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The Heart of the Community

From the President’s Desk

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Summer Reading 2016
Exercise Your Mind – READ! That’s the theme for our Adult Summer Reading Club, which kicks off Saturday, June 18. We’ll have a summer of great programming, including art workshops, films, and an end of summer concert. Our Children’s Summer Reading Club, On Your Mark, Get Set . . . READ, also launches June 18 with a day of fun activities at the Main Library and branches. Make reading a family affair this summer! Our Teen Summer Reading program, get in the Game – READ, gets under-way Saturday, June 25 with a cruise on Long Island Sound aboard the Sound-Waters schooner. Teens – you won’t want to miss that! Sign up online and check the calendar for details on all our summer reading events.

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Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road 06902
Monday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

South End Branch
14 Woodland Avenue 06902
Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wood Memorial & Holland Branch
1143 Hope Street 06907, 203 351-8285
Monday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library
Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch
Open during Library hours
The Passport Office in the Library
for information call 203 964-1000
MAIL LIBRARY:
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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Monday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friends of The Ferguson Library
Book Shop News
Don’t miss our Summer Reading/White Tag sale starting June 18. All teen books and children’s chapter books are 50% off. White tag titles are on sale for just 75 cents each or four for $2. Sale runs through July 9.

Teen Art Contest Winner

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Children's Programs
Shake, Rattle and Read Saturdays, June 4 & 11 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at ML Stories, stories, crafts and more with Mandrita. Ages 3 and up with caregiver.

Android Program
Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in ML – Tuesdays, June 7 & 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
11:45 a.m.

Old Folks
Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. at HBB Join the Ferguson’s Dr. Ev for an afternoon of tea, tapas, finger snapper!, acoustic delights.

Knitting Circle
Monday, June 13 at 1 p.m. at HBB Carol Kenney facilitates an informal knitting group for all experience levels. Work on your project in a social setting.

Drop-in Baby Time
Wednesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Toddlertime
Wednesday, June 30 at 10:30 a.m.

TeenSummertime
Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at HBB For kids entering grades 4 and up. To register, call 203-351-8242, then drop in to pick up a copy of the book. 

Adult Program Discussions
The New Yorker Discussion Group Discuss selected readings from The New Yorker. Diana B. Louey. Fabrication required. Registration is free. Email Michael at app@fergusonlibrary.org.

Hairy Bennett Branch – Wednesday, April 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Board Room Mondays, June 6 & 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Meal Planner
Wednesday, June 7 at 7:12 p.m. The online home of the Green Bicycle by Monique Royce, registration required. Call 203-351-8242.

Health and Wellness
Wednesday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Mindfulness and Meditation
Mondays, June 6, 13 & 20 from 1 to 2 p.m.
The Ferguson Library. Facilitated by the Ami Esbensen + Associates Inc..

FREEDOM IN 3 ACTS
Saturday, June 18 at 2:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Imagining Freedom in the US: The Constitution
In commemoration of June, the day celebrating the abolition of slavery, the Ferguson Library, in partnership with the Ambrose Center for Art & Culture presents FREEDOM IN 3 ACTS, a theatrical, historical, and musical experience. exploring the emancipation of the slaves through song Supported by grant from Connecticut Humanities.

Career Moves: Strategies for Job Seekers over 50 Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Center for Career Development

Legal Information Series: Consumers Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium Presented by Juan Mejia-Enza, staff attorney at Connecticut Legal Services. Register online.

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with Amo Laury (The Children), Carmen Rita (Never Nothing), and Kathryn Greenwood (We Love They, Charlie Freeman). Tickets are $15 and include a wine and appetizer reception, a chance to meet the book’s author, and signing and legal refreshments.

Building Web Presence & Social Marketing Monday, June 27 and Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Learn how to market your small business online.

Classroom Computers

Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Technology Center
Registration required for all classes. 203-351-8222 for phone registration. Online registration available at register.fergusonlibrary.org

Genealogy Research
Saturday, June 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Explore genealogy databases to find census, military, birth and death records. Online registration required.

Weed Hollander & Mandrita Branch Tuesday, June 7 at 7 a.m. A Spool of Blue Thread by Ann Tyler

Spanish Book Club
Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 a.m. ML La Historia del Espinoajo by Felicidad Sánchez Pacheco

French Book Discussion
Thursday, June 23 at 6 p.m. at ML Moment d’un cœu by Nelly Alard

A panel discussion on film appreciation.

Did You Ever Have A Family Moment d

Wednesday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Weed, Memorial & Hollander Branch

Legal Information Series: Consumers Wednesday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

A single father and his family are evicted from their home by a businessman who forces him to help evict other families in exchange for his own home. With Michael Shannon, Annabelle Wallis and Laura Dern. Directed by Yorgos Lanthimos. Rated R. USA. 2016. 112 min.

Second Saturday Cinema
Saturday, June 11 at 2 p.m. ML, DiMattia Building

The Revenant

Mangla Books
Saturday, June 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (check in at 6:30 p.m.)

Clay Modeling for Kids (under 8 with a caregiver).

Build Your Own Date
Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at HBB

Design and build with LEGOs. We build the bricks. You bring your imagination. For kids entering Grades K and up. Registration required. Call 203-351-8242.

Get in the Game

Kick-off – SoundWaters Sail Saturday, June 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THE CREW – AMERICA’S CUP TEAM SERIES
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Introduction to Drupal
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Office Suite Integrated
Thursday, June 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn how to combine Excel, Word, and PowerPoint to be more productive. Register online.

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MakeSpace Programs
Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Technology Center

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Arduine (Part I)
Saturday, June 11 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Arduine (Part II)
Thursday, June 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Arduine (Part III)
Thursday, June 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to Microcomputers Saturday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m. ML, Third Floor Center for Career Development
In this class, you’ll be introduced to an array of palm-sized computers more powerful than the ones NASA used to put on the moon. Register online.

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FILMS

Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Technology Center

99 Homes
Directed by Adam McKay. Rated R. USA. 2015. 130 min.

Mayoral elections. Rated PG. 108 min. For kids in Grades 6 and up.

Dreadful moms
Philosopher Dan Bennett explores a devastating cult of ideas.

Pre-Game Kick-off Craft Saturday, June 4 at 2 p.m. ML, Lower Level Program Room Get your game face on and help us decorate a Youth Services display to prepare for this summer’s club! Ages 5 and up.

WEED MEMORIAL & HOLLANDER BRANCH

Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m.

360 Digital (Part II)
Saturday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. at SE

Out of Bounds Art!
Saturday, June 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch – Lawn Games for All ages 2 to 4 p.m. All ages

A Taste of Hamlet with Shakespeare on the Sound with Ferguson Library. An introduction to Hamlet, this summer’s production of Shakespeare on the Sound. Presented by members of the cast Ages 5 and up.

Out of Bounds Art!
Thursday, June 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Create your own masterpiece Materials provided. Ages 5 and up (at the discretion of the caregiver).

Flash Flicks
Friday, June 24 at 2 p.m. at ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Zootopia. Rated PG. 108 min. For kids in Grades 6 and up.

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