We are excited to announce that our ISPY Community has restarted a few of our weekly groups [1] at OISS this semester! These groups are aimed at our international spouses and partners at Yale, but are open to other members of the Yale community as well. Please take a look at several of the groups we have going on this semester, and we hope to see some new faces in the office this fall!

**Book Club**

**Starting September 29, Fridays, 11am-12pm**

This group is for anyone interested in reading a short book together to both practice English comprehension and getting to know a great group of people! We will meet each week and discuss a few chapters of our chosen book. If you're interested in learning more, please contact the group leader via email(link sends e-mail) [2].

**Chinese Painting & Calligraphy**

**Returning September 28, Thursdays, 3-4:30pm, OISS, 421 Temple Street**

Our Chinese Painting and Calligraphy group is excited to try to jump-start this group again with two sessions this spring! Supplies will be provided for these first two sessions, so come learn the art of Chinese Painting. All are
welcome and if you’re interested in helping to lead this group, please come to these first two sessions to learn how to get involved! This is an adults only group, so no children please.

**Drawing Techniques**

**Returning September 21, Thursdays, 10 AM - 12 PM - OISS, 421 Temple Street (adults only)**

Looking to flex your artistic muscles? Join us for our weekly meetings with Doron Wolf (check out his very impressive [art website](https://www.doron-wolf.com/)) to learn various drawing techniques. Explore creativity in our weekly drawing meetings, mastering techniques like line, texture, light and shadow, and color. Immerse yourself as we use pencils, ink, soft pastels chalks, and markers, embarking on a comprehensive journey through drawing methods. Dive into still life, portraits, and landscapes during interactive sessions, nurturing observation and creativity. With group and individual guidance, you’ll gain practical experience to enhance your artistic ability. Whether a beginner or experienced, these sessions foster foundational skills and creativity, propelling your artistry. Join us to refine your craft and reach new heights in a welcoming community; adults only. For updates on weekly sessions, please join the group on [WhatsApp](https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hnmyy1WN8VLGF1dBDfaI3f)!  

**Toddlers at Yale**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm - parks in New Haven (see Facebook group for details)**

Meet fellow parents, bring your toddlers, and bond over shared experiences as international families in New Haven! This is best for toddlers ages 1-4. Please join the [Toddlers at Yale Facebook group](http://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F327978234225840%2F%3Fmulti_permalinks%3D485455528478109%26notif_id%3D1505141659580425) to get updated information.