

September 2023

Ives Main will have a delayed opening Friday, September 1 at 12 pm. All NHFPL locations will be closed Saturday, September 2 and Monday, September 4.

Special Programs

Ping Pong Challenge

Wednesday, September 6, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

Join us for a Makerspace challenge: using only certain supplies, build a machine that can transport a ping pong ball over the finish line. We're all engineers here.



NHFPL Mitchell Branch Open House and Art Reception: Meet Our New Director!

Saturday, September 16, 2-4 pm | Mitchell

Meet our new Director and City Librarian, Maria Bernhey. Stay for an art reception featuring the work of Linda Dempsey, receive information about the Westville businesses, and enjoy free snacks.



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.



September 6: LEGOs

September 13: Flight

September 20: Science with The Three Billy Goats Gruff

September 27: Sea Turtles

New Haven Pride Week: Drag Queen Story Time

Wednesday, September 20, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

Come celebrate Pride with the rest of New Haven with an especially FABULOUS story time. In partnership with the New Haven Pride Center.



CT Kid Governor Ellie Mendez visits

Saturday, September 23, 11 am-12 pm | Ives

Connecticut's Kid Governor Ellie Mendez presents her Express and Address Your Feelings platform about mental health. Learn about her term as Kid Governor and take part in an interactive activity.

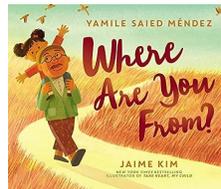


Cabinet Member Liliana Magazine will also talk about her own literacy platform. Event is presented by The Connecticut Democracy Center.

Wonderful Books and Where to Find Them

Saturday, September 9, 11-11:30 am | Ives

In partnership with the Yale Affinity Groups, we'll be reading *Where Are You From?* by Yamilé Saied Méndez for this month's theme of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Read the story of a young girl learning about her heritage through her grandfather, then decorate a paper guitar.



Kidz Kook

Saturday, September 23, 2-3 pm | Ives

Let's make storytime deliciously fun! Hear a read-aloud and make a nutritious food art snack with Tennille Murphy from Kidz Kook.



Yale Peabody Museum Dinosaur Days

Saturday, September 16, 10 am-3 pm

Tuesday, September 19, after-school

Saturday, September 23, 10 am-3 pm

| Fair Haven

Love dinosaurs? Join us at the Fair Haven Library for free family friendly activities featuring artifacts and crafts from the Yale Peabody Museum!



Welcome Back Chase Taylor

Saturday, September 23, 3:15-4:15 pm | Stetson

Chase Taylor will read from his Letter Critter series and teach participants how to illustrate.



Special Programs (continued)

Milkweed Harvest & Craft Night

Tuesday, September 26, 5:30-6:30 pm | Wilson

Help promote pollinators, food security & climate resilience!

Harvest seeds from Swamp Milkweed plants growing at the Wilson Branch pollinator

garden. Learn how to pick & process seeds for *Asclepias tuberosa*. Light snacks & pollinator-themed crafts will be available for attendees.



Exploring Artism at Wilson Library

Saturday, September 30, 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! A free program for children on the autism spectrum (5–12 years old) and their parents, siblings, and other relatives. Quiet area available with sensory toys and blankets. Please preregister by emailing ycba.education@yale.edu or calling 203-432-2858.



Homeschool Meet-up

Wednesday, September 27, 11 am-1 pm | Mitchell

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



Ongoing Programs

Stay and Play

Mondays, 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 **NEW**

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



Children's Authors and Illustrators Series:

Author Tangular Irby

Saturday, September 30, 11 am-12 pm | Ives

Our Children's Authors and Illustrators series

returns! Join local author Tangular Irby as she discusses her book *Pearl and her Gee's Bend Quilt*, an engaging story about family, art, and

adventure. Event will take place in the Children's Room (2nd floor) and is offered in partnership with Yale's Affinity Groups.



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.



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

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