



SYSTEMWIDE PROGRAMS

Black History Celebration with Erik Clemons

Monday, February 9, 5-7:30 pm | MITCHELL

Erik Clemons, CEO of ConnCAT and a leader in arts education and economic justice initiatives, will speak on key moments in Black history.

Memory Mapping New Haven: An Interactive Archive

March 2 through June 30 | IVES (Ives Squared)

Upload your New Haven memories and historic photos of local landmarks to our interactive map. Contribute to documenting our local history!

Oral History Workshop

Saturday, March 7, 2-4 pm | WILSON

Partners from Yale and other New Haven organizations are joining us to host a workshop focusing on best practices around performing history interviews. Patrons will be able to sign up for time slots to record their own oral history in the Wilson Music Room.

America 250 for Teens: The Revolutionary War in CT

Wednesday, March 11, 5-6 pm | IVES (Young Minds)

Reenactor Aimee Toms explores life during the Revolutionary War. Learn about CT's role in the fight for independence, then make a hands-on 1700s-inspired craft.

Memory Mapping NH: Picture Plotting Workshop

Saturday, March 14, 2-4 pm | IVES (Ives Squared)

Use the Memory Lab to digitize and display your New Haven memories and history! Map your digitized photos onto our physical and digital maps of New Haven.

New Haven's Jewish Writers in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Monday, March 16, 6-7:30 pm | MITCHELL

Nicole Zador at the Jewish Historical Society will present archival material to highlight New Haven's early Jewish writers.

Kevin Johnson: A Black Soldier's Revolutionary War Experience

Thursday, March 19, 6-7 pm | IVES

Historian Kevin Johnson's reenactment depicts the real-life experiences of Jordan Freeman, an African American man during the Revolutionary War.

Author Visit: Chris Newell

Thursday, March 26, 1-2 pm | IVES (Young Minds)

Chris Newell is the author of *If You Lived During the American Revolution*.

Oral History Open Hours

Saturdays, March 28 and April 11, All Day | WILSON

Sign up for a one hour time slot to record your own oral histories in the Wilson Music Room. Please sign up online or contact the Wilson Branch to secure your spot.

Presentation on Historic Maps of New Haven and Connecticut

Monday, April 13, 6-7:30 pm | MITCHELL

Connie Brown from the CT Map Society will present a lecture and showcase graphics from maps in the 18th century.

Mohegan Stories: An Exploration of Native Heritage

Thursday, April 16, 3-4 pm | IVES (Young Minds) (Children Age 5-12)

A member from CT's Mohegan Tribe will visit in this show-and-tell featuring artifacts, music, and traditions. Presented in partnership with the Mohegan Tribe.

Lecture with Michael Langlois: From Liberty to Legacy

Saturday, April 18, 2-3:30 pm | IVES

This lecture by Michael Langlois focuses on the cultural influences around the musicals *1776* and *Hamilton* and how they shaped the narratives of the founding of this country.

American History Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 21, 5:30-7:30 pm | WILSON

Join us for rounds of family friendly questions with snacks and prizes!



Presentation on Historic Maps of New Haven and Connecticut

Monday, April 27, 6–7:30 pm | MITCHELL

Brian Tims, president of the CT Map Society, will present, offering insights into the history of maps detailing the region, along with opportunities for field trips.

Unsung Heroes: Film Screening & Community Conversation

Wednesday, April 29, 6-7:45 pm | IVES

Explore the music and heritage of jazz in New Haven and chat with the filmmakers.

Wicked New Haven — Author Michael J. Bielawa

Thursday, April 30, 6-7 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Learn about the hauntings on New Haven Green, inside Yale's Old Campus and examine the unsettling true crime story of the city's Wakemanite cult in the 1850s.

Memory Mapping NH Talkback Café

Saturday, May 9, 12-2 pm | IVES (Ives Squared)

Listen to participants share their stories, interact with our maps, and celebrate history.

Slaves in Connecticut

Wednesday, May 13, 5:30-7:30 pm | STETSON

Judge Clifton E. Graves will lead an interactive lesson on CT’s history with slavery and its impact on economic development. Handouts provided; refreshments served.

Hill Walking Tours

Saturdays, May 16 and 30, 2-4 pm | WILSON

In conjunction with Jose DeJesus and Dr. Pamela Monk Kelley, the Wilson Branch will be hosting a Walking tour of the Hill!

How the Cotton and Tobacco Industry Built the Foundation of America

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30-7:30 pm | STETSON

Judge Clifton E. Graves will explore the Transatlantic Slave Trade and how the cotton and tobacco industries laid America’s economic foundation.



Historical Facts: Black Dixwell Neighborhood

Wednesday, May 27, 5:30-7:30 pm | STETSON

Join Stetson Branch Manager Diane X Brown and Petisia Adger, Founder of Urban Grants 4 Us, for a Dixwell Walking Tour followed by a discussion featuring film and food.

CT's Forgotten Relationship with the High Seas with Michael Allen

Thursday, May 28, 6-7:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN

Mariners of old CT has had some top sailors - including brave whalers, explorers who discovered Antarctica, and submarine makers.

Connecticut's Culinary Landscape: Migration and Entrepreneurship Panel

Thursday, June 4, 5-7 pm | IVES

Join us for a discussion panel with CT's culinary entrepreneurs! We'll be discussing the history of their businesses, the culinary landscape, and the challenges they've faced.

Grover Cleveland's Rubber Jaw

Thursday, June 11, 6-7 pm | FAIR HAVEN

An evening of trivia with lively speaker and author Stephen Spignesi.

NHFPL Juneteenth Festival

Saturday, June 13, 12-4 pm | New Haven Green

Commemorate Juneteenth with NHFPL in partnership with local civic leaders and family programming provided by Artsucation.

Connecticut Revolutionary War Records Available at the CT State Library

Thursday, July 23, 6-7:30 pm | IVES

Mel E. Smith will be outlining the use of Connecticut Revolutionary War records that are available at the Connecticut State Library, and yes, at your fingertips in digital format!

Jill Snyder: Black Women in the American Revolution

Thursday, September 10, 2-4 pm | IVES

Jill Snyder has devoted her time to researching Black history and has discovered stories of daring Black women who, despite war, were able to carve out a place in history.

