

# December 2023

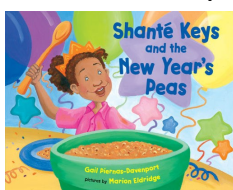
## YOUNG MINDS AND FAMILY LEARNING

### Special Programs

#### Wonderful Books and Where to Find Them: Winter Holidays

**Saturday, December 2, 11-11:30 am | Ives**

Join us for a monthly story time and craft. Presented in partnership with Yale Affinity Groups, we'll read *Shante Keys and the New Year's Peas* by Gail Piernas-Davenport. We will learn about the different New Year traditions from around the world and make a candle craft.



#### Music Haven String Quartet Concert with Students: *Peter and the Wolf*

**Saturday, December 2, 11 am-12 pm | Fair Haven**

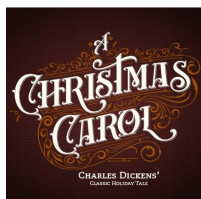
Our friends at Music Haven will present a family-friendly performance of *Peter and the Wolf*. Come enjoy the timeless music with professional musicians and support local students. After the performance there will be a "petting zoo" of instruments. Try one out or learn more about Music Haven's program.



#### A Christmas Carol Workshop: Presented by the Shubert Theatre

**Saturday, December 2, 2-3 pm | Stetson**

This free workshop for ages 3+ will include story time, arts and crafts, and a free book for every child attending. Registration is required.



### STEAM Explorers!

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

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



**December 6: LEGOs**

**December 13: Pinecone Monsters**

**December 20: Pop-Up Cards**

#### Winter Nail Art Workshop

**Wednesday, December 6, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**

Learn to create tiny, wintry works of art on your nails. Local nail artist and business owner Kate Proulx of SickNails returns to continue our Nail Art series.



#### Exploring Artism at Wilson Library

**Saturday, December 9, 11 am-12 pm | Wilson**

Explore works of art, practice social skills, and make a no-fail art project with educators from the Yale Center for British Art! This is a free program for children on the autism spectrum (5-12 years old) and their parents, siblings, and other relatives. A quiet area will be available with sensory toys and blankets. Please pre-register by emailing [ycba.education@yale.edu](mailto:ycba.education@yale.edu) or calling 203-432-2858.



#### Jewelry Making Workshop

**Wednesday, December 13, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**

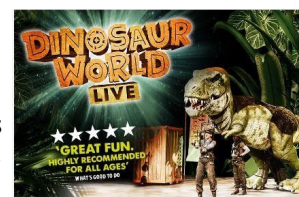
Local jewelry designer Kimkelly Myers will teach us to make our own jewelry. Come create something one of a kind.



#### Dinosaur World Workshop: Presented by the Shubert Theatre

**Saturday, December 16, 2-3 pm | Stetson**

This free workshop for ages 3+ will include story time, arts and crafts, and a free book for every child attending. Registration is required.



**All NHFPL locations will close early at 2 pm on Thursday, December 14.  
All locations will be closed all day on Saturday, December 23,  
Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.**

## Special Programs (continued)

### LEGO Club

**Wednesday, December 20, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**  
We'll bring the LEGOs, you bring the creativity.



### Find Sam the Stegosaurus

**Saturday, December 16, 12 pm, Thursday, December 21, 5 pm & Tuesday, December 26, 2 pm | Fair Haven**

We'll be hiding Sam the Stego-saurus inside our building. Be the first to find Sam and then complete a unique learning challenge. If you do, you'll receive a prize donated from Yale Peabody Museum's gift shop. Consolation prizes will also be awarded to the next three finders.



### Penguin Storytime and Craft

**Wednesday, December 27, 4-5 pm | Mitchell**

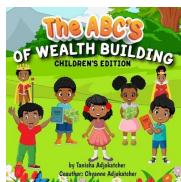
Enjoy stories about everyone's favorite flightless bird and make a craft to take with you.



### Children's Authors and Illustrator Series: Author & Coach Tanisha Marie

**Thursday, December 28, 3-4 pm | Ives**

Join Coach Tanisha Marie on Thriving Thursday for a financial wellness book read. Attendees will learn the importance of self love, being happy, investing, saving, and ownership; and will leave with a clear picture of what steps to take to start building wealth today.



## Ongoing Programs

### Stay and Play

**Mondays and Saturdays, 10-11:30 am | Stetson**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:30 am | Ives**  
**Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am & 11:30 am-12 pm | Mitchell**  
**Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am | Fair Haven**  
*Bilingual (Quédate y Juega)*  
**Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am | Wilson**  
Stories, songs, playtime for kids, birth-5, with caregiver.



### Music Room Open Hours

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

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



### Youth Chess

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

Join us in the Children's Room (Second floor) for our weekly, casual chess club. Learn basic rules and strategy, play games, and discuss chess in a friendly setting. This program is recommended for children and teens, ages 7+ (and their parents or caregivers).



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