

# August 2021

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Featured Adult Programs

#### "Olympic Flix" - Celebrate with new perspectives on the Olympics at Ives

Celebrate the 2021 Olympics with a free docuseries program at Ives Main Library! All showings will happen in person at the library.

#### Winning

**Monday, August 2, 2-4 pm | IVES** [Register](#)

#### Rising from Ashes

**Wednesday, August 4, 2-4 pm | IVES** [Register](#)

#### Last Woman Standing

**Friday, August 6m 2-4 pm | IVES** [Register](#)

### Summer Concert Series and Hi-Fi Pie Fest

**Mondays, August 2 and August 9, 6:30 pm**

#### MITCHELL

Join us for a weekly concert series in Beecher Park paired with a pie baking contest! Listen to music by Carlos Y Su Momento Musical on August 2 and Rocky Lawrence on August 9. [Visit for more information.](#) Co-sponsored by NHFPL and the Westville Village Renaissance Alliance.

### Civic Space Sessions

**Tuesday, August 3, 6-8 pm | WILSON**

The Civic Space is a public forum for residents to share ideas about building resiliency and imagining recovery and reconciliation for the City of New Haven through the American Rescue Plan Dollars. Visit the [Civic Space website](#) for more information.



### Ives In Motion Exercise Series

Looking for ways to be more active? Join us for free fitness classes here at the library!

#### "Fresh Air Flow" with Yoga In Our City!

**Wednesdays, 6:30 pm | IVES**

Relax and unwind with an hour of yoga every Wednesday on our scenic patio, brought to you by Yoga In Our City! YIOC is building stronger, more compassionate communities with a deep understanding of the natural connections between yoga philosophy and social justice. *Registration required. Space is limited.*

**August 4** [Register](#)

**August 18** [Register](#)

**August 11** [Register](#)

**August 25** [Register](#)



### Sweat It Out Saturdays

**Saturdays, 11 am | IVES**

Get your sweat on at patio fitness classes every Saturday with group fitness instructor Joy Elise Hutson! *Registration and waiver (provided at sign in) required. Space is limited.*

**August 7** [Register](#)

**August 21** [Register](#)

**August 14** [Register](#)

**August 28** [Register](#)

### Books Sandwiched In Series

Join us on Thursdays for fascinating virtual book talks you can digest over lunch!

#### Michael Brenes - *For Might or Right: Cold War Defense Spending and the Remaking of American Democracy*

**Thursday, August 5, 12 pm**

How did the global Cold War influence American politics at home? *For Might and Right* traces the story of how Cold War defense spending remade participatory politics, producing a powerful and dynamic political coalition that reached across party lines. Michael Brenes is the Associate Director of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy and Lecturer in History at Yale University. Co-sponsored by the New Haven Peace Commission. [Register](#)

#### Prof. Lewis Gordon - *Freedom, Justice, and Decolonization*

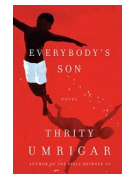
**Thursday, August 19, 12 pm**

The eminent scholar Lewis R. Gordon offers a probing meditation on *Freedom, Justice, and Decolonization*. What is there to be understood and done when it is evident that the search for justice is an insufficient approach for the achievements of dignity, freedom, liberation, and revolution? Co-sponsored by New Haven Peoples Center [Register](#)

### Urban Life Experience Book Discussion

**Saturday, August 7, 12-1:30 pm | WILSON**

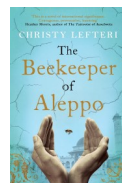
Our first book discussion in person in more than a year! Join us for a discussion of *Everybody's Son* by Thrity Umrigar. A supposedly abandoned Black boy is adopted by a rich and powerful white family.



### Mitchell Monday Afternoon Book Club

**Monday, August 9, 1-2 pm | MITCHELL**

This month we will be discussing *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. The unforgettable love story of a mother blinded by loss and her husband who insists on their survival as they undertake the Syrian refugee trail to Europe.



### **Adult Programs Continued**

#### **Wilson Tuesday Night Movies**

Join patrons of the Wilson Branch and Hill community for a new, bi-monthly film series. Screenings will take place in the lower-level atrium. Social distancing and masks are required. Space is limited.

#### **Love Beats Rhymes**

**Tuesday, August 10, 6-7:45 pm | WILSON**

#### **Unsung Heroes: The Music of Jazz in New Haven**

**Tuesday, August 24, 6-7:30 pm | WILSON**

#### **New Haven Docs**

**August 11-14 | IVES**

NHFPL will host the 8th Annual New Haven Documentary Film Festival for four days of award-winning documentary films. These four days and evenings will include live film screenings, filmmaker question and answer sessions, and world premieres. For more information and the coming schedule of film screenings, visit: [www.nhdocs.com](http://www.nhdocs.com).



#### **Beginner Ukulele Class**

**Tuesday, August 17, 4-5:30 pm | WILSON**

Join us at the Wilson Branch for beginner ukulele classes! No experience or instrument needed. Instruments limited to max of 4 participants per 30 min session. 3 sessions: 4-4:30, 4:30-5, 5-5:30. First come, first serve. No registration required. Instruments donated by Hungry for Music.

#### **Common Ground Mobile Market**

**Wednesday, August 18, 3-5 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

**Thursday, August 19, 6:30-7:30 pm | WILSON**

Student volunteers from Common Ground School will sell food harvested from their urban farm set-up at Washington Ave and Daggett St. Pay with SNAP, farmers market checks, cash, or credit.



#### **City Drumming**

**Thursdays, August 19 and 26, 6:30-7:30 pm | IVES**

Thursdays this August, Mark Zarrillo, local percussionist, will be here at the library to foster a drumming experience for everyone. You do not have to be a musician or have specific drumming technique. All you need is yourself.

#### **Dinosaurs at the Peabody**

**Wednesday, August 25, 12:30 pm**

Join Working Women's Network, The Peabody, and NHFPL for a behind-the-scenes tour to see where fossilized bones from well-known dinosaurs like Brontosaurus, Apatosaurus, Camarasaurus and

Stegosaurus are stored. Your guide will be Armand Morgan who will share specimens from recent field collecting expeditions to Arizona, the largest dinosaur bones in the collection, and some extremely rare Connecticut dinosaur fossils. [Join via Zoom](#)

#### **Elm City Writers - Workshop for Intermediate Creative Writers**

**Thursday, August 26, 2-3:30 pm | WILSON**

Adults are welcome to join a workshop where writers can read and ask for criticism of their projects. The workshop will be taking place in the computer lab.

#### **Platform to Employment Information session**

**Thursday, August 26, 6:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Not all job seekers have the same needs or face the same barriers. Platform to Employment (P2E) is a nationally recognized solution, helping the long-term unemployed get back to work. Join Ben Bissell of P2E to learn more about their program.

#### **July Joint Library Book Chat**

**Thursday, August 26, 7-8 pm**

Join New Haven Free Public Library and Prospect Public Library patrons as we discuss bildungsroman novels. Bildungsroman stories are coming of age tales which are popular within both young adult and adult fiction collections. Select any bildungsroman novel to read and join a friendly group of people for a great conversation. [Join via Zoom](#)

#### **English Conversation Club**

**Wednesdays, 4-6 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Practice speaking English in a casual group setting with our wonderful tutor! Learn to improve your pronunciation, listening and speaking skills in an informal, fun setting. FREE. No registration required. Families welcome.

#### **Ives Squared**

##### **"Make to Sell" Cohort**

**Applications Due August 31**

"Make to Sell" is a new endeavor created to help individuals who have an idea for an online business turn that idea into reality. Members of this cohort will use our onsite makerspace to design merchandise, make prototypes, and create marketing materials, then build their businesses by taking coursework, participating in mentoring office hours, and accessing the free digital resources available at the library. [Learn more and apply!](#)

