

Mitchell Library FACT SHEET

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, the Branch Manager currently serves on the Westville Renaissance Neighborhood Alliance.



INSTITUTIONAL METRICS FY2015-16

Library Cardholders	5,371	↑
User Visits	61, 185	↑
Circulation	71, 038	↑
Youth Programs	209	↑
Computer Sessions	10, 513	↓

Address: 37 Harrison Street
Phone: 203-946-8117
Branch Manager: Sharon Lovett-Graff
Outreach Librarian: Soma Mitra
Library Technical Assistants:
 Jessica Fumiatti and Haley Grunloh



HOURS

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
12-8	12-6	10-6	10-6	X	10-5	X

Square Footage: 14,027
Public Computer Stations: 20
Date Opened: 1966; Last Renovated in 2002



Community Partners: Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven, Long Wharf Theatre, 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, 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.

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	17%	19%	25%	20%	7%	16%
African-American/Black Population	28%	57%	67%	58%	31%	34%
Single Parent Mothers with one or more people under 18 years	10%	25%	41%	31%	19%	25%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	50%	51%	56%	76%	84%	71%
No High School Diploma	6%	20%	15%	16%	13%	18%
Non-English Home Language; Speak English less than very well	6%	7%	3%	6%	3%	12%
Unemployment Rate	7%	14%	21%	14%	15%	14%
Household Income <\$25K	22%	30%	32%	33%	43%	36%
Income below 100% of poverty level	8%	23%	21%	21%	34%	26%
Child Poverty Rate	2%	30%	40%	19%	50%	37%

Source: DataHaven 2012