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### ***Creative Minds: The Art of New Haven Youth* | Work by New Haven Public School Students Opening at the Ives Gallery**



*Image: Rosanna Pansino, José Roque, 9th grade*

- WHAT:** ***Creative Minds: The Art of New Haven Youth***  
**Work by New Haven Public School Students**  
New Haven Public School students display their current work at the New Haven Free Public Library Ives Gallery.
- WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: March 23 – May 10, 2019  
Artist reception: **Monday, March 25, 5:30 - 7 PM**  
Gallery & Library Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm; Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday Closed
- WHERE:** Ives Gallery, New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT
- EVENT:** A free public artist reception Monday, March 25 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Ives Gallery.

**About the Exhibit:**

*Creative Minds: The Work of New Haven Youth* displays current work of high school students from across the New Haven Public School District. The selections featured in this exhibit are just a snapshot of the fantastic artwork being created in the Visual Arts programs throughout the New Haven Public Schools.

New Haven Public Schools proudly offer a cohesive, comprehensive, sequential Visual Arts curriculum developed and taught by over 70 art teachers. They view the arts as a rigorous subject area with its own content knowledge vital in developing educated citizens. The structure of the curriculum is based on the language of the visual arts, composed of

the elements of art and principles of design. Each unit is built around Responding to Art, Creating Art, and Making Connections. In Response to Art, students observe, describe, analyze, interpret, compare and contrast diverse art works which relate to the unit they will be studying. In Creating Art, teachers guide students in experimenting with art materials and techniques to create individual artworks. In Making Connections, the units of study integrate art into other subjects including Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. From their studies and guided by teachers, students think critically, learn the language of the visual arts and create artwork which reflects personal experience and imagination.

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### **About the Ives Gallery**

The Ives Gallery is proud to exhibit work that reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of greater New Haven's cultural community.

### **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.

The New Haven Free Public Library is a 2019 finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service given by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to their communities. For more information, visit [nhfpl.org](http://nhfpl.org).

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