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Book Shop News

Start the New Year off right with 50% off diet, health and nutrition titles. We’re also planning a collective sale in late January. All Book Shop proceeds support the Library. The shops at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch are open during library hours.

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 World. The winner will receive a $50 gift certificate to Michael’s Arts and Crafts, and will have his or her name and artwork on all of our teen summer reading club materials. Grades 6 to 12. Entries are due March 1. For more information about submission requirements, call Steve Zampino at 203-351-8245.

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Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Harry Bennett Branch
115 How Road 06905
Monday – Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday 1 to 6 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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South End Branch
14 Woodland Avenue 06902
203 351-8280
Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 12 to 7 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wood Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street 06907, 203 351-0285
Monday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bookmobile
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There’s Still Time to Give to Library’s Annual Appeal!

Help us raise money for the books and programs you love!

Library Receives Grant for “Tell Your Story” Project

The Ferguson has received a $12,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for our “Tell Your Story” project, a series of day-long digitizing events aimed at capturing Stamford history through the lives of its residents. The project, which is part of Stamford’s 375th anniversary celebration, will use interviews, diaries, photos, letters, souvenirs and other cultural artifacts to preserve the city’s history.

Contributors will receive a digitized copy of their content, and the project will be shared with the CT Digital Archive, CT State libraries, and the Digital Library of America.

If you are interested in sharing your story, contact digital librarian Frank Skoania at fskoania@fergusonlibrary.org.

Construction Update

The new marble is in and the front of the Library is beautiful! The next step is replacing the front door with one that opens more easily and is in keeping with the 1909 design. Landscaping will be finished in the spring. The restoration project is being paid for with capital funds from the city and state.

A Novel Affair April 19

Don’t miss our festive evening of entertainment and fun, with delicious food donated by local restaurants. This year, we’re delighted to honor Gail Malloy for her longstanding service to the Library and the Stamford community.

Many thanks to our sponsors to date: Cacace Tusch & Santagata, First County Bank; Friends of The Ferguson Library; Garden Homes Management; Hoffman Investment Partners; Konica Minolta Business Solutions; Howard Lyd; Deborah & Robert Neiman; Star Meadow Farm; Thomson Reuters; and Van Brunt, Dullago & Company. Tickets are available at fergusonlibrary.org. For sponsorship or donation information contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8280/ linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

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Introduce to Every Child Ready to Read – Ages 2–3 with a participating adult. A variety of early literacy activities. Sponsored by the Ferguson Foundation’s Harvey Fund. Registration required. Call 203-964-1000 for information. Registration limited to one program per child/registration at each branch. My storytime programs are held when Stamford schools are closed or delayed.

Shake, Rattle & Read Saturdays, January 7 & 14 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Main Library. Stories around the world with Mandita. Ages 3 and up with adult.

Building with Bricks Mondays, January 9 & 16 at 4 p.m. at HBB. Casual building activity with LEGO®. Grades K and up.

Sing Along with Dr. Ev Mondays, January 9 & 16 at 4 p.m. at HBB. Learn how to make a simple light circuit. Ages 9 to 12. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/events.

ML – Saturdays, January 7 at 10:30 a.m. at ML, Third Floor Auditorium. Learn the moves in two classes. Taught by Alex Fylkman, with National Exercise Chess Teachers Association. Grades 2–5. Please attend both sessions. Preference given to registered students. Registration required. Call 203-351-8242.

Storytime Wednesdays, January 11 at 11 a.m. and January 18 at 11 a.m. at ML. More relaxed and Parent Directed. Children and parents work together to make a story.

Chess Champion Club for Kids Saturdays, January 14 & 28 from 10:15 a.m. to noon at HBB. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/events.

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Chester Children's Library

Chatting with Cocktails Thursday, January 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Weed Memorial. Sponsored by The Ferguson Foundation’s Harvey Fund.

Adult Programs

Ages 8 to 12. Registration required. Call 203-964-1000 for information. Registration limited to one program per child/registration at each branch. My storytime programs are held when Stamford schools are closed or delayed.

All programs are free. Sign up with your library card. No storytime – Ages 2 to 3½ with a participating adult. Rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement.

Earn official American Red Cross certification. (Gamers 15 – 18 must be accompanied by their legal guardian at all times.) Register online. A project of the Cambodian Children’s Fund and the Bureau of Fairfield County.

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Get help from Access Health CT to enroll in the Affordable Care Act. Registration required. Register online or email tor Mike Raub. Register online.

Fairfield County Game Jam Friday, January 20 from 10 to 5 p.m. Saturday, January 21 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, January 22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Pinball Wizard Challenge Tuesday, January 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Learn how customer buying has changed and how you can increase sales. Data sorting, formatting, mailing lists, and keyboarding.

Channels: Beanstack, Microsoft Teams, and Zoom. Prior attendance of this class is required.

Stand up for your project in a social setting. Advance registration required. Register online.