Community Summer Learning Challenge
Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Featured events at all our locations!

The International Festival of Arts and Ideas and the New Haven Free Public Library Present: The Dixwell Neighborhood Celebrates the New Stetson Library
Saturday, June 4, 2-6 pm | Stetson
Rahsaan Langley Project, Donald Carter Kouture, New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Beardsley Zoo, local authors and vendors. Activities for the whole family!

Ladybug Release Party and Meet a Beekeeper
Monday, June 6, 5:30 pm | Mitchell
It’s time for Mitchell’s annual ladybug party! Release ladybugs into the garden, play outdoor games, eat a popsicle, make ladybug themed crafts and have lots of fun! There will also be a special presentation from “The Bee Lady” Catherine Wolko, featuring live bees! Co-sponsored by Blockwatch #303. All ages welcome! Rain Date: Monday, June 13 at 5:30 pm.

Stetson Branch and the Official Juneteenth Coalition of Greater New Haven Present: Education & Art Enrichment Celebrating Juneteenth
Monday, June 20, 12-5 pm | Stetson

Cantando y Jugando with Elba
Thursday, July 7, 5:30-6:30 pm | Fair Haven
Cantando y Jugando is an interactive music program that includes a collection of Spanish songs and games to encourage socialization, language learning, and fun! All ages welcome.

White Memorial Conservation Center Presents:
Helping Nature’s Not-So-Cuddly
Wednesday, July 13, 2 pm | Ives
Learn to be a hero to creatures that often get overlooked because they’re not so huggable! Join us in the Children’s Room on the second floor. All ages welcome.
Christine's Critters Presents: Birds of Prey  
Tuesday, July 19, 5:30 pm | Wilson  
Eagles, hawks, owls...do you love birds? If you do, then you don’t want to miss this exciting event! Join us for a visit from Christine’s Critters when they come with their special birds of prey! See live birds and learn tons of information about these beautiful, shy hunters. For ages and 3 and up!

Playful Engineers  
Wednesday, July 27, 4 pm | Mitchell  
Teaching artist Jay Mankita presents a chain reaction workshop for kids and families. In this hands-on, STEM focused event, participants design, build, test, and play with Rube Goldberg Machines, and other mechanical contraptions they build themselves from Jay's Traveling Makerspace materials - great for all ages, even adults!

Riverside Reptiles Presents: Living Dragons  
Wednesday, August 3, 2 pm | Ives  
Wednesday, August 3, 4 pm | Fair Haven  
Dragons? No not real dragons—lizards! Meet skinks with bright blue tongues, a cousin of the Komodo Dragon, and a snake with claws! Families and Teens welcome to attend.

Nappy's Puppets Presents: Father Goose Tales  
Tuesday, August 23, 5 pm | Wilson  
Join us for an all-ages puppet show with Nappy's Puppets. We all know about Mother's Goose's tales...but what happens when Father Goose steps in to help out? Nappy's Puppets is dedicated to presenting quality puppet theater to audiences of all ages...so be ready to laugh and enjoy an amazing show!

Learn about more at: nhfpl.org/ymreadingprograms/