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New Haven Free Public Library Celebrates <u>National Library Week!</u>
Bring back your overdue items and fines will be waived!



NEW HAVEN – City Librarian, Martha Brogan is pleased to announce the New Haven Free Public Library's celebration of National Library Week by inviting library patrons to return overdue materials in person to any library location and have their fines waived. The New Haven Free Public Library joins libraries nationwide in celebrating the transformative power of libraries across all sectors of society.

From April 11-21, return overdue books, CDs and DVDs **in person** to any NHFPL library location and fines will be forgiven. With your overdue fines waived, regain full access and borrowing privileges at the New Haven Free Public Library.

How it works:

- 1) Bring back your books, CDs and DVDs in person to any NHFPL library location and get your overdue fines waived!
- 2) If you lost an item, come talk to us we can work it out!
- 3) Need a library card? Free replacements with a photo ID and proof of address.
- 4) Questions? We're here for you! Call or visit any of our five locations:

Ives (Main) | 133 Elm Street | 203.946.8135

Fair Haven | 182 Grand Avenue | 203.946.8115

Mitchell | 37 Harrison Street | 203.946.8117

Stetson | 200 Dixwell Avenue | 203.946.8119

Wilson | 303 Washington Avenue | 203.946.2228

For more information, visit our website at http://nhfpl.org/we-can-work-it-out/.

"Libraries are an essential service offering lifelong learning opportunities to all who seek information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life," said Brogan. "By giving patrons a chance to return overdue materials and have their fines waived, we are welcoming them back to the library. Because libraries transform lives we want everyone to be able to benefit from everything NHFPL has to offer."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April as a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 620,000 library patrons through its doors each year. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, the 24/7 online services of our digital branch, the ReadMobile – bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson.

The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.

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