

May 2025

Young Minds and Family Learning

All NHFPL locations will be closed on Saturday, May 24 and Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

Special Programs

Wonderful Books and Where to Find Them

Saturday, May 3, 11-11:30 am | Ives

This month we're celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage. We'll read *Hot Pot Night* by Vincent Chen and make our own hot pot craft!



Coding Workshop with CS4ALL

Saturday, May 3, 3:30-5 pm | Ives

Justine from CS4ALL, along with students from Yale, returns for another coding workshop for kids. Learn how to make the Flappy Bird game in Scratch using block coding! Call (203) 946-8129 to register. Limited spaces available. Recommended for ages 7-12.



Artwalk Kickoff 2025

Monday, May 5, 5-7 pm | Mitchell

Our kickoff features poet and puppeteer Iyaba Ibo Mandingo for both our children's attraction (puppet show, puppet making workshop) and our adult attraction (a poetry presentation and a presentation featuring the art of Larry Morse).



Author visit with Deborah Freedman

Saturday, May 10, 11 am-12 pm | Ives

Local author and illustrator Deborah Freedman presents her book *Carl and the Meaning of Life*. After listening to a book reading, take part in a fun craft based on the book using recycled materials.



Rock Painting

Wednesday, May 7, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

The garden at Mitchell Library needs some sprucing up. Help us paint some colorful rock art for the garden.



Author Visit and Illustration Workshop:

Frank Dormer

Wednesday, May 14, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

Children's book author/illustrator and artist Frank Dormer will visit. He'll read his wildly engaging books and draw on the walls(!) in his trademarked style, Deconstructed Doodling. Presented by a generous donation from ArtEcon Initiative.



Shubert Theatre presents: Puppet Making

Wednesday, May 21, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

Our pals at the Shubert return to teach us how to make puppets! Book giveaways and prizes for all attendees. Registration is requested.



Homeschool Meet-up

Wednesday, May 28, 11 am-1 pm

| Mitchell

Are you a family who home-schools? Join us to share ideas and make connections. Activities for kids will be provided!



Neighborhood Music School

Premier Jazz Ensemble

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

The Neighborhood Music School Premier Jazz Ensemble performs. Watch these amazing young musicians showcase the vibrant spirit of jazz in a fun, family-friendly concert.



Summer Reading Kickoff

Saturday, May 31, 1-3 pm | Ives

Kick off this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Ives (and the following week at the branches) with fun activities on the theme "Level Up at Your Library!" Enjoy crafts, building activities, and video games with Matt Yanarella from MY Productions CT, face painting with Jordyn, and indoor mini golf.



The GIANT Room - Comic Strip Stories

Saturday, May 3-Friday, May 23 | Ives

Come up with your own original comic strip story and see it professionally published with an original title page. Then, check back in June for the final remix station, where you can invent a new type of tech wearable device. In partnership with The GIANT Room and CT State Library.



Ongoing Programs

Youth Chess

Mondays, 3:30-4:30 pm | Ives

Join us for our weekly, casual chess club.



Got Game?

Mondays, 4-5 pm | Fair Haven

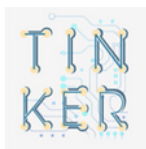
Play board games from our collection.



Tinker Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 4-5 pm | Fair Haven

Join us for a hands-on STEAM program that allows children to explore, create, and design with LEGOs, bristle blocks, magnetic tiles and more!



Future Innovators

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm | Ives

Drop-in STEM for kids ages 7+.

May 6 - Ozobots

May 13 - Choose your own!

May 20 - LEGO robotics

May 27 - Sphero robots



KIDS Gaming Night

Wednesdays, 3-5:30 pm | Stetson

Hang out with your friends and play Nintendo Switch on the big screen! Ages 8-12.



Whimsical Wonders: A Story Time Adventure

Thursdays, 4:30-5:15 pm | Ives

A weekly, themed story time and craft for ages 5-8.

May 1 - International Astronomy Day

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 15 - World Turtle Day

May 22 - Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage

May 29 - Summer Reading
"Level Up at Your Library!"



Crafternoon

Thursdays*, 4-5 pm | Fair Haven

Get crafty with us! Bring your creativity for an afternoon of arts and crafts.

***May 8, 3-4 pm - Fun with Bookmaking**

Let's combine art and literacy to create a one-of-a-kind book! For ages 6-12. A Big Read event presented with support from Connecticut Humanities.



Find Sam the Stegosaurus

Tuesday, May 13, 4-5 pm | Fair Haven

How good are you at finding a dinosaur? Be one of the first and win a cool prize from Yale Peabody Museum.



Video Games for Kids!

Tuesday, May 20, 4-5 pm | Fair Haven

Come down for an afternoon of casual gaming at the library with your friends courtesy of Matt Yanarella of MY Productions CT! Try out some classic systems, battle it out in Smash Bros, or explore with the Meta Quest VR headsets!



Stay and Play

Mondays and Saturdays, 10-11:30 am | Stetson

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Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am & 11:30 am-12 pm and

Saturday, May 17, 11 am-12 pm | Mitchell

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am | Fair Haven

Bilingual (Quédate y Juega)

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am

| Wilson

Stories, songs, playtime for kids, birth-5, with caregiver.



Mitchell Lego Club

Wednesday, May 28, 4-5 pm

| Mitchell

We'll bring the LEGOs, you bring the creativity.



IVES MAIN LIBRARY

133 Elm St, New Haven, CT 06510 | 203.946.8129
Mon-Thurs: 10-8 | Fri-Sat: 10-5

FAIR HAVEN BRANCH

182 Grand Ave, New Haven, CT 06513 | 203.946.8115
Mon-Wed: 10-6 | Thurs: 12-8 | Sat: 10-5

MITCHELL BRANCH

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Mon: 12-8 | Tues-Thurs: 10-6 | Sat: 10-5

STETSON BRANCH

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Mon-Tues: 10-6 | Wed: 12-8 | Thurs: 10-6 | Sat: 10-5

WILSON BRANCH

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Mon: 10-6 | Tues: 12-8 | Wed-Thurs: 10-6 | Sat: 10-5

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