

May 2025

Adult Programs

Featured Adult Programs

Book Lovers' Circle

Thursday, May 1, 10-11 am | MITCHELL

Share with other book lovers about what you're reading, what you've just finished, a book you want to read, or even a book you read five years ago!

Sister City Film Series: *Camarista / The Chambermaid* (Mexico)

Thursday, May 1, 5-7:45 pm | IVES

A look at the working environment of a chambermaid in one of Mexico City's most luxurious hotels.

Free Community Yoga

Saturday, May 3, 10-11:30 am | WILSON

Saturday, May 31, 10-11:30 am | MITCHELL

Free and open to all! We will come together and practice the eight limbs of the yogic path.

Urban Life Experience Book Discussion: *We Refuse* by Kellie Carter Jackson

Saturday, May 3, 12-1:30 pm | WILSON

This month we discuss *We Refuse, a Forceful History of Black Resistance* by Kellie Carter Jackson.

The Big Read Event: Book Discussion and Short Film Presentation

Saturday, May 3, 2-4 pm | MITCHELL

Join us to view the short documentary *The ABCs of Book Banning* and discuss the film along with Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451*.

Fair Haven Day

Saturday, May 3, 12-5 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join us in the Fair Haven Library and Fair Haven School parking lot for a parade, music, art, sports, food, resources, vendors, and more! Presented by the International Festival of Arts and Ideas.

NHV Health Department Overdose Prevention Navigator Tabling

May 5 and May 15, 11 am-1 pm | IVES

Monday, May 12, 11 am-1 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Thursday, May 22, 1-3 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Meet with an Overdose Prevention Navigator from the New Haven Public Health Department!

Artwalk Kickoff 2025

Monday, May 5, 5-7 pm | MITCHELL

Our Artwalk Kickoff for 2025 will feature a poetry presentation along with an artist presentation featuring the art of Larry Morse.

Ives Book Club

Wednesday, May 7, 6-7 pm | IVES

Join us for a discussion of *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. For more info visit:

bookclubs.com/clubs/6085518/join/894cd0

Garden Club of New Haven Centennial Flower Show

Saturday, May 10, 10 am-4 pm | IVES

The [Garden Club of New Haven](#) is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a Flower Show. The theme of the show is *Nature and the Written Word*.

Classic Cinema: *Ben-Hur* (Rated: G)

Saturday, May 10, 12:30-4 pm | FAIR HAVEN

A Jewish prince living in Judea, is betrayed and sold into slavery. After gaining his freedom, he sets his sights on revenge. Popcorn and soda are on us!

Fair Haven Book Club

Monday, May 12, 3:30-4:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Join the club for a discussion of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, this year's Big Read pick. Copies available from the library.

Sister City Film Series: *Don't Burn* (Not Rated)

Monday, May 12, 5-8 pm | MITCHELL

During the Vietnam war, An American soldier finds an abandoned diary and starts translating it.

American Job Center Tabling

Wednesday, May 14, 1-3 pm | IVES

Tuesday, May 27, 12-2 pm | IVES

American Job Center offers help with resume writing, job searching, and offer a great selection of workshops to help boost your skills.

Wilson Movie Matinee: *Come Drink With Me*

Wednesday, May 14, 2-4 pm | WILSON

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, so we'll be featuring a film that is a staple of the Chinese Martial Arts Cinema.

APT Foundation & UCONN Research Study tabling

Friday, May 16, 10:30 am-12:30 pm | IVES

Promoting PrEP adherence and HIV risk reduction.

Fair Haven Community Health Care

Friday, May 16, 11 am-1 pm | IVES

Information on behavioral health and addiction medicine.

Humanist Association of Connecticut Book Discussion: *The Anxious Generation...* by Jonathan Haidt

Saturday, May 17, 2:30-4:30 pm | WILSON

This month we discuss *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. All are welcome!

IVES MAIN LIBRARY

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Views of New Haven: Gallery Opening

Saturday, May 17, 2-4 pm | IVES

Light refreshments will be served. This photography event is part of the *Find Your Artistic Lens* series.

Thoughts on Medical Assisted Suicide

Monday, May 19, 6-7:30 pm | MITCHELL

Progressives Against Medical Assisted Suicide (PAMAS) premieres its 35-minute film, *Thoughts on Medical Assisted Suicide* with a discussion to follow.

Author Talk: *Oasis in the Overwhelm*

Wednesday, May 21, 6-7:30 pm | IVES

Mille Grenough will discuss her book and demonstrate stress reduction techniques.

Sister City Film Series: *La Yuma* (Rated: R)

Tuesday, May 27, 6-7:45 pm | IVES

La Yuma is a girl who lives in a poor Nicaraguan barrio who dreams of being a boxer.

The Morbidly Curious Book Club

Tuesday, May 27, 6-7pm | IVES

Join this 18+ non-fiction book club exploring the macabre. We will be reading *Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach.

Wilson Movie Matinee: *Iron Monkey* (PG-13)

Wednesday, May 28, 2-4 pm | WILSON

A martial artist/doctor steals from the corrupt authorities as a masked thief to give to the poor.

Author Talk: *Catalina* by Karla Villavicencio

Wednesday, May 28, 6-7:30 pm | IVES

A year in the life of Catalina Ituralde, a wry and vulnerable student at an elite college, who is forced to navigate past, future, tragedy.

Sister City Film Series: *The Hand of God* (Rated: R)

Thursday, May 29, 5-7:30 pm | IVES

Set in 1980s Naples, Italy, the film follows a teenager who is passionate about cinema and football.

Level Up at Your Library Summer Reading Kickoff

Saturday, May 31, 1-4 pm | IVES

We are transforming the Program Room into an 80s game room with arcade cabinets, retro video game consoles, and board games. Enjoy arcade classics!

CT Map Society

Saturday, May 31, 2-4 pm | MITCHELL

CT Map Society is hosting a map-making workshop.

Ongoing Programs

Meet Your Alders

Thursday, May 1, 4:30-6 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Have questions, concerns, or ideas about our neighborhood and city? Meet with Ward 15 Alder Frank Redente and Ward 9 Alder Caroline Smith.

Fair Haven Community Management Team Meeting

Thursday, May 1, 6-8 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Discuss your community concerns.

Ask a Lawyer

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

Legal questions? Drop in for a free 15-minute consultation with a lawyer. Presented in partnership with the New Haven County Bar Association.

Adult Writer's Group

Monday, May 12, 2:30-4 pm | WILSON

Aspiring and experienced writers are welcome!

Technology Assistance

Mondays, 11 am-12 pm, Tuesdays, 2-3 pm, and Thursdays, 2-3 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Need technology help? Help is offered in English or Spanish. Obtenga ayuda en inglés o Español.

Mindfulness Matters

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

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

Hearing Voices Weekly Meeting

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

The Connecticut Hearing Voices Network provides a space where people can share their experiences of altered states of reality without judgement.

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

Practice speaking English and learn to improve for free in a casual group setting! Families welcome.

The Unhoused Activists Community Team (U-ACT)

Fridays, 1-3 pm | IVES

U-ACT is made up of people fighting for the rights and dignity of unhoused people in New Haven. Call or text Billy Bomage at 203-804-0207 for more info.

Meditation with Elm Community Insight

Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm | IVES

Join us for morning meditation led by Elm Community Insight in collaboration with the NHFPL.

New Haven Go Club

Saturdays, 1-4:30 pm | IVES

Come learn and play this exciting strategy game that was invented almost 2,500 years ago!