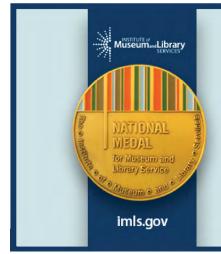
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The New Haven Free Public Library is a...



2019 WINNER National Medal for Museum & Library Service



New Haven Free Public Library at the National Medal for Museum and Library Service Awards. Pictured left to right: Board President Shana Schneider, Connecticut State Librarian Kendall Wiggin, City Librarian Martha Brogan and Community Ambassador Nilda Aponte. (Photo Credit: Shannon Finney)



"I couldn't be more grateful to all of the NHFPL staff for sharing your heart, your intellect, and your belief in the residents of our city." - Mayor Toni Harp, NHFPL Press Conference Announcing the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, May 7, 2019

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Photo of READy for the Grade students at Wilson Library by Christopher Capozziello.





Martha L. Brogan (left) and Shana N. Schneider (right) accepting the National Medal for Museum and Library Service in Washington, D.C.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY LIBRARIAN AND NHFPL BOARD PRESIDENT

We are still beaming with pride after representing the New Haven Free Public Library (NHFPL) to accept the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service—the nation's highest honor for libraries and museums given by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This award is a testament to the dedication of the library staff and active members of the community who make our library a welcoming and innovative space. It's an award that recognizes NHFPL as a place that is truly at the forefront of defining the role of the library in our fast-changing world.

With the largest library cohort trained in EXCITE Transformation for Libraries' tools and strategies for collaboration, community engagement, and innovation, we have no plans to rest on our laurels. The investment in these 21st-century library leadership skills are clear. We know from our 2018 Community Needs Assessment that the more library customers interact with our staff, the more positive their experience, and our staff is dedicated to putting their skills to use in serving all members of the community.

After seeking out and listening to community voices in small-group conversations, we worked together to build a visionary and adaptable fiveyear Strategic Framework, *Growing Together. One City. One Future.* This year, we selected four Strategic Framework initiatives to drive library priorities and program design:

- Teach Practical Skills
- Facilitate Economic and Career Success
- Build an Innovative, Creative City
- Welcome Newcomers and Help Them Adapt

Read on to discover how the ongoing dialogue between our staff and the New Haven community is translated into new library initiatives, programs and partnerships.

As Martha prepares for her upcoming retirement and Shana leads the Board forward in recruiting the next City Librarian, we both thank you for being a part of the incredible achievements over the five years of Martha's tenure and appreciate your continuing commitment to our cherished New Haven Free Public Library.

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Martha L. Brogan City Librarian

Shana N. Schneider NHFPL Board President



NATIONAL MEDAL AWARD

OUR VISION

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.

OUR MISSION

The New Haven Free Public Library fosters lifelong learning, inspires curiosity, and builds community through shared access to resources, experiences, and opportunities for all.

OUR VALUES

Advance Literacy Foster Learning and Achievement Provide Access to Knowledge Empower Economic Success Inspire Exploration Promote Connection and Collaboration Deliver World-Class Service



(L to R): Connecticut State Librarian Ken Wiggin, NHFPL Board President Shana N. Schneider, Director of the Institue of Museum and Library Services Dr. Kathryn K. Matthews, City Librarian Martha L. Brogan, and Community Ambassador Nilda Aponte. Photo by Shannon Finney.



On May 7, 2019, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recognized the New Haven Free Public Library as a 2019 winner of the esteemed **National Medal for Museum and Library Service**! The National Medal is the nation's highest honor for libraries and museums—awarded annually to five museums and five libraries for the last 25 years—for making significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. We could not be more proud of our work *for* New Haven, *by* New Haven, *with* New Haven!

By working together with our communities, providing equal access to resources and services, creating spaces where all are welcome, and ensuring everyone has opportunities to succeed, the New Haven Free Public Library builds connections as one city with one future.

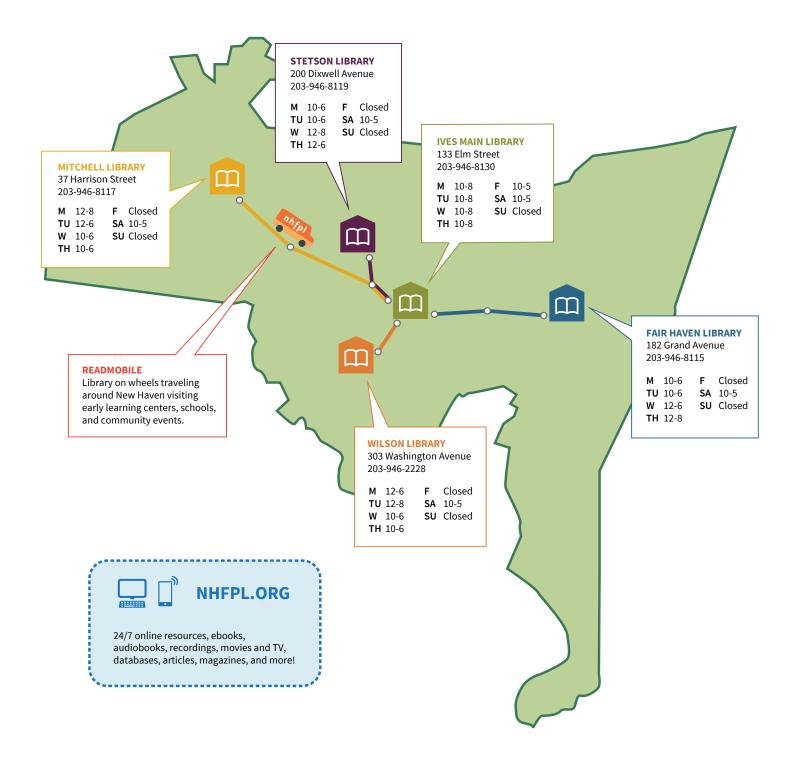
On June 12, 2019, NHFPL Board President Shana Schneider, City Librarian Martha Brogan, and Community Ambassador Nilda Aponte traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept the award.

This award is a true testament to the innovative work the New Haven Free Public Library is providing for the New Haven community. I nominated NHFPL for this award because of their unmatched commitment and service to Connecticut residents, and for going above and beyond to offer 21st century programming to fit the diverse needs of the New Haven community.

– U.S. Senator Chris Murphy

NHFPL SYSTEM MAP







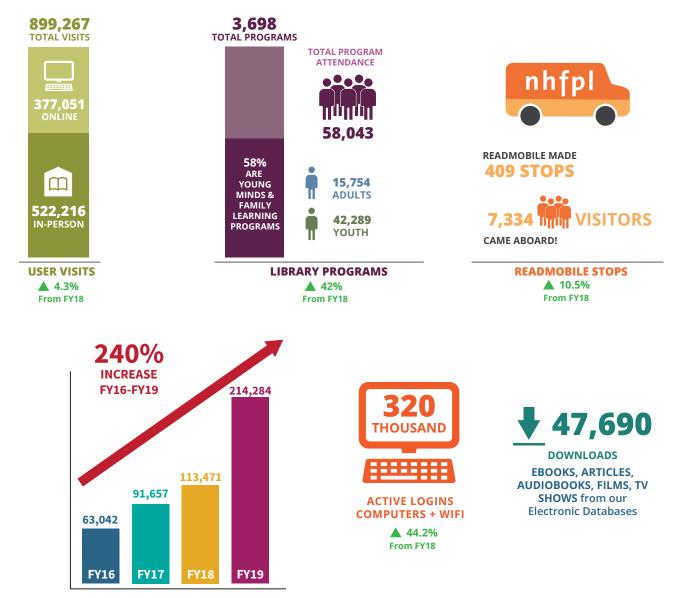
NHFPL AT A GLANCE



LIBRARY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION, PER CAPITA

Nev	w Haven's Appro	opriation Per (Capita \$32	.43		
СТ	CT Average of Similar Size Cities Per Capita					
СТ	CT Average Statewide Appropriation Per Capita					
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New Haven remains well below the average for per capita investment in the library.



WIFI SESSIONS

TEACH PRACTICAL SKILLS



Our community wants help to learn the practical, everyday skills necessary to advance and achieve their life goals.

SHOW ME HOW!

Life skills are important to thrive—but, unfortunately, they are seldom formally taught. **Mitchell Library** is helping to bridge this gap with a series of programs and workshops in partnership with local community groups and social service organizations. The **Show Me How** series brings professionals to the library to teach practical skills and share information about local resources.

We welcomed Probate Court Judge Clifton E. Graves, Jr. to answer questions about wills, trusts and estates; Achutha Raman of 4PrivacyMatters discussed controlling our digital footprint and protecting personal data; staff and scholarship recipients from New Haven Promise shared scholarship opportunities for New Haven public high school students to attend in-state colleges; and the Urban Resources Initiative showed us how to plant trees.

Show Me How programs magnify the library's role as a trusted source of lifelong learning, empowering customers with new, helpful skills and in turn strengthening our community.



Show Me How Workshop at Mitchell Library

The library does a great job in reaching out to the local community with information that we might not know is available.

- Show Me How participant

PROMOTE HEALTH LITERACY FOR ALL

The New Haven Free Public Library serves many vulnerable individuals and families who turn to us in times of transition or moments of greatest need. For the past six years, the New Haven Free Public Library has partnered with Liberty Community Services to provide case management services and health care, housing, and employment referrals at **Ives Main Library**. In 2019, a grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) expanded this partnership to **Fair Haven** and **Wilson Libraries**, doubling the hours of on-site counseling across our system.

Last year, we also forged a new partnership with the Southern Connecticut State University Department of Social Work, where trained graduate interns conduct their field credit work at Ives Main Library under the guidance of Dr. Dakibu Muléy, the city's Community Services Administrator. The New Haven Free Public Library is committed to meeting critical community needs and we are proud to expand these vital partnerships to offer safe, welcoming spaces for our residents.



Fact:

Library cards are not just for borrowing books! Your library card connects you to thousands of 24/7 digital resources across NHFPL and provides access to the Ives Squared innovation space!

READY FOR THE GRADE



READy for the Grade helps prevent "summer slide" with group reading lessons, one-on-one tutoring, and family learning nights that promote at-home reading. During the 2018 program, held at Wilson Library, 100% of students met the goal of maintaining or improving their reading level! Now in its sixth year, this program is generously supported by the NewAlliance Foundation.

Photo by Christopher Capozziello

PARENTING 101

Young children flock to the library for new books and programs, and the New Haven Free Public Library has a wealth of resources for parents and caregivers, too! This year the Young Minds and Family Learning department launched **Parenting 101**, a series of workshops to help navigate the challenges of early childhood. To promote whole-family literacy, we worked with Read to Grow to distribute parent library cards to expecting families and partnered with Yale New Haven Hospital to distribute baby library cards to all New Haven newborns. Each library card is valid for at least one year and offers access to online resources at NHFPL, including e-books, music, and videos!

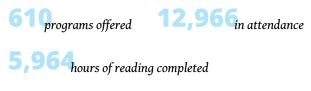


TALKS WITH DOCS

Customers increasingly turn to the library to find information on health and wellness, and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Community Engagement Award provided crucial funds to grow the library's English and Spanishlanguage health collections. Fair Haven Library, in partnership with Fair Haven Community Health Care and Junta for Progressive Action, presented a new bilingual series of workshops where health care professionals addressed topics including healthy sleep habits, breast health and diabetes prevention. Participants reinforced their new healthy diet and exercise practices with a walk to the local farmers' market!

SUMMER LEARNING: LIBRARIES ROCK!

With programs like Edible Engineering, cartooning workshops, and LEGO Robotics, our Libraries Rock! Summer Learning program brought kids from all over New Haven to their local library for hundreds of fun and educational activities—and reading, of course. Participating kids read almost 6,000 hours in 2018!





FACILITATE ECONOMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS



The New Haven Free Public Library plays a critical role preparing residents from teens to seniors for the 21st-century workforce and giving them the skills critical to job success and financial security.



TEEN CAREER READINESS

In the bustling **Teen Center at Ives Main Library**, teens are often talking about jobs: where to find one, tips to ace an interview, and how to build a meaningful career. To help answer these questions and prepare teens for success, we launched the Career Readiness for Teens series with the New Haven Land Trust and the Yale Office of Career Strategy.

The series introduces teens to the wealth of resources for job seekers available at the library. Workshops covered practical topics such as resume writing, workplace etiquette, and professional skills to ensure job readiness. Teens become prepared to take advantage of job opportunities, build resilience for future challenges, and avoid common workplace mistakes.

In the familiar and safe environment of the library, teens were eager to learn from one another and draw lessons from their peers' successes and challenges. In fact, one participant remarked that "the openness of the conversation" was her favorite part of the workshops, while another lauded the "opportunities for discussion and to share experiences."

CENSUS 2020

City Librarian Martha Brogan joined Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, U.S. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, State Senator Martin Looney, and community leaders at the New Haven Free Public Library to emphasize the importance of ensuring a fair, accurate and inclusive **2020 Census**. We must harness the power of public libraries as trusted institutions to improve response rates among hard-to-count populations, including African-American young men; seniors; new Americans; mobile millennials; and people experiencing homelessness. This critical work has already begun: we hosted a series of job fairs with the U.S. Census Bureau at each of our five locations which attracted over 250 job-seekers.

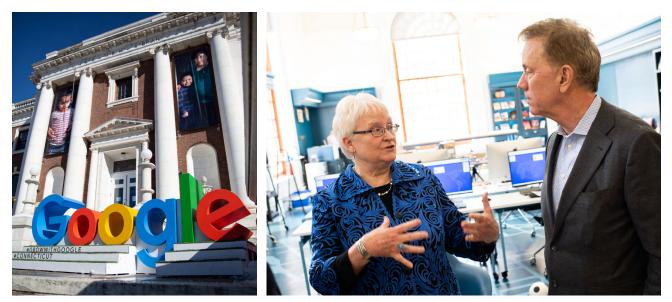


GROW WITH GOOGLE

On February 13th, the library was transformed into a tech hub for **Grow with Google**—featuring a full day of free programs, digital skills workshops, and one-on-one coaching with Google staff. Hundreds of job seekers, nonprofit leaders, small business owners and entrepreneurs convened at **Ives Main Library** to learn about Google's products and platforms to their grow the skills, careers and businesses. They were joined by Mayor Toni Harp and Governor Ned Lamont, who kicked off the festivities by emphasizing how new technology has changed Connecticut industry. "Silicon Valley is in every single one of our communities and the internet is the great equalizer," marveled Governor Lamont in his remarks.

As technology has transformed our economy, libraries have evolved to meet the demand for digital literacy and build a skilled workforce. "This is the 21st century right here," Governor Lamont observed while touring Ives Squared, the library's innovation hub.

Building on its reputation as the "front door" to New Haven's innovation economy, Ives Squared features some of the latest maker equipment and technology. Now a Grow with Google partner, Ives Squared offers year-round classes and trainings on the G Suite of free tools and resources.



Left: Grow With Google installation on the steps of Ives Main Library. Right: City Librarian Martha Brogan and Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont.

Fact:

According to the American Library Association:

90% of libraries help patrons learn basic digital skills

Almost **75%** help patrons search and apply for jobs

Nearly **50%** help entrepreneurs start their own businesses

TAPROOT: NONPROFIT MENTOR NETWORK

Did you know that thousands of volunteers are available to assist nonprofits with marketing, finance, human resources and other projects—all for free? The New Haven Free Public Library has partnered with the Taproot Foundation to connect New Haven nonprofits with Taproot's network of pro-bono consultants for capacity-building projects. Visit **Ives Squared** to learn more about Taproot and the many other nonprofit resources available!

BUILD AN INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE CITY





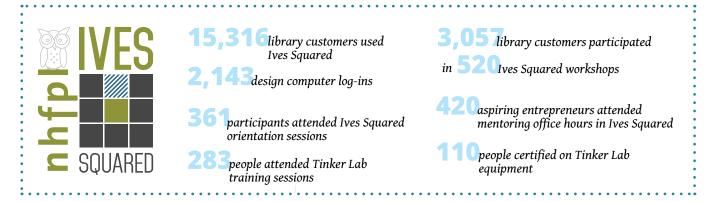
Left: Collab "Level Up" session. Right: Made in New Haven presentation in Ives Squared.

NEW HAVEN MADE – MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY LIGHTNING ROUNDS

In June 2019, we hosted **New Haven Made**: a manufacturing fair with *PechaKucha*-style presentations featuring local businesses—everything from small start-ups to large-scale manufacturers. Presented in collaboration with MakeHaven, the first event was at Ives Squared and featured short, rapid-fire presentations from 12 manufacturers followed by networking over refreshments.

New Haven Made explored elements of local manufacturing, presenting a historical overview from the cotton gin to today's start-up boom and celebrating the city's contributions to innovation and industry. Attracting a mix of job seekers, entrepreneurs, creative tinkerers and local history buffs, the events prompted lively discussions and fostered a culture of collaboration in New Haven's maker community.

More than 100 people attended the series, and 100% of survey respondents reported that they learned something useful and intend to use what they learned. We can't wait to see what they come up with in 2020!



TECH TITANS: GIRLS WHO CODE

Stetson Library started a **Girls Who Code** club this past year to an enthusiastic response from their first eager club members! Girls Who Code is a national nonprofit working to close the gender gap in technology by supporting a network of free, after-school clubs that teach basic coding skills and other STEAM topics in a supportive, encouraging environment.

The club curriculum is designed for girls in 3rd to 5th grade and teaches fundamental coding concepts, and builds confidence and creates a network of peers and mentors. Woven into the lesson plans are historical perspectives on the role of women in science and technology along with profiles of notable women in STEAM fields.

The clubs teach girls to see themselves as future computer scientists. After a successful first year, we are excited to expand the clubs system-wide thanks to the generous support of the Community Fund for Women and Girls and Elm City Innovation Collaborative. Check out your local branch library for more details!

girls who



Girls working together at Stetson Library.

According to the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, the state's manufacturing workforce is at its highest level in six years.

- Demand is high! There are over 15,000 open manufacturing positions
- Each manufacturing position creates ${f 1.5}$ to ${f 4}$ additional jobs in other parts of the economy





PUBLIC ART MURAL AT WILSON LIBRARY

Wilson Library teamed up with the Yale Center for British Art to create a community art project to "stitch together" the diverse cultures of the Hill into a mural. Weekly art classes brought Yale School of Art graduate students to the library. Kids, teens and families worked first with paint and paper before transferring their designs to cloth as they gained confidence in their creative abilities. "I love how this program brings children of all ages together," commented one parent during the Community Art Show that unveiled the mural in its new home in the Wilson Library atrium for all to admire.

Top: Yale School of Art students join with Wilson Library patrons to create a piece of public art.

Bottom: Mural hanging at Wilson Library. Photo by Christopher Capozziello

WELCOME NEWCOMERS AND HELP THEM ADAPT



Nearly one-in-five New Haven residents are foreign-born, and recent immigrants and newcomers turn to the library to orient themselves, learn about their community, and understand how our city functions.

WELCOME KITS AND RESOURCE GALLERY

We know that New Haven's strength is its people—the pluralism, inclusivity, and generosity of spirit of our neighbors. Newcomers to the city look to the library to acclimate to their new home and facilitate the community connections that bring neighbors together to celebrate diversity and promote cross-cultural understanding.



Mitchell Library staff with welcome kits.

We have the resources and services to help newcomers feel at home as soon as possible! The reference department at **Ives Main Library** has curated a "Welcome Center" downtown with local city guides,

health access information, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services information and forms. **Fair Haven** and **Mitchell Libraries** have created welcome kits to distribute to new neighbors. These welcome kits are filled with library information, a guide to city departments and services, lists of local news sources and helpful apps, and information from community partners and social service organizations. Welcome kits are distributed to community partners to make sure that newcomers know they can turn to the library for information, resources, and activities.



Ives Main Library was featured as one of the sites of "WE ARE: A Nation of Immigrants — New Haven," a public art installation by photographer Joe Standart.

Portraits of refugees and recent immigrants adorned prominent buildings and freestanding displays around the New Haven Green during summer 2018. We are proud to be a part of this important project to stimulate awareness, overcome prejudice, and encourage people to build a respectful, multicultural society.

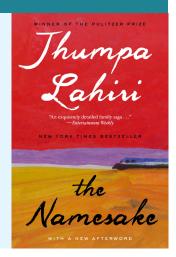


This **Ives Main Library** lunette mural, painted in 1935 by Bancel LaFarge as part of the federal Works Progress Administration, depicts New Haven welcoming newcomers and immigrants in a bucolic cityscape. Located above the circulation desk, look up the next time you borrow a book to identify the many details of New Haven represented!

Photo courtesy of Laura A. Macaluso

BIG READ 2019: THE NAMESAKE

We celebrated another successful Big Read with the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, Gateway Community College, New Haven Public Schools and other community partners. An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. The Big Read 2019 featured **The Namesake** by Jhumpa Lahiri, and together we explored the defining power of the names and expectations bestowed upon us by our parents and the means by which we slowly—sometimes painfully—come to define ourselves. We welcomed almost 250 people to NHFPL for Big Read events, and copies of The Namesake circulated 70 times!





Photos of Long Wharf Theatre partner programming by Lucy Gellman.

LONG WHARF THEATRE – FINDING HOME

The New Haven Free Public Library and Long Wharf Theatre have pioneered a community collaboration that builds on the strengths of each organization and provides a platform for cultural exploration. Together, we host community conversations and co-create programs; curate and display a library "micro branch" in the theater lobby; invite community ambassadors to bring new audiences into the theatre; and offer passes for free theatre tickets at all library locations.

In 2019, we explored the theme of "home" and the way stories help us make sense of the world. Programs guided participants through the craft of storytelling by developing stories that mined personal anecdotes, memoirs, and truths. Along the way, we made a collage of our New Haven "home" at **Mitchell Library**, delved into the intersection of storytelling and social justice at **Fair Haven Library**, and performed a History Slam featuring letters, poems, and quotes from our shared histories at **Ives Main Library**.

Following a series of spoken word performances, open-mics and story slams at library locations, storytelling developed into theater-making as personal narrative became shared experience. The pieces culminated in the New Haven Play Project Weekend of New Work written by participants from NHFPL, the Connecticut Mental Health Center, Tower One/Tower East assisted living facility, and Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) and performed at Long Wharf Theatre before a live audience of theater artists and community members.

ONE CITY. ONE FUTURE. NHFPL IN THE COMMUNITY



The New Haven Free Public Library strives to serve as a catalyst to connect people to people and provide programs, space, and resources to foster creative collaboration across a wide variety of purposes.

DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS

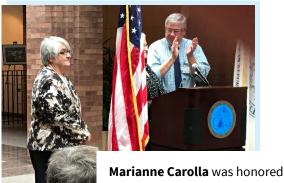


Public libraries—truly democratic spaces accessible and open to all—have a long history as a forum for public debate. Honoring this tradition, we partnered with Public Humanities at Yale to present "**Democracy in Crisis: Conversations with New Haven Scholars**" to examine the state of American democracy in a series of monthly presentations and civic discussions.

Drawing upon the wealth of scholarship at local universities, presenters covered a wide array of topics including growing inequality, polarization, eroding norms, divisive media, and failing institutions. We discussed centuries-long traditions of resilience, dissent, and idealism in the face of injustice and inequity. Featured titles from the library collection highlighted additional reading on each month's theme.

Hundreds of people attended the series and engaged in spirited discussions following the presentations. Attendees praised the "diversity of lectures," the "stimulating ideas" and the "thought provoking" and "timely" subject matter. With such an enthusiastic response, a new Democracy in Crisis series is underway with programs at Wilson Library!

RECOGNIZING OUR LIBRARIANS



Marianne Carolla was honored at City Hall this spring with the City Spirit Award to recognize and celebrate her incredible 52 years of service to the New Haven Free Public Library. Thank you for your dedication, Marianne!



Stetson Branch Manager **Diane Brown** is featured in Kwadwo Adae's newly painted mural, *Mothers, Daughters, and Sisters of the Firelight*, (Women's Empowerment Mural Project) along the Farmington Canal Greenway. Kudos to Diane and the other community trailblazers for their inspiring leadership in New Haven.

Photo courtesy of Kwadwo Adae



REMIXED: A KALEIDOSCOPE OF PLASTIC

Connecticut is implementing a plastic bag ban, but not before artist Marsha Borden could transform what we might otherwise throw away into an intentional meditation on waste. Her exhibit in the Ives Gallery, Remixed: a Kaleidoscope of Plastic, featured creative re-uses of the ubiquitous plastic bags: strung like beads, shaped into recognizable objects, and woven like yarn.

NEW HAVEN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

The New Haven Documentary Film Festival (NHdocs) presented its sixth annual festival featuring a retrospective of Michael Moore's work and appearances by the filmmaker himself! The New Haven Free Public Library was proud to host the popular Daytime Docs series, welcoming over 450 people to the library for more than 40 documentary shorts and features, including many from local filmmakers or featuring local subjects.

If you missed any of NHdocs' free screenings, you can use your library card to browse thousands of films and stream them to your devices at home all for free!



IN FY19

TOP 10 TITLES IN CIRCULATION

PRINT

Bone by Jeff Smith

Normal People by Sally Rooney

Lethal White by Robert Galbraith

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight

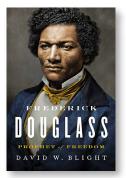
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

The Chef by James Patterson

Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

18th Abduction by James Patterson





THE LIBRARY BOOK SUSAN ORLEAN externel

EBOOK

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Educated by Tara Westover

Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver

Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

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MESSAGE FROM THE NHFPL FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT

This has been an exciting year for the New Haven Free Public Library, and as President of the Board of Directors of the New Haven Free Public Library Foundation, I could not be more enthusiastic about the bright future ahead.

Ives Squared celebrated its one-year anniversary this summer, and has rapidly become a popular destination for entrepreneurs and creatives to connect and collaborate with access to the latest technologies. Innovative programs are happening every day in Ives Squared and across the library system, from children's literacy and STEAM programs, to job fairs and networking events, to timely cultural discussions that bring neighbors together to create shared experiences. And with nearly \$1.75 million raised of the \$2 million *Stetson Library: The Next Chapter* campaign, momentum continues to build to fulfill the promise of a new Stetson Library in the Q House.

Under the direction of City Librarian Martha Brogan, the New Haven Free Public Library has cemented its position as a center of education, empowerment, and exploration. It is fitting, then, that the library was the proud recipient of the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank Martha for her dedicated service and inspired leadership, and congratulate her for this distinguished recognition on the eve of her retirement.

With so much to celebrate, there is also much to look forward to. Thank you to the many generous individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations who have invested in the success of the library this year. Gifts to the New Haven Free Public Library Foundation help grow and expand our collection of print and online resources; provide free community programs, events and workshops to spark curiosity; fuel special projects and strategic priorities; and sustain the library's future for generations to come. Your support makes a difference!

Elsie B. Chapman NHFPL Foundation Board President

STETSON LIBRARY: THE NEXT CHAPTER



\$2 MILLION GOAL



STETSON CAMPAIGN ENTERS THE HOMESTRETCH!

In 2017, the New Haven Free Public Library Foundation launched **Stetson Library: The Next Chapter**, a community-wide campaign to move the Stetson Branch Library into a new home in the Q House. As a cornerstone of the reimagined community center, the new Stetson Library will enjoy a 60% increase in space and will feature an expanded collection of books and materials, improved and enhanced services, state-ofthe-art technology, and hands-on learning equipment to better serve the evolving needs of New Haven's residents. We are so close to the finish line!

As construction begins on the new Q House, the Stetson Library: The Next Chapter campaign is nearing the \$2 million goal. With only \$250,000 left to raise, we need your help to make the dream of a new Stetson Library a reality. And, thanks to a generous matching grant from the Seedlings Foundation, you can double the impact of your generosity: all gifts of \$50-\$10,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. Visit **nextstetson.org** to donate today.

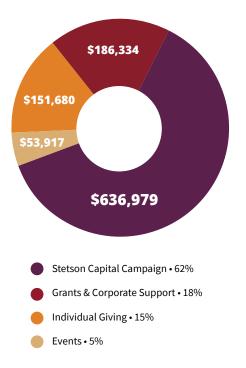
Most libraries are just that. Need a book, find one, check it out, goodbye. Not so NHFPL, particularly the Stetson branch, an oasis in a cultural desert, a beacon of hope, opportunity, healing. It meets the complex needs of its residents, as a springboard for anyone with an idea and a dream. More than a library, it is a community center. Our home.

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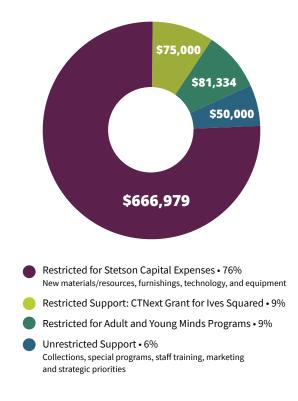


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The New Haven Free Public Library Foundation raises funds to support the mission of the New Haven Free Public Library and builds awareness of the library's incredible community impact. As a truly public place—open to all regardless of demographic or socioeconomic status—the library is a crucial component of the City Transformation Plan and an important resource to improve education, drive economic activity, and enhance our quality of life. Your donations supplement the city's commitment to the library, sustaining the library's collections, programs, and resources now and into the future.



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MARDI GRAS 2019

The theme of this year's annual Mardi Gras fundraiser at Mitchell Library was Freedom to Read, celebrating historically banned and challenged books. Over 200 guests gathered (with food and drinks!) to herald the role libraries play to challenge censorship and promote intellectual freedom. Thanks to your support, we raised **over \$50,000** to help fulfill the library's mission and to uphold the democratic principle of giving free, unrestricted access to information, resources, experiences, and opportunities for all.

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