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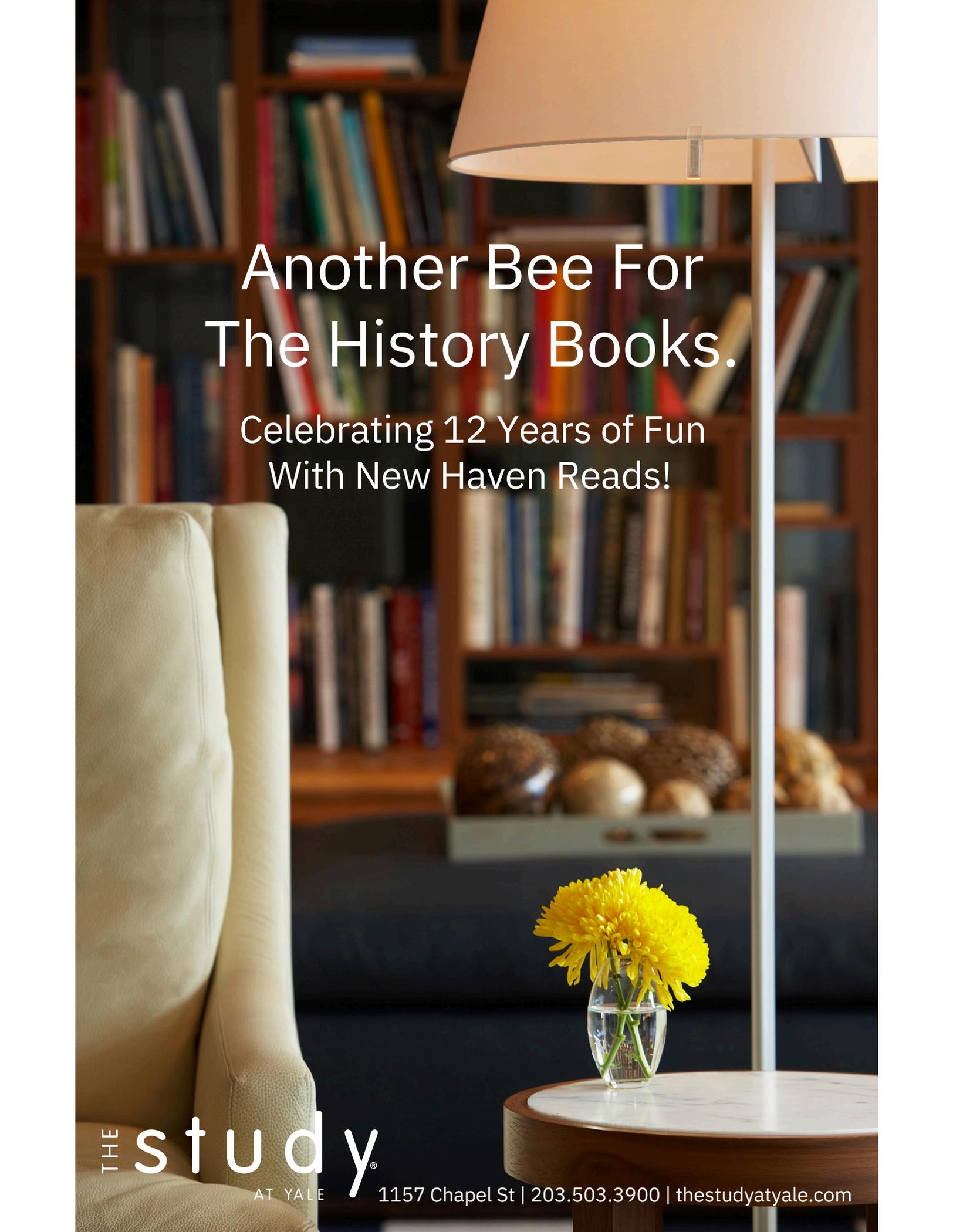
Friday, October 25, 2024

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#NHRSpellingBee

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A photograph of a study room. In the foreground, a light-colored leather chair is partially visible on the left. To the right, a round wooden table holds a small glass vase with a single bright yellow chrysanthemum flower. A tall, thin lamp with a white shade stands next to the table. In the background, a wooden bookshelf is filled with books, and a tray of decorative items sits on one of the shelves.

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Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this event a reality. Thanks also to our terrific Word Guru, our emcees and judges who are here tonight. We are likewise very appreciative of our generous sponsors and the contributions received from area businesses.

Please stay involved with New Haven Reads! Follow us on social media and if you haven't seen our program in action, please pop by for a visit! Enjoy the evening and spell well!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirsten Levinsohn".

We thank the New Haven Reads Board of Directors for their support for the Spelling Bee.

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Schedule of Events



6:00 pm	Team Registration and Reception
7:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions
7:10 pm	Word List arrives on stage
8:30 pm	Password Game
8:40 pm	Final Round
8:50 pm	Spelling Bee Trophy awarded



Password Game Rules



1. On stage, two pairs will compete to help their partners guess the secret Password that will appear on the screen overhead. One person in each pair will have his or her back to the screen.
2. To win, the pair must get to 15 points. If the guesser gets the Password on the first try, the team receives 6 points. If they are successful on the second try, they get 5 points. The third try is 4 points etc..
3. We will have 2 pairs on stage in each game.
4. When the word appears, the Team A person facing the screen will describe it in one word without using the word on the screen. If the partner guesses incorrectly on the first try, it is Team B's turn.
5. We keep going until one team guesses the word. We switch the players for each new word.

A huge thank you to ...

everyone who contributed to the planning of the Bee and the preparation for tonight including the NHR staff and board!

Dean Kerwin Charles and the Yale School of Management for the use of Zhang Auditorium at Edward P. Evans Hall.

Conor, Donovan, Megan and Randy for delivering tonight's top secret word list.

Claire's Corner Copia and Shake Shack New Haven for donating tasty desserts.

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Leanna Corvera, Boaz Kaffman and Katie Diamond for their help with the creation of the Word List.

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P&M Market for providing our catering and Enoteca Cassanova for pouring delicious drinks.

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The CT Science Center, Lake Compounce, and IT Adventure Ropes Course for donating our door prizes.

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Spelling Bee Rules

1. Smile and have FUN!
2. Each team will consist of three members, including a Captain. The Captain is the designated speller for the team.
3. Words to be spelled will be drawn from the Spelling List.
4. In the event of an unbreakable tie for first place between two teams, words will be selected from a “Stinger List” to determine a winner. This is at the discretion of the Word Guru.
5. Teams will compete in rounds called Swarms. Teams will remain in the swarm as long as they have spelled each word correctly.
6. The first word in each round is a practice word. If the teams gets this word wrong, they remain in the competition. The second word in each round will start the elimination. This does not apply in the Final.
7. During each swarm, the Word Guru will present words for all eligible teams to spell collectively. The Word Guru will pronounce each word, give its definition, use it in a sentence, and pronounce the word once more. Teams may ask the Word Guru to pronounce the word one additional time, but no more.
8. Teams will be given 20 seconds to collaborate on the spelling of the word. The clock will begin after the Word Guru has announced the word and given its definition. Captains are asked to please write the word as large and legibly as possible.
9. Captains must stop writing as soon as the Official Bee Time Keeper indicates that time is up. Teams may be eliminated if they add to, edit, or erase their words once time is up.
10. Once time has elapsed, teams will display their whiteboards simultaneously, as directed. Judges will then determine which teams have correctly spelled the word and which have incorrectly spelled the word. Teams may not erase their whiteboards until the Judges and Emcees indicate all spellings have been approved. The Judges may ask a Captain to spell the word orally for clarification of the team’s intent. Teams who have misspelled the word will be eliminated from the swarm. Teams will turn over their name cards on the table when eliminated.
11. The swarm ends when all but one team have been eliminated. Winners of each swarm will then be recalled for the Final Round, where the same rules will apply. There is no practice word in the final round.
12. Judges make final decisions on all questions. There are no appeals.
13. Don’t forget Rule #1!



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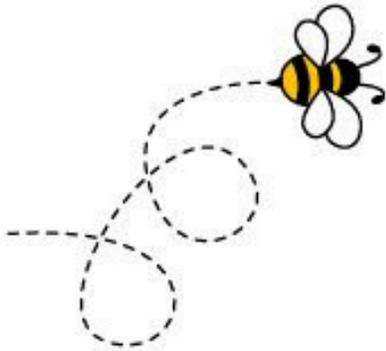
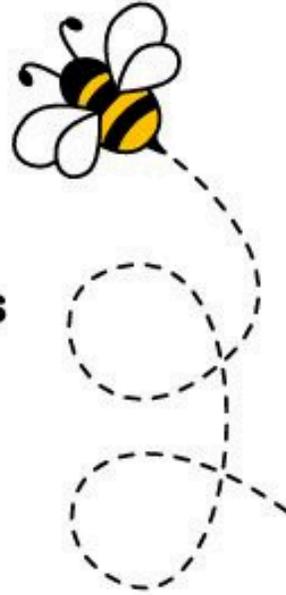
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Co-Host - Michael Morand



Michael Morand is Director of Community Engagement at Yale's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. He leads efforts "to bring people to the library and bring the library to the people" as part of a commitment to encourage public engagement with Yale Library's special collections, including as sources of historical reckoning and restorative justice.

Michael has been a resident of New Haven since 1983 and is deeply committed to the city and to strengthening Yale's relationship to its hometown. He and his husband live in the Fair Haven neighborhood. He served two terms on the New Haven Board of Alders and has considerable experience on various nonprofit boards including the New Haven Free Public Library. In April 2024, he was appointed as New Haven's official City Historian by Mayor Justin Elicker.

Co-Host - Fernanda Franco

Not only is Fernanda the New Haven Reads Outreach Director, she is also a singer, activist and coach. Born in Brazil, she has found her home in New Haven, CT where she performs, educates and learns. Fernanda has a Bachelor of Arts in vocal performance and is currently working on her Master's degree in Elementary Education. She is in love with travelling through literacy. On a typical Sunday, one can find her in one of Brandon Sanderson's wild adventures wielding swords and battling beasts in her shardplate.



Word Guru - Barbara Rockenbach



Barbara Rockenbach is the Stephen F. Gates '68 University Librarian at Yale University. Rockenbach has held a series of user-focused positions in the Columbia University Library, the Yale University Library, and JSTOR. The focus of her work has been on the intersection of collections, technology, and pedagogy, including advancing research and learning through visual literacy, research education, and digital humanities.

She has published and presented in these areas and serves as a board member of the Wenner-Gren Foundation, a position that amplifies her commitment to public scholarship. Rockenbach holds an MS in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh, an MA in Art History from Hunter College, and a BA in English from the University of Illinois.

Our Judges

Ray Andrewsen

Ray Andrewsen was the Executive Director of the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce engaged in business development, partnerships, benefits satisfaction, and community outreach. Previously he had been the General Manager and local morning radio voice on Quinnipiac University's WQUN in Hamden for over 22 years. Ray serves on the board of Clifford Beers Community Health Partners, operations for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater New Haven, and the New Haven Rotary. He received the Hamden Citizen of the Year Award, Notable Citizen of the Year Award from the Hamden Chamber of Commerce, Community Impact Award from the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce, and the Arnold Dean Award for Connecticut Broadcasting from the Franciscan Life Center in 2019. He has been a regular presence around the area having served as a moderator, interviewer, and emcee at numerous local events.

Senator Gary Winfield

Gary was elected in 2014 to represent the 10th State Senate District (New Haven & West Haven). Prior to his election, Gary had served as a state representative for the 94th Assembly District of New Haven and Hamden since 2008. He was the lead sponsor of the legislation to abolish the death penalty. Gary is recognized as a leader in issues including campaign finance reform/clean elections, education reform, and social justice issues. Gary serves as an honorary board member of NHR.

Dr. Madeline Negrón

Dr. Madeline Negrón became Superintendent of the New Haven Public Schools in July 2023. She has spent her professional career as an educator in Connecticut urban environments rich with cultural and linguistic diversity. Dr. Negrón has served as Director of Instruction and Director of Early Childhood for the New Haven Public Schools and both as the principal and as a classroom teacher at Hill Regional Career Magnet High School. Dr. Negrón also dedicated over 10 years of service at Windham Middle School, located in Willimantic, where her family settled after moving from the island of Puerto Rico to the mainland.

Lauren O'Leary

Lauren is a Professor of English and the Academic Coordinator at Gateway Community College. She established the Gateway to British Art Writing Prize during the pandemic as a way to get students involved in the community, even from quarantine. She is also the Chair of the CFT Statewide Pathways to Teaching Success. Lauren loves teaching English and ESL at Gateway and living in the New Haven area.

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The CazBee Fund supports education-oriented nonprofit organizations, courtesy of funds from the estate of Carolyn J. Beardsley. Ruth Beardsley and Tom Sansone have been longtime supporters of New Haven Reads. Ruth has been a dedicated tutor for many years. She also served on the New Haven Reads Board of Directors from 2015 to 2022 and was the Board President for her last 3 years.

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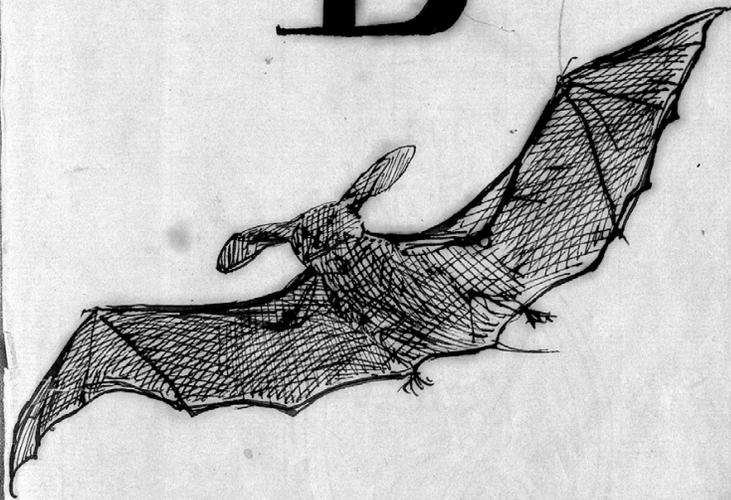
Tom was an incredible supporter of New Haven Reads, both as a dedicated tutor and as our longtime Word Master. We will miss his incredible energy and kindness.



“ B ” is for “ British ” . . . and for “ Beautiful Bat ” !

Edward Lear, Alphabet, 1857, manuscript with pen and ink, Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection

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*B. was a Bat
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and flew all about
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