebrate New Haven: A Collaborative City-Wide Photo Collage **With the New Haven Free Public Library and Local Artist Rashmi**

Join us at a workshop to help create the photo collage!

WHAT: **Photo Collage Library Workshops for *Celebrate New Haven: A Collaborative City-Wide Photo Collage***
The New Haven Free Public Library and local artist Rashmi are teaming up for Celebrate New Haven: A Collaborative City-Wide Photo Collage, a community art project open to the public that will be created and on display at all five library locations.

WHEN: January 18, 2017 – April 26, 2017

WHERE: All New Haven Free Public Library locations.

Opening January Schedule:

Ives Memorial Library 133 Elm Street	Tuesday, January 31, 6-7 pm
Fair Haven Library 182 Grande Avenue	Thursday, January 19, 6:30-7:30 pm Saturday, January 28, 11 am-12 pm
Mitchell Library 37 Harrison Street	Saturday, January 21, 11 am-12 pm Wednesday, January 25, 4-5 pm
Stetson Library 200 Dixwell Avenue	Wednesday, January 18, 6:30-7:30 pm Saturday, January 21, 2-3 pm
Wilson Library 303 Washington Avenue	Tuesday, January 24, 6:30-7:30 pm Saturday, January 28, 3-4 pm

From January through April, all five NHFPL locations will hold collage workshops where participants are able to select and cut photos, and collectively build the collage. Workshops are open to all ages and abilities. Each collage will be a collaborative effort between residents, the Library, and Rashmi, all working together to highlight New Haven's rich cultural community and history!

Community members are also invited to submit photos of New Haven for inclusion in the collage. For more information visit www.nhfpl.org/celebratenewhaven.

Celebrate New Haven is generously supported by a Public Art Community Grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts.

About Rashmi

Rashmi is a professional artist with a fine arts degree from Bombay, India with additional specialization in photography and ceramics. She has explored the world through her photo collages, ink drawings and paper sculptures. Her work has been exhibited and has been purchased by private collectors in USA, India, Europe, and the Middle East.

Since immigrating to Connecticut in 1991, Rashmi has involved herself in the local art community and has exhibited her paintings, drawings, collages and installations in the New Haven and Hartford area as well as in New York. She has given lectures about her work statewide and in major corporate settings and organizations, including GE Financial and the New Britain Museum of American Art, with three of her collages in their permanent collection. Rashmi has received a visual arts fellowship from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, and grants from the CT Office of the Arts Regional Grant Initiative program through the Arts Council of Greater New Haven as well as the current grant from the CT Office of the Arts Public Art Community Projects program.

She has served as the director for City-Wide Open Studios and is currently part of the Visual Arts Committee at Artspace, New Haven and the Visual Arts Advisory Group at the Arts Council of New Haven.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 620,000 library patrons through its doors each year. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the ReadMobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson.

The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.

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