

December 2021

ADULT PROGRAMS

Featured Adult Programs

Back by popular demand! LinkedIn Learning has returned!

NHFPL is proud to give the gift of learning this holiday season! Previously named Lynda.com, LinkedIn Learning has returned as an upgraded platform with double the number of courses available in six more languages. Choose from thousands of online courses to learn in-demand skills from real-world industry experts. [Start exploring now!](#)

Winter Job Fair

Wednesday, December 1, 10am-4:45pm | IVES

Come meet local employers such as Amazon, Big Y, First Student, Ikea, Goodwill, Walgreens, and Whole Foods! Some will be interviewing on-site and others will be hiring on the spot. Registration for a specific time is required to attend.

10:30 am-12 pm: [Register](#)

11:15 am-12:45 pm: [Register](#)

1:45-3:15 pm: [Register](#)

2:30-4 pm: [Register](#)

3:15-4:45 pm: [Register](#)

Make To Sell Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 4, 11am-4pm | IVES

Support small businesses and entrepreneurs this holiday season! Join participants of our first Make to Sell cohort who have been working diligently to start their own small businesses as they sell their goods just in time for the holidays. Goods include bath products, candles, baked goods, leather goods, face masks, and more! Please note that some vendors may only accept cash.

SHUBERT at STETSON

Saturday, December 18, 1-2pm & 2:30-3:30 pm | STETSON

This FREE family program will center around a production of *The Hip Hop Nutcracker* brought to us in partnership with Shubert Theatre. Join us for a nutcracker story time, fun arts and craft projects, and a family photo "booth." Each child will take home a book from Read to Grow to keep! Registration is required to assure Covid-safe attendance numbers. Masks will be required for all. [Register](#)

Books Sandwiched In: Virtual Author Talks

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

Amanda Tyler - *Justice, Justice, Thou Shalt Pursue*

Thursday, December 2, 12pm

Join us as Amanda Tyler discusses the legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsberg and their book, [Justice, Justice, Thou Shalt Pursue: A Life's Work Fighting for A More Perfect Union](#). Tyler is Shannon Cecil Turner Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law where she teaches and writes about the Supreme Court, the federal courts, constitutional law, and civil procedure.

[Register](#)

Ravi Shankar - *Correctional: A Memoir*

Thursday, December 16, 12pm

Poet and author Ravi Shakar discusses his forthcoming memoir, *Correctional*, out in January 2022. Shankar is a Pushcart prize-winning poet, translator, and professor who has published 15 books and taught and performed around the world. [Register](#)

Live Author Talk: Charles F. Rosenay

Monday, December 6, 6pm | MITCHELL

Join author Charles F. Rosenay as he discusses his book [The Book of Top 10 Horror Lists](#). Rosenay's book includes 100 celebrities' top 10 lists, themed bios of actors, TV personalities, and other pop culture icons including William Shatner, Ed Asner, and many others.

Winter Gardening and Houseplant Workshop

Tuesday, December 7, 5-6pm | WILSON

Join us to learn how to grow and maintain healthy indoor plants through the winter. Baby houseplants are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Democracy in America

Join us for the fourth year of this series presented in partnership with Public Humanities at Yale. Monthly discussions will take place via Zoom.

Traveling Black: Race and Resistance on the Road, the Rails, and the Skyways

Tuesday, December 7, 7-8pm

Join Mia Bay, Professor of History at University of Pennsylvania, in conversation with Matthew Jacobson, Co-Director of the Public Humanities Program and the Sterling Professor of American Studies, History & African American Studies at Yale University. [Join via Zoom](#)



New Haven Free Public Library

Adult Programs Continued

Urban Life Experience Book Discussion Series

Saturday, December 11, 12pm | WILSON

We will be meeting both in person and [online via Zoom](#) to discuss [The Kindest Lie](#) by Nancy Johnson. Powerful and revealing, *The Kindest Lie* captures the heartbreaking divide between Black and white communities and offers both an unflinching view of motherhood in contemporary America and the never-ending quest to achieve the American Dream.

Music Haven String Quartet

Saturday, December 11, 2pm | WILSON

Come enjoy a live string quartet concert featuring students from [Music Haven!](#)

Mitchell Library Afternoon Book Club

Monday, December 13, 1pm | MITCHELL

This month we will be discussing [Homegoing](#) by Yaa Gyasi. The book follows the generations of two sisters who are unknown to each other. One stays in Africa and marries a British soldier while the other is enslaved and brought to what is now the U.S.

Adult Crafts and Conversations: Make a Book Wreath

Monday, December 13, 6pm | MITCHELL

Learn to repurpose discarded books to make a beautiful, holiday decoration for your household. Stop by and make new friends, connect to old ones, and enjoy a sociable hour making a new craft.

Music Room Open Hours

Tuesday, December 14 & 28, 5-7pm

WILSON

Stop by to learn or experiment with a guitar, keyboard, mandolin, or ukulele! Whether you want a one-on-one intro lesson or prefer to feel things out with a book and an instrument, you are welcome to come try your hand. Get pointers, sheet music, or a quick tutorial. No reservation needed. Space is limited.

Animation Celebration! National Film Board of Canada Short Holiday Films

Monday, December 20, 7-8pm | MITCHELL

Join our online movie discussion club focusing on animated films from around the world and throughout history! This month we will talk about four Christmas-themed films produced by the National Film Board of Canada. Find links to the films and [register here](#).

UniteCT Rent/Utilities Assistance

Monday, December 27, 10:30am-3:30pm

FAIR HAVEN

If you've been negatively impacted financially by Covid-19, there may be help available. UniteCT is an assistance program supporting state residents who have fallen behind in rent and/or utilities. Visit [UniteCT's website](#) for forms you'll need to submit. Staff will be available to help submit your application.

Joint Book Chat: Jewish American Authors

Thursday, December 30, 7-8pm

Join the New Haven Free Public Library and the Prospect Public Library for a discussion of novels written by Jewish American authors. Please feel free to pick any adult or young adult novels that fit the theme. [Join via Zoom](#)

Wilson Drop In Tech Help

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10am-1pm, and Tuesday, 12-3pm | WILSON

We are here for your technology questions! Whether it is your own personal device or help filling out an online form, staff is available to help!

English Conversation Club

Wednesdays, 4-6pm | FAIR HAVEN

Practice speaking English in a fun, casual group setting with our wonderful tutor! FREE. No registration required. Families welcome.

Ives Squared Programs

Entrepreneur-in-Residence Office Hours

with Giulia Gambale

Tuesdays, 11:30am-1:30pm

Thursdays, 6-8pm

Fridays, 2-4pm

[Make an Appointment](#)

Creative-in-Residence Office Hours

with Ceresa Newsome

Mondays, 11am-1pm

Thursdays, 12-2pm

[Make an Appointment](#)

Take and Make Kit: Hydroponic Gardening Reserve Your Kit Between December 6-18

Are you ready to grow your indoor garden? If you pick up one of our Take and Make kits, you'll have everything you need to get started with hydroponic gardening. There will be no program for this kit; a prerecorded video provides all the instructions you will need. Call 203-946-8130 ext. 140 to reserve your kit.

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