



The New Haven Free Public Library's Young Minds & Family Learning department offers consistent, ongoing programs designed to follow children throughout their growth, offering supplemental learning, literacy skills, and positive youth development.

**TOTS**  
(0-3)



**Stay and Play**

This daily, ongoing program offers story time, songs with Music Together, and playtime - all providing early literacy skills, and community engagement for parents. **950+ attendees monthly, all branches**

**Special Saturday Programming**

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**The MOMs' Partnership**

A weekly delivery of services to support the well-being of mothers and families. **Ives Main Library**

**PRESCHOOLERS**  
(3-5)



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**Evening Story Hour and Crafts**

A monthly program geared towards families who work fulltime and cannot attend daytime library programs. **20 attendees, Mitchell Library**

**AWE Literacy Workstations**

Computer stations pre-loaded with games targeting early childhood literacy development and education. **All branches**

**NHFPL Readmobile Visits**

Our NHFPL Readmobile travels around New Haven making stops at pre-schools and day care centers, providing books and story times.

**GRADESCHOOLERS**  
(5-12)



**Class Visits**

All library branches host drop-in classes from New Haven Public Schools in their respective neighborhoods. **100+ attendees weekly, all branches**

**Africa Is Me**

Hanan Hameen facilitates a reoccurring program where families learn the origins of African culture through arts, music, stories, and history lessons. **50+ attendees, Stetson Library**

**Kidz Kook**

Tenille Murphey facilitates a weekly program for ages 5 - 13 where children learn to cook healthy meals while learning kitchen safety skills. **20+ attendees, Stetson Library**

**Chess Club**

Weekly program where children ages 6 - 16 develop critical thinking and problem solving skills via chess mentorship. **All branches**

**Lego Club**

Weekly program for children ages 5 and over to develop communication and spatial awareness. **All branches**

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
(12-18)



**Teen Center**

The newly-renovated Teen Center is the hub for all teens, offering programming and clubs such as Controversy Corner, Gaming Club, and various tech courses such as Coder Dojo (a curriculum-based coding course taught by Yale undergrads) - all aimed towards specializing existing interests, promoting continued education, and creating community. **Ives Main Library**

**Tutoring Sessions**

Free one-on-one tutoring sessions are available by appointment at all branches to assist students in specific subjects by either staff or Yale graduate students. **All branches**

**Photography Workshops**

Sponsored by ARTE, Inc., this after school program offers teens the opportunity to learn photography with donated cameras! **Beginning November 2016, Fair Haven**

**3D Printing, Math, and Spatial Skills**

Our traveling 3D printer donated by Alexion visits all branches for programs that develop spatial skills using the TinkerCAD geometry-based software. **10-15 per program, all branches**

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The New Haven Free Public Library's Young Minds & Family Learning department has paired with countless partners, offering programming to better the education of our community's youth and well-being.

Below are just a few of the organizations we have worked with to offer successful one-time or ongoing programming across the branches.

**City Wide Youth Coalition**

Meetings twice a month at our branches draw 20+ attendees to discuss youth leadership opportunities.

**Youth Continuum**

A non-profit dedicated to serving youth ages 12 - 24 who are homeless or in state care.

**MIT Launch Club**

An entrepreneurship club where teens create a start-up company addressing an educational challenge.

**Long Wharf Theatre**

This New Haven theatre partnership provides access to the dramatic arts and cultural events for free.

**Peabody Museum of Natural History**

In conjunction with our Museum Passes resource, the Peabody offers free admission to the Museum and events.

**Yale Math Department**

Yale University graduate students in the Mathematics Department tutor teens in math weekly.

**LEAP**

Annual partnership with an inner city youth group, serving over 80 youth per session.

**Community Foundation for Greater New Haven**

The Manager of Young Minds & Family Learning attends bi-monthly "Healthy Start" info sessions focused on reducing infant mortality rates.

**READY for the Grade**

This summer slide prevention literacy program launched in 2013 with support from the NewAlliance Foundation and other NHFPL friends.

**Yale Art Gallery**

Community craft art projects facilitated by Yale Art Gallery staff occurring periodically.

**International Festival of Arts & Ideas**

Annual partnership featuring pop-up festivals in the branch neighborhoods, a curated library microbranch, and Juneteenth celebration on the New Haven Green reaching thousands of festival-goers.

**...and many more!**

