Friends of The Ferguson Library

Literary Competition Entries Due February 10
Entries are due February 10 for the annual Stamford Literary Competition. The contest is open to students in grades 3 – 12 who attend public or private school in Stamford, or who live in Stamford and attend school elsewhere. Entry forms are available at the Main Library and branches, through the schools and on the Friends page of the library’s website.

Friends Book Shop
Don’t miss our collectible sale at the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 11 (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.) and Sunday, February 12 (1 – 3 p.m.). We’ll be selling vintage and nostalgic books across all subjects, including children’s books with beautiful illustrations, gorgeous bound books, modern first editions, vinyl records, artist prints and more. All reasonably priced!

Ferguson Night at Tigin February 28
All you trivia fans – The Ferguson is partnering with Tigin Irish Pub for Trivia Tuesday, February 28. Donate a book and get an extra point on your team’s trivia quiz. The more books you bring the more points! All books will be donated to our Friends Book Shop. Proceeds support the Library.

Teen Art Contest
Win the chance to create a design for The Ferguson’s 2017 Teen Summer Reading Club. Submit a drawing based on this year’s theme, Build a Better Teen Art Contest. The contest opens March 1. For more information call Steve Zamplino at 203 351-8245.

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Focus on Ferguson

From the President’s Desk
Want a heads up when your library card is about to expire? How about the latest book recommendations? A couple of months ago, we asked you to take a short survey to tell us what you want to hear from us. This month, we are launching a new service for all who responded. Whether you said you liked fiction or movies, we will be sending you staff recommendations based on your preferences. If you didn’t fill out the survey, it’s not too late. You can do it on the homepage of our website.

You will also notice with this newsletter that we have changed the way that we are showing programs. In our print version, there is a separate pull-out just for youth services. Now you can go directly to the type of programs you are interested in.

Our goal is to make using The Ferguson Library easier and more convenient for you. If you have a suggestion, please let us know.

– Alice Knapp, President

Staff Recommends:
In Celebration of Black History Month
The Firebrand and the First Lady
Portait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice by Patricia Bell-Scott

Of Poetry and Protest:
From Emancipet Oll to Tropic of Cancer by Philip Cushway and Michael Warr

The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America by Ethan Michaeli

The Fire This Time:
A New Generation Speaks about Race by Jesmyn Ward

And Still Rise: Black America Since MLK: An Illustrated Chronology by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Kevin M. Burke

The Library will be closed Monday, February 20 for Presidents’ Day.

Take Your Child to the Library Day is February 4
On Saturday, February 4, The Ferguson will join other libraries around the country for national Take Your Child to the Library Day. We’re holding a special Toddler Time at the Harry Bennett Branch and Shake Rattle and Read at South End, both at 10:30 a.m. Then at 2 p.m., a show by Nappy’s Puppets at the Main Library. (See our calendar for more details.)

It’s a perfect day to introduce your child to the Library, sign up for a library card, find out about online homework help, try our free early literacy software and much more. If you can’t make it to February 4, don’t worry. Every day is Take Your Child to the Library Day at The Ferguson!

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Many thanks to Bankwell for a $1,000 gift to continue the Library’s popular Mindfulness and Meditation program.

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HOLIDAY HOURS
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Bestselling Author of Orphan Train, Christina Baker Kline February 25
The Friends Author Series presents an afternoon with Christina Baker Kline, author of the #1 New York Times best-selling Orphan Train, Saturday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m. Kline’s new book is A Piece of the World, an atmospheric novel of friendship, passion and art, inspired by Andrew Wyeth’s iconic painting “Christina’s World.” Tickets are $15 and include a wine and appetizer reception. Register online. (Author photo by Kay-Davis)

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**Adult Programs**

**Adult Book Discussions**

- **Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**
  - Monday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m.
  - Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton

- **Harry Bennett Branch**
  - Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m.
  - The Dinner by Edith Wharton

**French Book Discussion**

- **Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.**
  - ML, Fourth Floor
  - Faiille être flingue by Céline Minard

**Spanish Book Club**

- **Saturday, February 25 at 3 p.m.**
  - Cartagena by Claudia Amengual

**South End**

- **Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m.**
  - Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones

**Main Library, OdMattia Building**

- **Tuesday, February 28 at 2 p.m.**
  - Third Floor Board Room
  - The Mothers by Britt Bennett

**Reading Guild**

- **Join the Reading Guild**
  - By reading a book you read, you’ll get a raffle ticket.
  - The raffle winner will be selected.
  - Register at fergusonlibrary.org/events.

- **Beat the winter doldrums!**
  - Join our Winter Reading Guild through March 20.
  - For every book you read, you’ll get a raffle ticket.
  - The more you read, the better your chance of winning.
  - We’ll celebrate at the final concert where the raffle winner will be selected. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

**Virtual Reality Free Play**

- **Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m.**
  - ML, Third Floor Board Room
  - Learn how to get a manuscript published and distributed in both print and e-book formats.
  - Instructor: Jamie Watters. Register online.

**Building a More Meaningful Life**

- **Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m.**
  - ML, Third Floor Board Room
  - Local History & Genealogy
  - Saturday, February 25 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Explore local history resources and genealogy databases to find census, military, birth and death records. Register online.

**Film Series**

- **Thursday Night Talking Pictures**
  - Thursday, February 9 at 6 p.m.
  - ML, Third Floor Board Room
  - Zero Days
  - Registration required. Call 203-351-8258 or email caucella@fergusonlibrary.org to reserve a copy of the DVD. Pick up at lower level desk, watch the film and come ready to discuss.

**Second Saturday Cinema**

- **Saturday, February 11 at 2 p.m.**
  - Southside with You
  - The film chronicles the summer 1989 afternoon when young Chicago lawyers Michelle Robinson and Barack Obama, the future President and First Lady, have their fateful first date on Chicago’s South Side. With Parker Sawyers and Tika Sumpter. Directed by Richard Tanne. Rated PG–13. USA. 2016. 84 minutes.

**Third Thursday @ One**

- **Tuesday, February 14 at 1 p.m.**
  - The Queen of Katwe
  - A young Ugandan girl from the slums of Katwe develops a talent and passion for the game of chess. She eventually becomes a chess master at the World Olympiad. With David Oyelowo and Lupita Nyong’o. Directed Mira Nair. Rated PG. USA. 2016. 124 minutes.

**Immersive Tech Lab**

- **ML, Third Floor Wonder Lab**
  - Virtual Reality Free Play
  - Monday, February 13, 16, 23, 26, 27, Wednesdays, February 1, 15 & 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Celebrate the Year of the Rooster and enjoy dance, music, arts & crafts. Raffle too!

**Family Programs**

- **Chinese New Year Celebration**
  - Saturday, February 5 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.
  - ML, Third Floor Auditorium
  - Celebrate the Year of the Rooster and enjoy dance, music, arts & crafts. Raffle too!

**Black History Month Celebration**

- **African American Author Read-In**
  - Thursday, February 8 at 4 p.m.
  - ML, Third Floor Auditorium
  - Celebrate Black History Month and community leaders read from books written by African American authors. All ages.