

In June 2018, the New Haven Free Public Library opened **Ives Squared**, a new space designed for adults (ages 18+) to explore, create, innovate and connect. Located in Ives Main Library at 133 Elm Street along the New Haven Green, Ives Squared strives to inspire and contribute to the vibrant civic and innovative culture of the New Haven community by sparking new ideas and spontaneous opportunities, learning new skills, and networking with mentors and peers. The space was developed using design thinking and with input from the New Haven community (as noted in the [Ives Innovation Commons on the Green report](#), posted on the NHFPL website).

As part of the launch Ives Squared, a Creative-In-Residence (as well as an Entrepreneur-In-Residence) appointment was created. The fourth wave of Entrepreneur-In-Residence and Creative-In-Residence appointments will run from February– June 2020.

The Creative-In-Residence (CIR) aims to connect local creatives, artists and makers with the New Haven community and especially library users. This program offers the opportunity for an individual to explore, create, innovate and connect through:

- Sharing skills and knowledge through workshops and classes
- Experimenting with a new idea in a public context
- Creating and implementing a collective community project

Ives Squared

Ives Squared includes:

The Tinker Lab:

The Tinker Lab provides the training and tools for experimentation and an introduction to the world of creating and making, an essential element of 21st century learning. The Tinker Lab is equipped with two MakerBot Replicator+ 3D printers, an Epilog Zing 60-Watt laser cutter, a Roland Cam GS vinyl cutter, a Carvey CNC, 3 PC and 3 Mac desktops loaded with Adobe Creative Suite, Fusion 360, Rhinoceros and Office 365. There is a common working table, a cutting table and seating throughout as well as a collection of the latest publications.

The Switchboard:

The Switchboard is the welcoming front door for individuals to connect their interests to opportunity, services, databases and resources inside and outside the Library.

The Exchange:

The Exchange offers an entrepreneurial and social space for collaboration and co-working around business, civic and community issues. Characterized by flexible, modular seating and tables, writeable and magnetic walls for brainstorming and areas for flexible technology use. The space includes tech-enabled teaching tools such as a Hovercam digital podium, SMARTboard, five PC and five Mac laptops as well as a host of the latest business publications.

Café in Ives Squared:

The café provides the setting for meaningful conversations in a warm and neighborly environment – and is available to library customers throughout the library opening hours – with varied seating options including seasonal outside patio tables overlooking the green. The menu includes baked goods, sandwiches and brewed beverages.

The Creative-In-Residence

About the Creative-In-Residence

The Creative In-Residence should be a person who has a passion for tinkering, creating and sharing. They are well versed in New Haven's creative resources and able to help program participants identify the resources available to them beyond the library walls. They will be an authority in their craft and have both a willingness and an ability to impart knowledge to others – encompassing both library customers and library staff. They will enjoy working with a diverse population and be able to effectively communicate and interact with the New Haven community – actively applying social networks to increase awareness of the CIR activities, Ives Squared and the library. They will work closely with the Ives Squared staff to provide patrons an experience that is distinctive and buzz-worthy -- making Ives Squared a destination for innovation and collaboration.

Compensation

If selected as the Creative-In-Residence, you will receive a stipend of \$2000 a month. Funds are also available for mutually-agreed-to materials to support the programs conducted by the CIR.

Eligibility

In order to be considered for the Creative In-Residence program, you must be able to meet these criteria*:

- Have demonstrated past experience as a maker or creative
- Be able to make a 5-month commitment
- Be present in the Ives Squared space at least three periods each week (minimum 2 hours/period). At least one period should be used for office hours and 3-4 periods per month should be used for a program event.
- Be able to incorporate the Tinker Lab equipment, including creative design software, into your work with the library – or provide a compelling case for new technology that could be shared with library staff and customers.
- Have the ability to transport any needed materials to and from the library
- Be consistent and punctual
- Be available during the library's regular hours of operation, including evenings and/or Saturdays contingent on the project and target audience
- Have outstanding customer service skills including experience working with a diverse community

**Terms are open to negotiation contingent on the applicant's background, skills, and project proposal*

Input from Library Users

Based on feedback from participants in past library maker programs and other existing maker resources available in the New Haven area, we anticipate that the participants in Ives Squared maker programs will have an interest in the following:

- Hands on learning: Users are eager jump right in and start tinkering with new technology or tools
- Practical applications: Users want to learn how a new technology, like a laser cutter, can help them in their business ventures or everyday lives
- One-on-one guidance: These users want the option to meet with an expert and receive personalized input in the development of their creative projects, guidance in overcoming specific challenges and identification of pitfalls to avoid in the future with their designs.

Timeline

December 1 - Applications due

February 1- June 30 - Creative-In-Residence: Spring/Summer

Application and Selection Process

Applications are reviewed by a panel of members from the New Haven Free Public Library and the New Haven community. Panelists will be recused from selection when they have a professional or personal relationship with the applicant that presents a conflict of interest.

During review of applications, panelists will consider the following:

- Relevant experience
- Creativity and feasibility of proposal
- Appropriateness of proposal for Ives Squared and public community
- Proposal reflects and acknowledges the diversity of the community and provides opportunity for community enrichment or engagement
- Quality and completeness of application

As a public institution of the City of New Haven, the New Haven Free Public Library and the panelists reserve the right to select individuals and proposals appropriate for public space that is open and accessible to all.

Submission

To apply to the Creative-In-Residence program, the following materials must be submitted.

1. Proposal form
2. Resume or C.V. for main applicant and any additional partners as appropriate
3. Contact information for at least three professional references

All submissions should be emailed to Gina Bingham, Manager of Ives Squared: gbingham@nhfpl.org