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### ***NHFPL Announces Creative-in-Residence and Entrepreneur-in-Residence Appointments at Ives Squared for January – June 2019***

NEW HAVEN – The New Haven Free Public Library, an anchor institution of the Elm City Innovation Collaborative (ECIC), is excited to announce the new in-residence appointments in Ives Squared. Funded by the CTNext Innovation Places state grant awarded to ECIC, the Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) and Creative-in-Residence (CIR) will share their specialized skills through workshops and one-on-one office hours conducted at Ives Squared, situated in Ives Main Library, 133 Elm Street, beginning in mid-January through June 2019.

**Rick Callahan will serve as the Entrepreneur-in-Residence.** An entrepreneur dedicated to growth, Rick believes that empowering entrepreneurs can create positive change which will allow local communities to thrive. He started his first business in 2006 at the age of 22 in a sublet office within a manufacturing facility in Meriden, CT. Today, he is the founder and CEO of Krative – a branding, marketing, and design agency in the heart of downtown New Haven. He has been an invited speaker, panelist, and consultant at numerous business, branding, marketing, and design-related events, workshops, classes, board rooms, and conferences. Rick uses analytical and psychological insights to connect with business owners, change-makers, and entrepreneurs. He assists clients with strategically planning, designing, implementing creative solutions and more.

Rick will hold weekly office hours and create regular workshops in Ives Squared ranging from What is Brand Positioning? to Pitch your Biz! and Digital Marketing & Website Assessments.

**Jacquelyn Gleisner and Ryan Paxton will co-serve as the Creatives-in-Residence.** Jacquelyn is an artist, writer, and educator. She holds an MFA from the Cranbrook Academy of Art and a BFA with honors from Boston University. Her work as a visual artist has been exhibited throughout the United States and internationally in Italy, Finland, and Botswana. In 2010, Jacquelyn was awarded a Fulbright grant to Finland. In October 2015, she traveled to Botswana through an artist exchange as part of the Art in Embassies Program. Jacquelyn has been an active freelance arts writer and blogger since 2011. She currently works at the University of New Haven as a Practitioner in Residence.

**Ryan** holds a BFA from the University of Oregon, Eugene. As an artist, Ryan has exhibited his work at the Cue Foundation in New York, Fireproof Gallery, Brooklyn, and the Washington Art Association in Connecticut. In 2017, Ryan founded LensCloud, a 3D scanning business based in Brooklyn, New York. He is skilled in digital/ new media, woodworking, metalworking and ceramics. Ryan currently works as the Production Shop Manager at the Eli Whitney Workshop in Hamden where he designs and creates toys and educational projects for children and leads adult workshops on CNC design and fabrication.

Jacquelyn and Ryan will hold weekly office hours and will create programs like Woman in Technology; Design, Prototype, Production: Methods for Realizing an Idea; and New School Meets Old School: Technology and the Analog.

Stay tuned to [www.nhfpl.org/ives-squared](http://www.nhfpl.org/ives-squared) for more information.

**About the Ives Squared**

Ives Squared, the New Haven Free Public Library's newly renovated innovation space, includes a makerspace, a collaborative working space and a café – all designed for technological exploration, networking and interactive learning. Ives Squared is made possible with support from CTNext, the Elm City Innovation Collaborative, and the City of New Haven.

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**About the New Haven Free Public Library**

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 500,000 library users through its doors each year, realizing its mission of fostering lifelong learning, inspiring curiosity, and building community through shared access to resources, experiences, and opportunities for all. 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, Stetson and Wilson. Now and tomorrow, the New Haven Free Public Library will transform lives and contribute to creating a strong, resilient, and informed community where everyone can thrive. For more information, visit [nhfpl.org](http://nhfpl.org).

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