

May 2023

ADULT PROGRAMS

Featured Adult Programs

Mitchell Branch Seed Library Opening

Monday, May 1 | MITCHELL

The Mitchell Branch Seed Library opens for the 2023 season and welcomes both new and experienced growers alike. We welcome patrons to both take and to donate seeds while also discovering books and other information about gardening.

Laurel City Swords

Saturday, May 6, 11 am-1 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Laurel City will be on hand on Fair Haven Day to perform historical reenactments of fencing, and other middle ages' competition and combat. It's educational and interactive (but safe!). Don't miss it!

NCAT Bicycle Safety Class

Saturday, May 6, 12-2 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Ride safely on New Haven streets with classes from New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation.

Author Talk: Peter Kupfer: *The Glassmaker's Son*

Saturday, May 6, 2-4 pm | MITCHELL

The Glassmaker's Son recounts a son's decades-long quest to uncover the world his father left behind in Nazi Germany. Join the author as he discusses this journey of discovery.

Fair Haven Book Club

Monday, May 8, 2-3 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join the club for a discussion of *The School for Good Mothers*. Jessamine Chan's debut novel is a satire about a woman who is sent to a parenting program.

Pardoning Workshop

Monday, May 8, 4:45-5:45 pm | WILSON

Are you formerly incarcerated and interested in applying for an absolute pardon in Connecticut? The pardon program is a free service offered by the Yale Undergraduate Prison Partnership.

Westville Artwalk Kickoff 2023!

Monday, May 8, 5-7 pm | MITCHELL

Enjoy live music, and have fun painting and making jewelry with local artists Amira Brown and Kimkelly Meyers. Presented in partnership with the Westville Renaissance Alliance.

Blind and Low Vision Resources with UR Community Cares

Monday, May 8, 5:30-7:30 pm | IVES

Join UR Community Cares to learn about a wide range of tools and devices but which are usually difficult to find locally.

Garden Exchange and Pollinator Celebration

Tuesday, May 9, 5:30-7 pm | WILSON

Join us for our second annual Wilson Branch Garden Exchange & Pollinator Celebration. We will be giving away Milkweed seedlings, seeds, gardening resources and there will be live music and light refreshments.

Loving All of Me: A Conversation on Disability

Wednesday, May 10, 5:30-6:30 pm | STETSON

Join Lucy Gellman, Editor of the Arts Paper, Justin Farmer, City Councilor of Hamden's 5th District, and Elaine Kolb, activist & musician in a conversation on disability, dating, and love.

Art Exhibit and Reception

Thursday, May 11, 4-5:30 pm | MITCHELL

Art exhibition and reception for the featured works of Mariellen Chapdelaine and Joseph Fekieta. The art will be available for viewing May 1 through May 31st.

Falling in Love with Theatre Workshops

Saturday, May 13, 11 am-12 pm | WILSON

Have a blast with a series of feel good workshops where the world of theatre arts is explored!

Gather New Haven Gardening Workshop

Saturday, May 13, 11 am-12:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Folly Delgado returns with another helpful DIY gardening workshop.

Classic Cinema: *Casablanca*

Saturday, May 13, 1:30-3:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Come see a classic film. Popcorn and soda are on us! Rick Blaine owns a nightclub in Casablanca, visited by refugees trying to escape the Third Reich. Will Rick avoid trouble or become a hero? Rated: PG

Dr. Jessica Cerdaña in Conversation: *Pressing Onward*

Wednesday, May 17, 5:30-7:30 pm | IVES

Thursday, May 18, 5:30-7:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join Dr. Jessica Cerdaña on her new book, *Pressing Onward: The Imperative Resilience of Latina Migrant Mothers* with Jenny Medina Morris. In partnership with Community Foundation of Greater New Haven.



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New Haven Free Public Library

Featured Programs Continued

Piano Lessons at Mitchell Library

Thursdays, May 18 and 25, 3:30-6 pm | MITCHELL

Free half hour lessons for people ages 12 and up.

Humanist Association of Connecticut Book Discussion: *Supreme Inequality...* By Adam Cohen

Saturday, May 20, 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!

Animation Celebration! *My Entire High School Sinking Into the Sea*

Monday, May 22, 7-8 pm | ZOOM

Watch the film on your own before the meeting, then bring your thoughts and opinions to our lively discussion! Register: nhfpl.libnet.info/event/8290173

More Than Sitting Pretty: A Poetry Reading and Workshop

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30-7:30 pm | WILSON

A poetry reading & workshop featuring Sarah Rizzuto on the subject of the NEA Big Read selection for 2023, *Sitting Pretty* by Rebekah Taussig.

The Weird and Wonderful Immune System

Thursday, May 25, 6-7 pm | IVES
What is your immune system, and how does it work? Find out as Yale Science Communication speakers present the weird and wonderful ways that your immune system protects you.

May Joint Library Book Chat: *The Story Hour* by Thrity Umrigar

Thursday, May 25, 7-8 pm | ZOOM

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/7812401

Ongoing Programs

Fair Haven Community Management Team Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 6-8 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Ask a Lawyer

Thursday, May 11, 5:30-7:30 pm | IVES

Every second Thursday of the month in partnership with the [New Haven County Bar Association](#).

Small Business Help with Doreen Abubakar

Tuesdays, 4:30-6 pm | WILSON

Discuss your small business ideas. Register at: calendly.com/talkwithdoreen30min

I.D.E.A.S Club: Individual Development Entrepreneurial Assistance Service

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm | WILSON

Learn how to develop your own home business, access support, and gain information on financial resources and technology in a group setting with Doreen Abubakar.

English Conversation Club

Wednesdays, 4-6 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Music Room Open Hours

Wednesdays, 5-6 pm | WILSON

Meditation with Elm Community Insight

Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm | IVES

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Exchange

Como Hacer un Plan de Negocios

Jueves, 11 de mayo, 6-7:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Registro: bit.ly/cedf-1

Lleva la Contabilidad y Finanzas de Tu Pequeña Empresa

Jueves, 25 de mayo, 6-7:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Registro: bit.ly/cedf-2

Celeste es bilingüe, lo que le ha permitido liderar la expansión de las ofertas de educación empresarial en español de CEDF. Gratis pero es necesario registrarse. Por favor llamar al 203-443-0746 o al 860-617-9162 para más información.

Tinker Lab

Making Custom Embroidery Files with Ink/Stitch

Thursday, May 4, 3-4 pm | VIRTUAL

Learn how to use the free program to make custom files for computerized embroidery machines. Register: nhfpl.libnet.info/event/8261493

Tiny Art Show: In-Person Creation Days

Saturday, May 13, 11 am-1 pm | IVES

Saturday, May 27, 1-3 pm | IVES

Artists of all ages are welcome to join us for our second Tiny Art Show!

Find a full list of Ives Squared programming at

nhfpl.org/programs/ives-squared/events-cafe/

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