



New Haven Free Public Library

# April 2024

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Featured Adult Programs

#### Hearing Voices Weekly Meeting

**Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm | WILSON**

The Connecticut Hearing Voices Network seeks to provide a space where people can share their experiences of hearing voices, seeing visions, and other altered states of reality safely and without judgement.

#### NEA Big Read Kick-Off Party

**Wednesday, April 3, 5:30-7:30 pm | STETSON**

The 2024 NEA Big Read Kick Off celebrates *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui. Join the [International Festival of Arts & Ideas](#) for activities, grab a free copy of the book, and meet our partners!

#### BookLovers' Circle

**Thursday, April 4, 10-11 am | MITCHELL**

Share with other booklovers in an informal setting about the book you're reading or one you've just finished.

#### Resume and Tech Support Session

**Thursday, April 4, 6-8 pm | IVES**

**Saturday, April 20, All Day | IVES**

Hosted by the Yale Undergraduate Prison Project.

#### The Unhoused Activists Community Team

**Fridays, 1-3 pm | IVES**

U-ACT is an organization made up of people fighting for the rights and dignity of unhoused people in New Haven. They are welcoming new members and people who are interested in helping the cause.

#### Free Friday Films

**Fridays, 2-4 pm | IVES**

Celebrate Arab-American Heritage Month!

**April 5 - *Amreeka* (PG-13)**

Centered on the trials and tribulations of a proud Palestinian Christian immigrant single mother and her teenage son in small town Indiana.

**April 19 - *Detroit Unleaded* (Not Rated)**

An urban comedy about an unlikely romance between the reluctant manager of a gas station and a gorgeous 'up-do-girl'.

**April 26 - *AmericanEast* (R)**

A drama about Arab-Americans living in post-9/11 Los Angeles.

#### New Haven Go Club

**Saturdays, 2-4:45 pm | IVES**

Go is an abstract two-player strategy board game in which the aim is to surround more territory than the opponent. Come learn and play this game!

#### Pardoning Workshop with Y.U.P.P

**Saturday, April 6, 2:30-3:30 pm | IVES**

**Saturday, April 20, 2:30-3:30 pm | WILSON**

Are you formerly incarcerated and interested in applying for an absolute pardon in the state of Connecticut? This is a free service offered by Yale Undergraduate Prison Project.

#### Fair Haven Book Club

**Monday, April 8, 2-3 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Join for a discussion of *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui. This graphic memoir concerns her family's escape from war-torn Vietnam in their search for a better future.

#### NEA Big Read: *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui

**Monday, April 8, 5:30-7:30 pm | MITCHELL**

Join us with the [International Festival of Arts and Ideas](#) to celebrate the book chosen for this year's Big Read.

#### Computer Basics Classes

##### Internet

**Wednesday, April 10, 12:30-2 pm | WILSON**

Learn the basics of using the internet. This class is recommended for people with basic computer skills. Registration is required.

##### Mouse and Keyboard

**Thursday, April 11, 5:30-6:30 pm | IVES**

Learn the basics of operating a mouse and keyboard. No experience required.

##### Getting Started

**Thursday, April 25, 4-5:30 pm | WILSON**

Learn the basics of using a computer and practice using a mouse. This class is recommended for people with little to no experience. Registration is required.

##### Windows Operating System

**Thursday, April 25, 5:30-6:30 pm | IVES**

Learn the basics of the Windows desktop and get an introduction to starting programs and finding files.

#### The Personal Essay

**Wednesday, April 10, 6-7 pm | IVES**

Three student writers will join Anne Fadiman, the Francis Writer-in-Residence at Yale, to read from their essays.

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### **Titanic and Her Sisters**

**Friday, April 12, 2-3 pm | IVES**

Join historian and researcher Philip Vitiello Sr. to learn the stories of these ships!

### **Poetry Lounge and Open Mic**

**Tuesday, April 16, 6-7:30 pm | WILSON**

Join New Haven poet Deborah Elmore for an original poetry reading and listening session! Feel free to simply enjoy and/or share your own poetry or the poetry of someone you admire.

### **Piano Lessons**

**Thursday, April 18 and 25, 3:30-5:45 pm | MITCHELL**

Sign up for a free half hour lesson at the Circulation Desk. For people ages 12 and up.

### **Classic Cinema: *Almost Famous (Rated: R)***

**Saturday, April 20, 1-3:15 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Join us for a classic film. Popcorn and soda are on us! A fifteen year old boy with an overprotective mother hits the road with an up-and-coming rock band in 1973.

### **Plant and Garden Resource Fair**

**Saturday, April 20, 2-4 pm | MITCHELL**

Learn about gardening and environmental resources within the City of New Haven.

### **Humanist Association of Connecticut Book Discussion: *The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis**

**Saturday, April 20, 2:30-4:30 pm | WILSON**

Join a monthly book club hosted by the [Humanist Association of Connecticut](#) and discuss *The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis. All are welcome!

### **Urban Life Experience Book Discussion: *Brutal Imagination* by Cornelius Eady**

**Saturday, April 27, 12-1:30 pm | WILSON**

This month we'll discuss *Brutal Imagination* by Cornelius Eady.

### **Tech-Time: An Immersive IT Experience**

**Tuesday, April 30, 12-3:30 pm | IVES**

Explore various career pathways within the field of Information Technology (IT). This event will provide attendees with hands-on experiences and live demonstrations on the topics of computer assembly, live coding, and virtual reality. This program will be held in Ives Squared.

### **Ongoing Programs**

#### **Meet Your Alder**

**Thursday, April 4, 4:30-6 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Ward 15 Alder Frank Redente and Ward 9 Alder Caroline Smith will be in to answer questions and address concerns about City affairs.

**Saturday, April 6, 10-11 am | FAIR HAVEN**

Ward 14 Alder Sarah Miller will be here to answer questions and address concerns about City affairs.

#### **Fair Haven Community Management Team Meeting**

**Thursday, April 4, 6-8 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

#### **Bilingual Tech Assistance Hour**

**Mondays, 10-11 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 pm, and Thursdays, 5-6 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Need more than a few minutes of help when you're on our PCs? Are you figuring out your own device? Drop by during our Tech Assistance Hour! First come, first served.

#### **Mindfulness Matters**

**Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am | WILSON**

Together with peers, practice dropping labels and tuning into yourself. Led by Prabha Makayee.

#### **SMART Recovery Coffee & Conversation**

**Tuesdays, 4:30-6 pm | WILSON**

SMART Recovery stands for Self-Management and Recovery Training, a science-based addiction recovery support group.

#### **Spanish Language Conversation Club**

**Wednesdays, 4-5 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Interested in learning Spanish? Improve your skills in this casual and informal club.

#### **English Conversation Club**

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

#### **Music Room Open Hours**

**Wednesdays, 5-6 pm | WILSON**

#### **Liberty Community Services Assistance**

**Thursdays, 12-4:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

#### **Meditation with Elm Community Insight**

**Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm | IVES**

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