

February 2020

ADULT PROGRAMS

Featured Events

Democracy in America:

Conversations with New Haven Scholars

Join us for a second year of this series presented in partnership with Public Humanities at Yale. Monthly discussions will take place at Ives and Wilson.

Race and the New Right Wing Politics of Precarity

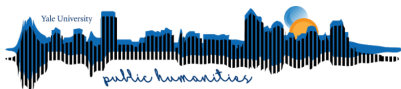
Tuesday, February 4, 6 pm | IVES

with Professors Daniel HoSang and Joe Lowndes

Global Food Challenges to Health and Environment

Tuesday, February 18, 6 pm | WILSON

with Professor John Wargo



Inklings: Wilson Writers Group

Led by Lucy Gellman of the Arts Paper

Tuesday, February 4, 6-8 pm | WILSON

This month's program will focus on themes the upcoming show *I am My Own Wife*. Join us for our monthly writing series to learn tools and techniques to take ownership over your story.



Show Me How Series

Learn about the New Haven Scholarship Fund: **FREE money for college!**

Saturday, February 8, 11 am | MITCHELL

The New Haven Scholarship Fund helps talented and motivated New Haven high school graduating seniors to break the cycle of limited opportunities. The scholarship can be used at any college or trade school. You do not need a specific GPA, award is based on family income. Please call to register: (203)946-8117 Breakfast be served. Parents are HIGHLY encouraged to attend with their students.

Eco-Yarn Tasting and Freeform Knitting

Monday, February 10, 6 pm | MITCHELL

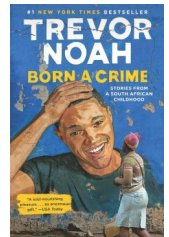
Come and meet some of the new planet-friendly yarns, discuss the green craft movement, and design your own reusable dishcloth. Beginning knit and/or crochet skills required. Bring size 7 or 8 knitting needles or size G, H or I crochet hook. Each student will take home one ball of eco-friendly yarn. Led by Marsha Borden an artist and maker who loves to reuse, remake, and relove the textiles in her life.

Fair Haven Book Club

Monday, February 10, 2 pm

FAIR HAVEN

Join the Book Club for an informal discussion of *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. The story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself. It is also the story of his relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.



Learn About Women's Bladder Health

Tuesday, February 11, 2 pm | MITCHELL

A conversation with Yale faculty member Leslie Rickey, MPH, MD, an associate professor of urology and obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences. Co-sponsored by HomeHaven.



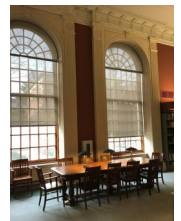
Introduction to the Local History Room

Wednesday, February 12

11:30 am-12:30 pm | IVES

Learn about our print and digital collections, and how to use the Library's online history and genealogy resources. Come with questions! Learn how to find what you are looking for.

Hour introduction includes tour, hands-on practice, and Q&A. Register at nhfpl.org/local-history



Caring for Caregivers:

"Let's Support One Another"

Wednesday, February 12, 6-7:30 pm

STETSON

Are you caring for a loved one? A child or an adult? Join us every second Wednesday. We are looking for suggestions, facilitators, and ways to make this program beneficial to the community. Please call Diane Brown at 203-946-8119.

Expressive Literature:

A Visual Memory Collage Book

Wednesday, February 12, 6-8 pm | STETSON

Come join us and make a collage book of your own! Led by author Deborah Hare, whose graphic novel *Mixed Messages* chronicles the history of Deborah's slave ancestry. Her discussion and workshop seeks to inspire other to document their own histories. Open to ages 13+.

Featured Events (Continued)

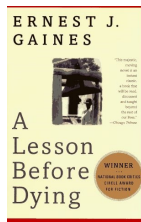
**Poetry Reading by Shulamith Chernoff
Wednesday, February 19, 1 pm | MITCHELL**

Shulamith Chernoff's second collection of poetry, *Solace*, maps what lodges in the heart with authority born of first hand knowledge. Chernoff was born in Brooklyn and studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary, as well as Columbia University. She led a distinguished career as an Associate Professor at Southern Connecticut State University. Co-sponsored by HomeHaven. For more information contact (203) 776-7378.



**Urban Life Experience Book Discussion Series
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines
Saturday, February 22, 12 pm | WILSON**

This novel accounts the story of Jefferson, a falsely accused young black man on death row in rural Louisiana in the late 1940s. To everyone, he's an animal, too dumb to understand what is happening. But his godmother decides that he will die a man and strong-arms the plantation's school teacher into visiting Jefferson. Committing both men to the painful task of self-discovery.



Body and Soul

Tuesday, January 28, 6-8 pm | WILSON

Body and Soul are monthly programs facilitated presentations and conversations on how to be healthier versions of ourselves with local experts and community members. This month's topic is exercise and activity. Free Dinner will be provided at each monthly program!

Stress Management Workshop

Saturday February 22, 12-4 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Learn techniques for managing stress with Monarch Therapeutic Services.

Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association

Wednesday, February 26, 6-8 pm | STETSON

The GNHBPA will host Yale Chief of Police, Ronnell Higgins, to discuss the shooting involving Yale PD and Hamden PD.

Need Help Writing?

**Tuesdays, 1-3 pm or Wednesdays, 5-7 pm
IVES**

Call (203) 946-7001 for an appointment. Need help writing letters for family, work, or personal business? Invitations, emails or more? Meet one-on-one with one of our volunteers for help.

Film Screenings & Discussions

Friday Movie Matinees

Celebrating Black History Month at Ives!

Fridays in January, 2-4 pm | IVES

February 7 | *Green Book*

February 14 | *Do the Right Thing*

February 21 | *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

February 28 | *BLACKKLANSMAN*



Film Screenings with Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) and by Project

Longevity

Reconstruction: America After the Civil War (Part 3)

**Monday, February 3, 5:30 pm
MITCHELL**

Reconstruction: America After the Civil War (Part 4)

Saturday, February 8, 2 pm FAIR HAVEN

Saturday, February 22, 2 pm | WILSON

The series explores the transformative years following the American Civil War, when the nation struggled to rebuild itself. The Reconstruction era witnessed a seismic shift in the meaning and makeup of our democracy, with millions of former slaves and free black people seeking out their rightful place as equal citizens under the law.



Glance at the World Through Film

11 Flowers (China)

Saturday, February 15, 2pm | MITCHELL

11-year-old Wang lives with his family in a remote village in China. Life is tough, but they make the most of what little they have. (Chinese with English subtitles)

Film Screening and Discussion with Writer/Director Stephen Dest



I AM SHAKESPEARE: The Henry Green Story

Saturday, February 22, 2 pm | MITCHELL

Dest's documentary chronicles the true life story of 19 year old, Henry Green, living a dual life as a brilliant young actor and inner-city gang member, who was brutally shot and left for dead shortly after his inspiring performance in *Romeo & Juliet*. It follows Green's remarkable recovery and the intestinal transplant that saved his life. Stephen Dest was the recipient of the 2012 "Artist of the Year" (Filmmaker) awarded by the Arts Council of Greater New Haven. He is founder/head of the Drama Department at Neighborhood Music School, and a professor of Film Studies at University of Connecticut. Co-sponsored by The Westville Village Renaissance Alliance.