

January 2022

ADULT PROGRAMS

Featured Adult Programs

An Evening with Charles Spencer: *Conquest, Anarchy, and the Wrecking of Henry I's Dream*

Monday, January 31, 5-6pm

Join us for a virtual evening conversation with Lord Charles Spencer on his book, *The White Ship: Conquest, Anarchy and the Wrecking of Henry I's Dream*, and how the sinking of one ship affected the course of European history. Charles Spencer is an author, public speaker, broadcaster and journalist, and the 9th Earl Spencer. [Register](#)

Inklings Writer's Workshop

Tuesday, January 4, 6:30-8pm | WILSON

Join local writers Briana Williams and Lucy Gellman of the [Arts Council](#) for an in-person writer's workshop. Offered the first Tuesday of every month.

Three Kings' Day

Thursday, January 6, 1-2:30pm | WILSON

Join us for our annual Three Kings' Day Celebration! Come for free children's gifts from the Yale Peabody Museum and stay for Bomba music & dance from Movimiento Cultural Afro Continental!

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.

Fair Haven Community Management Team Meeting

Thursday, January 6, 6-8pm | FAIR HAVEN

Hear reports on neighborhood news and get information from first responders, elected officials representing Fair Haven, and active citizens. Have a voice in your community - join us on the first Thursday evening of each month.

Nutrition Basics for Beginners

Saturday, January 8, 11am-12:30pm

The new year brings a new interest in health and an influx of new diet trends, so how do you know what's actually good for you and what's a gimmick? Learn about recommended nutritional distribution ranges, habit hacking skills, and how to maintain sustainable, healthy eating habits with Certified Nutrition Coach & Ives Librarian Rory Martorana! [Register](#)

Fair Haven Book Club

Monday, January 10, 2-3pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join the club for a discussion of *The Library Book*, an investigation of the 1986 Los Angeles Public Library fire by Susan Orlean.

Live Author Event: Mark Oppenheimer

Monday Jan. 10, 6pm | MITCHELL

Mark Oppenheimer is a neighbor and patron of the Mitchell Library. He will discuss his book, *Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood*, which takes a deep look into Pittsburg's Squirrel Hill neighborhood in the aftermath of the 2018 mass killing of 11 worshippers.

Books Sandwiched In: Virtual Author Talks

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

Professor Lewis Gordon - *Fear of Black Consciousness*

Special Evening Event!

Thursday, January 13, 7-8pm

In this original and penetrating work, Lewis R. Gordon, one of the leading scholars of Black existentialism and anti-Blackness, takes the reader on a journey through the historical development of racialized Blackness. *Fear of Black Consciousness* is a groundbreaking work that positions Black consciousness as a political commitment and creative practice, richly layered through art, love, and revolutionary action. [Register](#)

Dr. Jessica Zucker - *I Had A Miscarriage: A Memoir, A Movement*

Thursday, January 27, 12pm

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Jessica Zucker about her book, *I Had A Miscarriage: A Memoir, A Movement* and what new and expecting moms need to know about women's reproductive and maternal mental health. [Register](#)

Brecht-fest

Saturday, January 15 | Ives

Join us for two film screenings from acclaimed East German dramatist, Bertolt Brecht. Brief commentary to accompany each screening. Co-Sponsored by the City of New Haven Peace Commission

The Threepenny Opera (1931)

1-3 pm

Kuhle Wampe, or Who Owns the World? (1932)

3:15-4:30 pm



New Haven Free Public Library

Adult Programs Continued

Urban Life Experience Book Discussion Series

Saturday, January 22, 12-1:30pm | WILSON

This month we will be discussing [Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family](#) by Mitchell S. Jackson. Jackson reflects on his youth in Portland in the 1980s-1990s along with his incarceration and subsequent life in New York. His story is one of rigorous self-examination and family history with honesty and poetry. We will be meeting in person, however if you feel safer, you can also [join over zoom](#).

Winter Gardening and Houseplant Workshop

Tuesday, January 22, 3-4pm | WILSON

Get tips on indoor plants and spring garden prep. Baby houseplants are available on a first come/first serve basis.

Robert Burns Night - A Poetry Reading

Monday, January 24, 6pm | MITCHELL

Learn about Scotland of the 18th century and about the life of Robert Burns. Listen to some of his poems and celebrate Scottish Heritage and Scotland's National Bard.

January Joint Book Chat

Thursday, January 27, 7-8pm

Join patrons of the New Haven Free Public Library and the Prospect Public Library as we discuss noted young adult author Angie Thomas's newest novel [Concrete Rose](#) which is the prequel to her very popular novel, [The Hate U Give](#). The book chat meets virtually on Zoom.

Adult Ongoing Programs

Meditation

Saturdays, 10am | IVES

Join Elm Community Insight on Saturday mornings for group meditation online at ECI's website or in person at Ives. In-person space is limited, registration strongly encouraged.

Saturday, January 8, [Register](#)

Saturday, January 15 [Register](#)

Saturday, January 22 [Register](#)

Saturday, January 29 [Register](#)

Music Room Open Hours

Tuesday, January 11 & 25, 5-6pm | WILSON

Whether you want a one-on-one intro lesson or prefer to feel things out with a book and an instrument, stop by the Wilson Branch music room open hours to experiment with keyboard, guitar, ukulele, mandolin or accordion!

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.

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](#)

Now accepting applications for our "Make to Sell" cohort!

"Make to Sell" is a new endeavor created to help individuals who have an idea for an online business turn that idea into a reality. Members will get one-on-one assistance, and incentives exist for those who complete certain benchmarks. For more information and to apply, [visit our website](#).

Take and Make Kit: Teacup Candles

Reserve Your Kit Between January 3-15

Use thrifted teacups (or the provided tins) to make quick and cute candles! 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.

Navigating the new LinkedIn Learning

Wednesday, January 12, 6-7:30pm | IVES

LinkedIn Learning is back with a facelift! Join us for a walkthrough of how to navigate and use this fantastic tool-and then access it at home for free with your library card! This program will be both in person and online. [Register and for Zoom Link](#)

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