Ferguson Wins Library Association Publicity Award

Can we tout our own home? The video we produced about the Library won first place in the electronic media category of the 2016 Connecticut Library Association Publicity Awards! See it on the News page of our website.

Passport to CT Libraries in April

The Ferguson Library joins libraries all over Connecticut in this exciting program to make people of all ages aware of the power of their library card. Take your library card and ‘Passport’ to at least five libraries on the list to increase your chances of being eligible to win a $150 gift card for adults or a $100 gift card for children.

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Publicity Award

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A Novel Affair, Library Benefit April 14

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Weed Branch Now Open Mondays

We are delighted to announce that the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch is now open on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have realigned the branch staffing and used self-check-out technology to increase hours without any additional funds. The Weed Branch is now open four days a week. Stop by and see us!

Save the Date: May 11 Book & Author Tea

Save the date for New York Times bestselling author Laura Lippman, Wednesday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Friends of the Ferguson Library's Book & Author Tea. Tickets are $35 for Friends members/$40 for non-members. Reservations at 203 351-8275.

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Improbable Libraries: A Visual Journey to the World’s Most Unusual Libraries by Alex Johnson

Friends of The Ferguson Library

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The project is being done with capital funds from the city and state. The Library (and Starbucks) will remain open during the renovation.

National Bookmobile Day

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Children’s Stories
ML Main Library, DiMatta Building
HBB Harry Bennett Branch
SE South End Branch
WMH Weed Memorial Branch
HBB Main Library, Holland Branch

No programs are held when Stamford schools are closed or delayed, except where noted below.

Introduction to Every Child Ready to Read — Ap 2 to 3 with a participating adult. Sponsored by The Ferguson Foundation’s Harvey Fund.

HBB — Monday, April 11 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Mother Goose — Independently walking babies under two years with an adult. Registration required at Main.

MK — Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Full at Main April 11, 18 & 25 at 10:15 a.m.

HBB — Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in the 2nd & 3rd Fl. Board Rooms

WMH — Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. April 14, 21 & 28

Every Child Ready to Read — Ages 3 to 5 with an adult. Registration required. Sponsored by The Ferguson Foundation’s Harvey Fund. Practice the five skills necessary for reading.

MK — Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Full April 12, 19 & 26

Two’s Company — Two-year-olds with an adult. Picturing stories, teaching music and movement. Registration required at Main.

WMH — Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Full April 12, 19 & 26

SE—Thursdays from 10:15 a.m. to noon
ML, Lower Level Program Room

2016 Week of the Young Child Storytime
Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Celebrate our youngest learners at this special family storytime in honor of the Week of the Young Child. Children ages 2 to 7.

Building with Blocks — Full
Friday, April 15 at 11 a.m. at HBB
Design and build with LEGO. We’ll provide the blocks. You bring your imagination. Grades K and up. Registration required. Call 203 351-8242.

Sing Me a Story
Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. at WMH
The Ferguson’s Dr. K leads a morning of music and movement. Ages 3 to 8 with caregiver.

Spring Storycraft
Saturday, April 16 at 11 a.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Share some of our favorite spring stories and finish by making a craft you can take home. Ages 5 to 8. Families welcome.

Kids’ Book Discussion
Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
The blossoming union of Victor Stenned with Brenda Woods. Violin is a sweet, lyrical, brash girl in a family of blondes. Now that she is 11, she decides it’s time to learn karate. African American heritages, friendships, reminders and gift books. Grades 3 and up. To register call 203 351-8242, then drop in to pick up a copy of the book.

Pajama Storytime
Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at HBB
 Wear your pajamas if you like. Ages 3 and up.

Afterschool Fun
Friday, April 25 at 4:15 p.m. at HBB
Hustle, bustle, Mardi Gras: Stories in rhyme, short poems, and a craft. Grades K to 3. Register online or call 203 351-8242.

Horizon Wings
Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Meet the captains of Horizon Wings, including an American flamingo, a penguin and a bald eagle. Ages 5 and up.

Teen Programs
Vocation Week Flick
Friday, April 8 at 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Universe, cooperative and fun F&G games. Ages 5 and up.

T-MAD
Wednesday, April 13 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at HBB
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Rah, Rah, Rah! Join us in this interactive group session tackling the latest pop culture. Register. Call 203 351-8245.

Mood Blues
Thursday, April 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Music-making and movement with The Ferguson’s own kestrel, a peregrine falcon and a bald eagle. Ages 5 to 7. Registration required. Open to families.

Spring Storycraft
Saturday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
SE–Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Fun with Fine Art for Kids
Friday, April 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. to noon
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Art meets art! We’ll explore M.C. Escher inspired tessellations as we talk about patterns, polygons, and perspective. Led by Laura McGowan, formerly Early Childhood Coordinator at the Morgan Library & Museum. Ages 7 to 10. Registration required. Call 203 351-8242.

Tweener Games Man
Thursday, April 7 at 2 p.m.
ML, Low Level Program Room
Star Wars: The Force Awakens. The saga continues in this game that is a spin-off in the blockbuster series. Grades 3-5. 16-21, 16 minutes. Ages 10 and up.

Adult Book Discussions
The New Yorker Discussion Group
Discuss contemporary culture and events based on selected readings from The New Yorker. Chas. 8.2. Lovejoy, facilitator. Registration required at Main. Email programs@fergusonlibrary.org.

Libra, DiMatta Building
Third Floor Board Room
Mondays, April 4, 11 & 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Harry Bennett Branch
Saturday, April 23 at 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

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ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Bald eagle, peregrine falcon, kestrel, a peregrine falcon and a bald eagle. Ages 5 to 7. Registration required. Open to families.

U.S. Citizenship Course
Wednesday, April 6, 13 & 20 at 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
A workshop led by Lisa Reisnitz, Legal Services Director at the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services.

U.S. Citizenship Course
Saturday, April 9 from 10 to 11:45 a.m.
AldeCant Presents: Rockin’ and Reading with Lyle the Crocodile
Saturday, April 9 from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Special Event
Tuesday, April 12 from 12 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
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ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Thursday, April 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Genealogistics
Saturday, April 9 from 10 to 11:45 a.m.
AldeCant Presents: Rockin’ and Reading with Lyle the Crocodile
Saturday, April 9 from 10 to 11:45 a.m.
Abilities Together presents: The Art of Crash Landing
Tuesday, April 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Third Floor Board Room

Mock Interview Workshop
Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.
WMH, Main Library
Shake, Rattle and Read
Saturday, April 9 from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the CT State Library.

Community Conversation
Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 to 8 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Star Wars: The Force Awakens
Friday, April 8 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Exploring the Latest in the Country Music World
Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 to 8 p.m.
WMH, Main Library
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