**Friends of The Ferguson Library**

March 2 is Dr. Seuss’s birthday, and the Friends Book Shop is featuring Dr. Seuss favorites all month. They also have some great titles celebrating Women’s History Month and St. Patrick’s Day.

**Staff Recommends:**

**Women, Business and Entrepreneurship**

- The Career Code: Must-Know Rules for a Strategic, Stylish and Self-made Career by Hillary Kerr & Katherine Power
- Grow your Value: Living and Working to your Full Potential by Miia Brzozinska
- Earning It: Hard-Won Lessons from Trailblazing Women at the Top of the Business World by Joanna S. Lublin
- Million Dollar Women: The Essential Guide for Female Entrepreneurs Who Want to Go Big by Julia Pimsleur
- The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance—What Women Should Know by Katty Kay and Claire Shipman

**Focus on Ferguson**

**From the President’s Desk**

The Ferguson Library is about lifelong learning and personal growth. No matter your age, we have a resource or program for you. The city is the foundation of our budget, but we also rely heavily on gifts to make up the difference or expand programs. The American Dream Literacy Grant (see below) will allow us to grow services. Individual donations can help us purchase new material. Each gift counts but sometimes the timing will make an individual gift turn into a much bigger one.

By giving to The Ferguson Library on Fairfield County’s Giving Day, March 9, your small gift when matched with others can become a much bigger gift. What is Giving Day? It’s our region’s biggest philanthropic event of the year, and a chance to support the nonprofits that make a difference in our community.

On March 9, go to FCgives.org and make a donation of as little as $10 to The Ferguson Library and your other favorite nonprofits. Your gift can help us buy books and provide innovative programs for children and adults. Thank you for your support. – Alice Knapp, President

**Ferguson Hosts 1 Million Cups Project to Connect Entrepreneurs**

Beginning this month, The Ferguson will host a monthly get together aimed at connecting and educating local entrepreneurs. The project is part of the national 1 Million Cups initiative, created by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. 1 Million Cups – based on the notion that entrepreneurs network and discover solutions over a million cups of coffee – is a free gathering that helps build startup communities on a grassroots level.

The Library will host these get-togethers the first Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m., with presentations from two early-stage startups. For more information contact Elizabeth Joseph ejoseph@fergusonlibrary.org, 203 351-8224.

**American Dream Literacy Initiative Grant**

The Ferguson has received a $10,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to expand literacy and citizenship programs at the Library. The American Dream Literacy Initiative Grant will allow us to offer two intensive 12-week courses on preparing for citizenship and will also fund study materials for language literacy and citizenship studies.

**Tax Help at the Library**

The Ferguson Library is offering free tax help now through April 18. Trained tax counselors from AARP Tax-Aide and VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) are available at the Main Library and branches. Check our calendar for details.

**A Novel Affair April 19**

Tickets are on sale for a Novel Affair, April 19, when The Ferguson opens its doors for an evening of food and fun to benefit the Library. Reservations are available at fergusonlibrary.org or by phone at 203 351-8205. We are delighted to honor Gail Malloy, community volunteer and long-time supporter of the Library. You can support the event through a sponsorship or ad in our program. Please contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208 or lindafergusonlibrary.org for information.


**Small Business Resource Center**

Looking to start a small business? Or trying to grow one? Our Small Business Resource Center has information to help you with everything from writing a business plan to market research to accounting, finance, human resources, management, technology, taxes, and more. The database includes the entire Business Plans Handbook Series, with hundreds of sample business plans created by real-life entrepreneurs. You can find the Small Business Resource Center on the Research page of our website, under A to Z databases. Sign in with your Ferguson Library card.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday, March 6 at 11:30 a.m.
Stoner by John Williams

Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m.
Crow Lake by Mary Lawson

Spanish Book Club
Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Distintas formas de mirar el agua by Julia Llanes

South End
Monday, March 27 at 7 p.m.
Hidden Figures by Yelena Shemtorr

Main Library, DiMattia Building
Monday, March 27 at 11 a.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Georgia A Novel of Georgia O’Keefe by Dawn Tripp

French Book Discussion
Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Fourth Floor
La Place by Annie Emaux

Join the Adult Winter Reading Guild

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 winner raffle will be selected. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

Maria Scrivan, “Cartooning and Creativity”
Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m.
ML, Third Floor
Maria Scrivan is a syndicated cartoonist. Her comic “Half Full” appears on GoComics.com and in newspapers, across the US including the LA Times.

The Lost Children
Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Join our project in virtual writing. The United Nations ECOSOC advisory group on African countries and works with African refugees. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/evnet.

The Literary Hour of La Tertulia / La hora literaria de La Tertulia
Saturday, March 4 & 11 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room

Knitting Circle
Mondays, March 6 & 20 at 11 a.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

World Affairs Forum: What ISIS Really Wants
Monday, March 6 at 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

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ESL Programs

Let’s Talk: ESL Conversation Groups
Practice your English at these free drop-in conversation groups.
SE – Thursday, March 2, 9 & 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
WWM – Tuesday, March 14, 21 & 28 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.
ML – Tuesday, March 17, 24 & 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ESL Writing Course – Intermediate to Advanced
Mondays, March 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
12-week course Level testing to be administered at the first class. Required registration. Call 203 351-8221 or 8222. Supported by the American Library Association and Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

ESL Courses for Adult Beginner Students
Saturdays, March 11, 18 & 25 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
12-week course Level testing to be administered at the first class. Required registration. Call 203 351-8221 or 8222. Supported by the American Library Association and Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

TAX HELP
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
Saturday afternoons, by appointment through April 10, ML, Third Floor Rotary Room
Free help in preparing basic federal and Connecticut state income tax returns. Please bring all necessary documents.

Tax-Aides from AARP Tax-Aide
February 4 through April 18 (except Presidents’ Day). Bring your 2016 tax documents and a copy of your 2015 tax return, Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and everyone on your return. No appointment required. Must be familiar with basic Excel, keyboard, and a computer.

Taxation for the Volunteer Nonprofit
Saturday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Must be familiar with intermediate Excel, keyboard, and Windows.

Microsoft Office Integrated Training
Wednesday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Learn how to combine Excel, Word, and PowerPoint to be more productive. Register online.

CROSSCULTURAL ARTS AND CULTURE Quetzal Present: Women and the Arts – Celebrating International Women’s Day, Sunday, March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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