

# May 2023

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Featured Adult Programs

#### **Mitchell Branch Seed Library Opening**

**Monday, May 1 | MITCHELL**

The Mitchell Branch Seed Library opens for the 2023 season and welcomes both new and experienced growers alike. We welcome patrons to both take and to donate seeds while also discovering books and other information about gardening.

#### **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!

#### **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.

#### **Author Talk: Peter Kupfer: *The Glassmaker's Son***

**Saturday, May 6, 2-4 pm | MITCHELL**

*The Glassmaker's Son* recounts a son's decades-long quest to uncover the world his father left behind in Nazi Germany. Join the author as he discusses this journey of discovery.

#### **Fair Haven Book Club**

**Monday, May 8, 2-3 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Join the club for a discussion of *The School for Good Mothers*. Jessamine Chan's debut novel is a satire about a woman who is sent to a parenting program.

#### **Pardoning Workshop**

**Monday, May 8, 4:45-5:45 pm | WILSON**

Are you formerly incarcerated and interested in applying for an absolute pardon in Connecticut? The pardon program is a free service offered by the Yale Undergraduate Prison Partnership.

#### **Westville Artwalk Kickoff 2023!**

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

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.

#### **Blind and Low Vision Resources with UR Community Cares**

**Monday, May 8, 5:30-7:30 pm | IVES**

Join UR Community Cares to learn about a wide range of tools and devices but which are usually difficult to find locally.

#### **Garden Exchange and Pollinator Celebration**

**Tuesday, May 9, 5:30-7 pm | WILSON**

Join us for our second annual Wilson Branch Garden Exchange & Pollinator Celebration. We will be giving away Milkweed seedlings, seeds, gardening resources and there will be live music and light refreshments.

#### **Loving All of Me: A Conversation on Disability**

**Wednesday, May 10, 5:30-6:30 pm | STETSON**

Join Lucy Gellman, Editor of the Arts Paper, Justin Farmer, City Councilor of Hamden's 5th District, and Elaine Kolb, activist & musician in a conversation on disability, dating, and love.

#### **Art Exhibit and Reception**

**Thursday, May 11, 4-5:30 pm | MITCHELL**

Art exhibition and reception for the featured works of Mariellen Chapdelaine and Joseph Fekieta. The art will be available for viewing May 1 through May 31st.

#### **Falling in Love with Theatre Workshops**

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

Have a blast with a series of feel good workshops where the world of theatre arts is explored!

#### **Gather New Haven Gardening Workshop**

**Saturday, May 13, 11 am-12:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Folly Delgado returns with another helpful DIY gardening workshop.

#### **Classic Cinema: *Casablanca***

**Saturday, May 13, 1:30-3:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Come see a classic film. Popcorn and soda are on us! Rick Blaine owns a nightclub in Casablanca, visited by refugees trying to escape the Third Reich. Will Rick avoid trouble or become a hero? Rated: PG

#### **Dr. Jessica Cerdaña in Conversation: *Pressing Onward***

**Wednesday, May 17, 5:30-7:30 pm | IVES**

**Thursday, May 18, 5:30-7:30 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

Join Dr. Jessica Cerdaña on her new book, *Pressing Onward: The Imperative Resilience of Latina Migrant Mothers* with Jenny Medina Morris. In partnership with Community Foundation of Greater New Haven.



New Haven Free Public Library

### **Featured Programs Continued**

#### **Piano Lessons at Mitchell Library**

**Thursdays, May 18 and 25, 3:30-6 pm | MITCHELL**

Free half hour lessons for people ages 12 and up.

#### **Humanist Association of Connecticut Book Discussion: *Supreme Inequality...* By Adam Cohen**

**Saturday, May 20, 2:30-4:30 pm | WILSON**

Join a monthly book club hosted by the [Humanist Association of Connecticut](#) and discuss great books. All are welcome!

#### **Animation Celebration! *My Entire High School Sinking Into the Sea***

**Monday, May 22, 7-8 pm | ZOOM**

Watch the film on your own before the meeting, then bring your thoughts and opinions to our lively discussion! Register: [nhfpl.libnet.info/event/8290173](https://nhfpl.libnet.info/event/8290173)

#### **More Than Sitting Pretty: A Poetry Reading and Workshop**

**Tuesday, May 23, 6:30-7:30 pm | WILSON**

A poetry reading & workshop featuring Sarah Rizzuto on the subject of the NEA Big Read selection for 2023, *Sitting Pretty* by Rebekah Taussig.

#### **The Weird and Wonderful Immune System**

**Thursday, May 25, 6-7 pm | IVES**  
What is your immune system, and how does it work? Find out as Yale Science Communication speakers present the weird and wonderful ways that your immune system protects you.

#### **May Joint Library Book Chat: *The Story Hour* by Thrity Umrigar**

**Thursday, May 25, 7-8 pm | ZOOM**

A monthly virtual book chat for the patrons of the New Haven Free Public Library and the Prospect Public Library. Register: [nhfpl.libnet.info/event/7812401](https://nhfpl.libnet.info/event/7812401)

### **Ongoing Programs**

#### **Fair Haven Community Management Team Meeting**

**Thursday, May 4, 6-8 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

#### **Ask a Lawyer**

**Thursday, May 11, 5:30-7:30 pm | IVES**

Every second Thursday of the month in partnership with the [New Haven County Bar Association](#).

#### **Small Business Help with Doreen Abubakar**

**Tuesdays, 4:30-6 pm | WILSON**

Discuss your small business ideas. Register at: [calendly.com/talkwithdoreen30min](https://calendly.com/talkwithdoreen30min)

#### **I.D.E.A.S Club: Individual Development Entrepreneurial Assistance Service**

**Tuesdays, 6-7 pm | WILSON**

Learn how to develop your own home business, access support, and gain information on financial resources and technology in a group setting with Doreen Abubakar.

#### **English Conversation Club**

**Wednesdays, 4-6 pm | FAIR HAVEN**

#### **Music Room Open Hours**

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

#### **Meditation with Elm Community Insight**

**Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm | IVES**

#### **Ives Squared**

**Exchange**

#### **Business and Nonprofit Librarian Office Hours**

**Tuesdays, 3-5 pm**

[Make an appointment](#)

#### **Entrepreneur-in-Residence Office Hours**

**Wednesday, 1-3 pm**

**Thursdays, 4-6 pm (Virtual)**

[Make an appointment](#)

#### **Tinker Lab**

#### **Making Custom Embroidery Files with Ink/Stitch**

**Thursday, May 4, 3-4 pm | VIRTUAL**

Learn how to use the free graphic design program Ink/Stitch to make custom files for computerized embroidery machines. Register: [nhfpl.libnet.info/event/8261493](https://nhfpl.libnet.info/event/8261493)

#### **Tiny Art Show: In-Person Creation Days**

**Saturday, May 13, 11 am-1 pm | IVES**

**Saturday, May 27, 1-3 pm | IVES**

Artists of all ages are welcome to join us for our second Tiny Art Show! Each participant will receive a 4x4 canvas and supplies. All submissions are due by Saturday, May 27th.

Find a full list of Ives Squared programming at

[nhfpl.org/programs/ives-squared/events-cafe/](https://nhfpl.org/programs/ives-squared/events-cafe/)

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