

December 2023

ADULT PROGRAMS

Featured Adult Programs

Music Haven String Quartet Concert with Student Groups

Saturday, December 2, 11 am-12 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Our friends at Music Haven will present a family-friendly performance of *Peter and the Wolf*. Come enjoy the timeless music with professional musicians and support local students.

Artist's Reception for Amira Brown

Saturday, December 2, 2-4 pm | MITCHELL

Amira Brown is a graduate of Paier College of Art as well as a resident of Westville. Her work has been featured in many galleries and print and digital outlets.

Hypertension Awareness & Prevention Program at Yale (HAPPY)

Saturday, December 2, 2-4 pm | IVES

Wednesday, December 6, 4:30-5:30 pm | IVES

Get a free hypertension screening in the Rotunda at the Ives Branch. HAPPY is a collaboration of Yale University students, health professionals, and New Haven health care organizations dedicated to providing free, regular hypertension screenings.

New Haven Go Club

Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16 and 30, 2-4:45 pm | IVES

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

Mindfulness Matters

Mondays, December 4, 11, and 18, 10:30-11:30 am | WILSON

This program is lead by Prabha Makayee, a long time practitioner and facilitator of mindfulness events in CT. Together with peers, practice dropping labels and tuning into yourself.

Affordable Connectivity Program Sign-Up

Mondays, December 4 and 18, 1-4 pm | IVES

Eligible New Haven residents can save \$30 a month on internet. Get help signing up at this in-person event presented by CfAL for Digital Inclusion.

Beginner Watercolor Painting Workshop

Mondays, December 4 and 11, 6-7:30 pm | MITCHELL

Sign up at the circulation desk for this two-part painting exercise, taught by instructor Lynn Howson Page. All materials will be provided. Call 203-946-8117 to register.

SMART Recovery Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19 and 26, 4:30-6 pm | WILSON

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

Single Mother's Writing Club

Wednesdays, December 6 and 20, 6-7 pm | STETSON

Get together for networking, writing, and journaling. Light refreshments provided.

Preserving Archives of Activism

Wednesday, December 6, 6-7 pm | IVES

Join Graham Stinnett from the UConn Library's Archives & Special collections to learn about protest materials in archives. This program is presented in partnership with the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, to complement their [Art, Protest, & the Archives](#) exhibit.

BookLovers' Circle

Thursday, December 7, 10-11 am | MITCHELL

Take twenty seconds to tell us about the book you're reading right now or just finished. Here's a chance to share with other booklovers in an informal setting.

Absolute Pardon Workshop

Saturday, December 9, 2:30-4:30 pm | IVES

If you have a criminal record in Connecticut and are interested in applying for an Absolute Pardon in the State of Connecticut this workshop is right for you. This is a free service offered by the Yale Undergraduate Prison Project.

Fair Haven Book Club

Monday, December 11, 2-3 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join the club for a discussion of *The Bald Eagle*. Jack E. Davis' book delves into the cultural, natural, and political history of the raptor that became our nation's enduring symbol. Copies are available to check out from the Library.

Classic Cinema: *Aliens* (1986)

Saturday, December 16, 1-3:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Come see a classic film. Popcorn and soda are on us! Ripley awakens 57 years after the events of *Alien* and returns to a space colony where she first encountered a hideous, reptilian creature. Rated: R

Humanist Association of Connecticut Book Discussion: *Accidental Gods...* by Anna Della Subin

Saturday, December 16, 2:30-4:30 pm | WILSON

Join a monthly book club hosted by the **Humanist Association of Connecticut** and discuss great books. All are welcome!

Junta's Know Your Rights Workshop

Thursday, December 21, 5-8 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Our friends from Junta for Progressive Action will hold a bilingual information session for immigrants to understand the rights and services available to them.

December Joint Library Book Chat: *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham

Thursday, December 28, 7-8 pm | ZOOM

Join us for a monthly virtual book chat for the patrons of the New Haven Free Public Library and the Prospect Public Library. Register: nhfpl.libnet.info/event/7900110

Urban Life Experience Book Discussion: *The Movement Made Us* by David J. Dennis Jr. & Sr.

Saturday, December 30, 12-1:30 pm | WILSON

This month we'll discuss *The Movement Made Us: A Father, a Son, and the Legacy of a Freedom Ride* by David J. Dennis Jr. & Sr.

Ongoing Programs

Meet Your Alder

Saturday, December 2, 10-11 am | FAIR HAVEN

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

Fair Haven Community Management Team Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 6-8 pm | FAIR HAVEN

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

Ives Squared

Tinker Lab

Drop in Holiday Cards

December 4-23 | IVES

Drop in any time the library is open to make one-of-a-kind holiday cards for your friends and loved ones. All supplies (except envelopes) will be provided.

Holiday Chocolate Molds

Tuesday, December 12, 6-7:30 pm | IVES

Holiday-shaped chocolates can be a great gift or addition to a dessert spread. Make your own using the Vaquform in Ives Squared!

Register: nhfpl.libnet.info/event/9497676