

# May 2023

## Special Programs

### Mars Explorers!

**Wednesday, May 3, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**

Learn all about Mars through fun games and puzzles! Presented by the SCSU Buley Library Makerspace.



### STEAM Explorers!

**Wednesdays, 4-5 pm | Ives**

STEAM Explorers is science and technology exploration for kids together with their caregivers! Let's explore science with fun, hands-on activities.



**May 3: LEGOs**

**May 10: Spirographs**

**May 17: Oscillating Paper Bird**

**May 24: Rainbow Fun**

**May 31: Strong Paper**

### Fair Haven Day

**Saturday, May 6, 11 am-5 pm | Fair Haven**

Fair Haven Day is a neighborhood festival of the [Festival of Arts & Ideas](#). Join us in the Fair Haven Library and Fair Haven School parking lot for a parade, music, art, sports, food, resources, local vendors, and more! Musica, arte, deportes, comida, recursos, negocios locales, y mucho mas.



### 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!

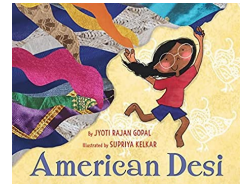


All NHFPL locations will be closed  
**Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29.**

## Wonderful Books and Where to Find Them

**Saturday, May 6, 11-11:30 am | Ives**

In partnership with the [Yale Affinity Groups](#), we'll be reading *American Desi* by Jyoti Rajan Gopal in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Celebrate American and Indian biculturalism, and create paper plate Rangoli.



### 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 \(NCAT\)](#).



### Exploring Artism

**Saturday, May 6 & 20, 12:30-1:30 pm | Ives**

Exploring Artism promotes social play through art among children, ages 5-12, who are on the autism spectrum. Participants view and make art in a supportive environment, and family members are welcome to join. Co-sponsored by the [Yale Center for British Art](#).



### Comic Book Craft!

**Saturday, May 6, 3-4:15 pm | Wilson**

Stop by the Wilson Library to make your own comic book! You'll also be able to repurpose old comic books to turn into wearable art!



### Westville Artwalk Kickoff 2023!

**Monday, May 8, 5-7 pm | Mitchell**

Start off Westville's 2023 Artwalk Festival here at the Mitchell Library! 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](#).



## Special Programs (continued)

### Falling in love with Theatre Workshops presented by SC

**Saturday, May 13, 11 am-12 pm | Wilson**

Join us Saturdays, March 25, April 22, and May 13. Have a blast with a fun series of fun feel good workshops where the world of theatre arts is explored! Everyone is welcome, and children and their families are strongly encouraged to attend. No experience is required.



### Fancy Nancy Party!

**Wednesday, May 17, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**

Do you love Fancy Nancy? Get ready to party! Don't forget to wear your fanciest outfit.



### Homeschool Meet Up!

**Wednesday, May 24, 11 am-1 pm | Mitchell**

Are you a family who homeschools? Join us for an informational meeting to share ideas and connections. Activities for kids will be provided!



### Play Dough Play!

**Wednesday, May 31, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**

Have fun building things, getting messy, and mixing colors!



## Ongoing Programs

### Stay and Play

**Mondays, 10-11:30 am | Stetson**

**Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:30 am | Ives**

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

Bilingual (Quédate y Juega)

**Tuesdays, 11:30 am-12 pm | Mitchell**

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



### LEGO Clubs

**Wednesdays, 3-5 pm | Wilson**

- ages 5-12

**Wednesday, May 10 & 24, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**

- ages 5+



### Music Room Open Hours

**Wednesdays, 5-6 pm | Wilson**

Experiment with keyboards, synthesizer, drum machines, guitars, ukuleles, mandolin, accordion and more! Get pointers, sheet music, a quick tutorial or learn to record your own song. No reservation needed.



### Youth Chess

**Thursdays, 4-5 pm | Ives**

Learn basic rules and strategy, play games, and discuss chess in a friendly setting. Join us in the Children's Room. Recommended for ages 7+.



#### 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

37 Harrison St., New Haven, CT 06515  
203.946.8117  
Mon. 12-8; Tues.-Thurs. 10-6; Sat. 10-5

#### STETSON BRANCH

197 Dixwell Ave., New Haven, CT 06511  
203.946.8119  
Mon. & Tues. 10-6; Wed. 12-8; Thurs. 10-6; Sat. 10-5

#### WILSON BRANCH

303 Washington Ave., New Haven, CT 06519  
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