

February 2023

All NHFPL locations will be closed Saturday, Feb. 18 and Monday, Feb. 20. Ives Main will be closed Tuesday, Feb. 21 and have a delayed opening Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 1:30 pm.

Special Programs

String Art!

Wednesday, February 1, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

Come join the [SCSU Buley Makerspace](#) to make string art!

String art is a creative way to reuse yarn to make decorations for your home or a fun Valentine's gift!



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.

February 1: Legos

February 8: Dreaming and Building

February 15: Maple Syrup

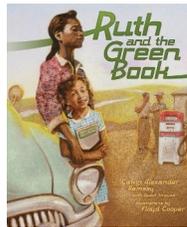
February 22: Optical-Illusion Thaumatropes



Ruth and the Green Book

Saturday, February 4, 11 am-12 pm | Fair Haven

Join New Haven author, playwright, and photographer Calvin Ramsey as he discusses his book [Ruth and the Green Book](#) in honor of Black History Month.



Wonderful Books and Where to Find Them

Saturday, February 4, 11-11:30 am | Ives

The New Haven Free Public Library, in partnership with the [Yale Affinity Groups](#), is excited to bring you this book club for families focusing on topics of social importance! In honor of Black History Month, we'll be reading [Alma's Art](#) by Roda Ahmed. Join us in person in the Children's Room!



Puppeter - Iyaba Ibo Mandingo

Saturday, February 4, 12-2 pm | Stetson

Join us for a puppet show and create your own puppets with Iyaba Ibo Mandingo.

Modern Pop Art Experience

Saturday, February 4, 2:30-4:30 pm | Ives

Join pop artist Michael Albert for a hands-on collage workshop and presentation. Create your own mosaic based on Michael's cereal-box art, and receive a free signed poster!



Black History Month with After School Arts

Tuesdays, 3-4 pm | Fair Haven

All supplies provided. Open to teens and tweens.

February 7: Basquiat Crowns

February 14: Valentines for Everyone

February 21: Elizabeth Catlett Printmaking

February 28: Black Superhero Showcase

Celebrate Alma Thomas

Wednesday, February 8, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

Alma Thomas was one of America's most important black painters. Learn about her life and make your own painting inspired by her amazing work!



Black History Month Concert

Saturday, February 11, 11 am-12 pm | Ives

Come join the [Haven String Quartet](#) for a family-friendly concert celebrating music by Black composers! Afterward, try a violin, viola, or cello in our "instrument petting zoo!"



SC Presents Black History Month Celebration

Saturday, February 11, 2-3 pm | Wilson

A fun celebration of power and purpose through the art of storytelling with Sweet to the Soul and S.C. Poetry, drums, singing for all to enjoy!

Black History Crafts for the Entire Family

Saturday, February 11, 2-4 pm | Stetson

Celebrate Black History in the Village with crafts for the family.

Yoga and Mindfulness with Miss Terese

Monday, February 13, 3:30-4:30 pm | Fair Haven

A 60 minute yoga program for children and teens. Led by certified yoga instructor and occupational therapist, Terese Betts.

Special Programs (continued)

Nurturing Families joins Stay and Play / Quédate y Juega

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 10:30-11:30 am |
Fair Haven

[Nurturing Families](#) is a FREE service for families who are pregnant or recently had a baby in Fair Haven and neighboring towns.



Wacky Wednesday Fun! - LEGO Club

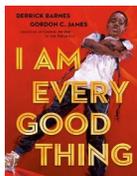
Wednesday, February 15, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

We'll bring the LEGOs, you bring the creativity!

I Am Every Good Thing

Wednesday, February 22, 4-5 pm | Mitchell

We'll read [I Am Every Good Thing](#) by Derrick Barnes and create our own "I am" statements to display in the library (or take home)!



SWANA Presents Black History Month Celebration: From the Outhouse to the Whitehouse

Saturday, February 25, 12-4 pm | Wilson

Join Sisters with a New Attitude (SWANA) Women's Support group to celebrate Black History Month with an art exhibit: From the Outhouse to the Whitehouse, African drumming, food and more!

Stetson/ConnCORP presents: Ujamaa Market

Saturday, February 25, 1-5 pm
| The Lab at ConnCORP

Come show your support and shop with over 25 Black vendors. Located at "The Lab at ConnCORP", 496 Newhall St., Hamden, CT.

Ongoing Programs

Stay and Play

Mondays, 10-11:30 am | Stetson
Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:30 am | Ives
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 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, Feb. 15, 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.



STEM Sampler

Thursday, February 9, 3-4 pm | Fair Haven

An easy-to-follow STEM activity for teens and tweens.

Board Game Buffet

Thursday, February 16, 3-5 pm | Fair Haven

Teens and tweens can play new or classic tabletop games.

Youth Chess

Thursdays, 4-5 pm | Ives

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

Board Game Night

Thursdays, 5-6 pm | Wilson

Grab a board game from our collection or one of yours!



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