

Wilson Library FACT SHEET

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.” 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.

Address: 303 Washington Avenue
Phone: 203-946-2228

Branch Manager: John Jessen
Outreach Librarian: Marian Huggins
LTA: Karina Gonzalez
Library Assistant: Bill Beckett

HOURS

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

Square Footage: 20,000
Public Computer Stations: 47
Date Opened: 2006

Community Indicators	Hill (Pop=16,016)	City of New Haven (Pop=129,779)
Population 5-17 years of age	20%	16%
Hispanic Population	45%	26%
Single Parent Mothers with one or more people under 18 years	31%	25%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	78%	71%
No High School Diploma	32%	18%
Non-English Home Language; Speak English less than very well	19%	12%
Unemployment Rate	22%	14%
Household Income <\$25K	50%	26%
Income below 100% of poverty level	43%	26%
Child Poverty Rate	61%	37%

Source: DataHaven 2012

INSTITUTIONAL METRICS FY2015-16

Library Cardholders	4,364	↓
User Visits	71, 850	↓
Circulation	45, 943	↑
Youth Programs	221	↑
Computer Sessions	12, 821	↓

Community Partners: Boy Scouts Troop 4288, Boys & Girls Club, Breakthru, 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, and more

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

