April. We are also featuring books on the environment such as "American Street" by I. A. Zoboi, "A Season of Daring Greatly" by Ellen Emerson White, "Scythe" by Neal Shusterman, "History is All You Left Me" by Adam Silvera, "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, and "The Inexplicable Logic of My Life" by Benjamin Alire Saenz.

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A Season of Daring Greatly
by Ellen Emerson White

A N OVEL AFFAIR
The Ferguson Library’s marquee fund raising event is in its seventh year. In total, we have raised over one million dollars from this annual gala. We have also been privileged to honor members of our community who have helped make the Library a success. Why is this fundraiser so important? Each year, we need to raise money to buy books and other materials. This is in addition to funding the Library receives from The Ferguson Library Foundation and the Friends of The Ferguson Library. These two organizations help underwrite staff training, our collections, and programming. All together, we need to raise 15% of our operating budget each year!

This year, in particular, A Novel Affair will be a special evening. We are honoring Gail Malloy, who chaired the gala for its first five years, and has volunteered with the Library for many years. She has also been a member of the Friends, and is a current Citizen Adviser to our Board.

I hope you will join me in toasting Gail and supporting the Library on this important evening.

— Alice Knapp, President


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Twitter: @fergusonlibrary

Staff Recommends:
Tales for Teens

From a chilling dystopian horror story to an exciting novel featuring a girl who changes baseball forever, our teen collection has something for everyone.

American Street
by I. A. Zoboi

A Season of Daring Greatly
by Ellen Emerson White

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HOLIDAYS
The Library will be closed Sunday, April 16 in observance of Easter.

Giving Day a Big Success

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to The Ferguson on Fairfield County’s Giving Day. We raised $4,000 in a single day with contributions of every size! Overall, Giving Day exceeded all expectations by raising more than $1.5 million for Fairfield County nonprofits in just 24 hours.

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LITERARY COMPETITION AWARDS APRIL 30

Winners of the 2017 Stamford Literary Competition will be honored Sunday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Dmattia Building. Winners will be notified by mail and the results posted on our website. Congratulations to all the talented student writers who entered this year’s contest!

Friends Book Shop

In celebration of Poetry Month, the Book Shop is offering poetry and Shakespeare at 50% off during April. We are also featuring books on the environment for Earth Day and titles for Easter and Passover. Come take a look.

NOTE: The Book Shop will be open for A Novel Affair on April 19.

Please remember us in your planned giving.
For information please call Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org

Baby’s First Books:
Grow a Reader at The Ferguson Library

It’s never too early to start reading to your child. If you have a child under age one, we encourage you to read 100 books to your little one before his or her first birthday as part of our Baby’s First Books program. Reading aloud helps babies with literacy development, builds strong language skills, and strengthens parent-child relationships. You’ll get a special Baby’s First Books library tote bag for registering and we’ll help you track your progress. Register on the Youth page of our website or at any library location.

Park Downtown for Free on Weekend Days

There’s plenty of parking on the first floor of the Bedford Street garage and it’s free until 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For a complete list of downtown parking options near the Main Library, visit the Locations page of our website.

HOME PAGE: Ferguson’s Internet and Online Resources

Learn to Play Music Online

Want to learn to play an instrument? Our database, ArtistWorks, provides free self-paced lessons from Grammy Award-winning musicians and other artists. You can find beginning or advanced music instruction for most string and band instruments, Art and voice classes are also available. Brush up on your skills, or start something new.

You can find ArtistWorks under Learn & Explore/Research/A to Z databases. Sign in with your Ferguson Library card.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Ald Dnook Discussions

The New Yorker Discussion Group
Wednesday, April 19 & 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at HBB
Discuss contemporary culture and events based on selected readings from The New Yorker. Diana B. Levy facilitates. Registration required. Call 203 351-8292.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m.
The Portable Violin by Elizabeth McKenzie

Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, April 17 at 7 p.m.
Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family by Amy Ellis Nutt

Spanish Book Club
Saturday, April 2 at 7 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Todo esto de tarde by Dolores Redondo

South End
Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m.
Sleepless Nights by Noreen Holland

Main Library, Dillettia Building
Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.
Third Floor Board Room
The Expatriates by Janice Y.K. Lee

The Literary Hour of La Tertulia / La hora literaria de La Tertulia
Saturdays, April 1 and 15 at 2 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
A literary salon with a focus on Latin American authors. IN SPANISH.

Adult Book Discussions

Power of the Inbox with Email Marketing/Creativng Video Content
Tuesday, April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
With Cheryl Hendrar and Chris Jones. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Optimizing Your Mobile Devices
Thursday, April 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.
(Free at 5:30 p.m.)
With Bud Fried. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Knitting Circle
March 4, 11 & 18 at 1 p.m. at HBB
Work on your project in a social setting.

Mindfulness and Meditation
Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Meditate with a group. Registration required. Call 203 351-8231.

Civilility in America: Civility and a Life of Meaning
Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m.
Third Floor Auditorium
Arm Al-Dabbagh – Chairman and CEO of the Saudi Al-Dabbagh Group, founder of the Stars Foundation. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.
The Civililities America Series is sponsored by The Ferguson Library, the Diltschneider Group and Heart Media Group in Connecticut.

TAX HELP
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
Sunday afternoons, April 2, 9 & 16 by appointment only.
ML, Third Floor Rotary Study Room
Free help in preparing basic federal and Connecticut state income tax returns. Please bring photo-ID, W-2, last year’s return and social security numbers for everyone on return. To schedule an appointment, call 203-351-8221 or 8222.

Tax-Aide from AARP Tax-Aide
February 1 through April 16 except Presidents’ Day. Bring all 2016 tax documents and a copy of your 2015 tax returns, Social Security cards or other official documentation you would show anyone on your return. Photo ID required for all taxpayers.

TAX-AIDE from AARP Tax-Aide
March 3, 10 & 17 and Fridays, April 7 & 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesdays, 5 & 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WMH: Saturdays, April 8 & 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ESL Programs

Beginning ESL Course for Adults
Saturdays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the ML, Second Floor Study Room
12-week course. Registration required. Register in person at the Second Floor Reference Desk. Supported by the American Library Association and Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

ESL Writing Course – Intermediate to Advanced
Monday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the ML, Second Floor Study Room
12-week course. Supported by the American Library Association and Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Let’s Talk: ESL Conversation Groups
Practice your English at these free drop-in conversation groups.
SE – Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.
WMH – Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.
ML – Tuesdays, April 11, 18 & 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Stamford 1 Million Cups
Wednesday, April 5 at 4:75 p.m.
ML, First Floor Lobby
Preserve your life! Carter Verna from Newsfinder and Drew Lambert from Fjord weather systems. 1 Million Cups is a free, national program designed to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs. Presentations held on the first Wednesday of the month.

U.S. Citizenship Course Full
Wednesdays, April 5, 12 & 26 and Thursday, May 11
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
14-week study course for the U.S. naturalization test. For more information, call 203-421-2568 or email yeleta@fergusonlibrary.org. In partnership with the Stamford Public Library, with funds provided by a grant from UScis.

Conversations about Art: The Godfather of American Modernism: Alfred Stieglitz and His Artists
Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at HBB
Helene M. Xanthopoulos, docent at the New Museum of Art, instructor at Learning in Retirement and an arts enrichment facilitator at the Stamford Public Schools, will lead the discussion.

Career Moves: Job Searching to Career Achieving
Tuesday, April 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn how to transform job searching into career building and develop an action plan. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Immersive Tech Lab

Virtual Reality Free Play (not adult)
Mondays and Wednesdays (not April 19) from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Wonder Lab
Enter the virtual world of the HTC Vive, where you can paint with light in three dimensions, explore distant locales with Google Earth VR and jam with invisible instruments.

World Affairs Forum – Refugees & America: Toward an Informed Public Discussion
Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
A panel of experts will provide facts and explain the implications for America, Advance reservation and payment required. Register online at worldaffairslforum.onion. For more information, call 203-351-8292 or email worldaffairsforum@netzero.USAWorld AffairsForum.org. $20 for members and non-members. Co-sponsored by the World Affairs Forum, Fairfield County Bar Association, American Immigration Lawyers Association and International Institute of Connecticut.

Makerspace

Main Library, Dillettia Building
Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise indicated)
Online registration at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Book Publishing Master Class
Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Third Floor Board Room
Learn how to get a manuscript published and distributed in both print and e-book formats. Instructor: Jamie Watters. Online registration.

The Art of Paper Cutting
Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m.
Learn the art of using scissors as your pencil to create form. Discussion of color palettes, effective use of negative space and creating texture. Online registration.

Computer Animation Basics
Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m.
Learn about computer animation with UConn digital design student Joshua Buffalo. Online registration.

Ferguson Fan Fest
Wednesday, April 12 from noon to 7 p.m. at ML

What’s your favorite fandom? Families welcome for all ages programming in the style of a Mini Comic Con, including Wizard rock, green screen and zombie school. Fun activities all day. Come in costume!

Poetry and Jazz at the Library
Thursday, April 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at ML featuring Cookie Thomas and community poets. Come share an evening of smooth jazz and spoken words. Light refreshments.

Special Fashioning Event
Wednesday, April 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
An evening of food and festivities to benefit the Library. Tickets at fergusonlibrary.org or 203 351-8205.