Art at The Ferguson
Join us for the opening of our summer art exhibit, World Within a World, Thursday, May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Ferguson’s Auditorium. The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, will run through September. The Ferguson will also participate in the Art Walk in Stamford Downtown June 24, with art and special musical performances. More details soon.

Ferguson to Participate in STEMfest May 14
Keep an eye out for Ferguson librarians Frank Skornia and Jason Wilkins at Stamford STEMfest this Saturday, May 14 at Mill River Park. They will be demonstrating our 3D printer and other cool things. STEMfest is a day of free, interactive, hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) activities for people of all ages. It takes place from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the park.

Focus on Ferguson
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From the President’s Desk
Over the last 25 years, public libraries have changed a lot. And it’s not just card catalogs that are gone. The Ferguson Library has transformed from a 20th century library with a focus on information to a 21st century library focused on the exchange of knowledge. From a library that provided content to where people can create content. From welcoming nearly a million visitors a year to hosting an additional two million virtual visits. Around here, we use the word transform a lot. We talk about transforming lives and community. We talk about how a book or program is transformative. We talk about transforming spaces, which we have done with our technology lab and are doing with our plaza.

Libraries today are less about what they have for people and more about what they do for and with people. Stop by and visit and see how we are transforming lives every day.

— Alice Knapp, President

Main Library Construction
Restoration work is moving along on schedule at the Main Library. Workers will replace a column that had been damaged by fire and are doing the delicate job of restoring the decorative woodwork on the front and side of the 1909 building. The project is funded by the city of Stamford and a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office. We hope to complete this part of the project by early summer; then finish place renovations, which are being funded with private donations.

Bestselling Author Laura Lippman May 11 Book & Author Tea
Tickets are still available for New York Times bestselling author Laura Lippman at the Friends of The Ferguson Library’s Book & Author Tea Tuesday, May 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $35 for Friends members/$40 for non-members. Reservations at 203 351-8275 or online for this elegant afternoon event. Laura Lippman has been awarded the Edgar, the Agatha and many other awards for her crime fiction writing. Her most recent novel is Wilde Lake.

A Novel Affair Raises $200,000 for the Library
Thanks to everyone who helped make A Novel Affair a success! We raised $200,000 to support library services and collections, and we couldn’t have done it without all of you. Thank you to our generous sponsors, participating food and beverage providers, and all the guests and volunteers who helped make this a fabulous evening! Please see our photo gallery with more great pictures of the event on our website, under Support/A Novel Affair.

Library Receives $10,000 Gift for eAudiobooks
Thanks to a generous donation of $10,000 from Stamford resident Stephen Corman, we will be able to significantly add to our Overdrive audiobook collection. Digital materials are more expensive than print books, and this gift will allow us to purchase about 100 new audiobooks, including fiction, history, biographies and memoir. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Corman for this generous gift.

Ferguson Library Participates in National Children’s Book Week May 2 – 8
Children’s Book Week is the annual celebration of children’s books and reading. Established in 1919, it is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. The Ferguson Library is participating in this national celebration with a day full of events and a chance to meet popular author Tommy Greenwald. See our calendar for details.
Adult Programs

HEALING VOICES – Documentary Screening and Discussion
Saturday, May 1, 2 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Documentary which explores the experiences commonly labeled as “psychosis” through the real-life stories of individuals working to overcome extreme mental states.

Author Event: An Evening with Charlotte Rodgers Monday, May 9, 7 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

The author of the national bestseller The Lifeboat, talks about her new books and gives a provocative novel about the fallout from a search for truth. Refreshments, books sale and signing.

Mindfulness and Meditation

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17 from 2:30 to 3 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

The Community Mindfulness Project (CMP) is a secular meditation group, dedicated to the study and practice of a variety of mindfulness and heart-opening practices. Registration required. Read registration.

Let’s Talk: ESL Conversation Groups

Practice your English at this free drop-in conversation group. Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Membership is open to all experience levels. Must be able to attend both sessions. Call 203 351-8242.

Introduction to WordPress Registration is required for this class. Learn the fundamentals and how to build a basic website. A free account at www.wordpress.com will be required.

Creating a WordPress Site

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Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

This 7-part course will cover all your questions, registration is required.

PowerPoint (Part II)

Tuesday, May 2, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Design and create professional PowerPoint presentations. This 3-part course will cover all your questions, registration is required.

Microsoft PowerPoint

Registration online for this series of classes.

PowerPoint (Part I)

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

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Second Saturday Cinema

Saturday, May 14 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

The Boston globe investigates child sex abuse by Roman Catholic priests in the Boston area. Won 2016 Oscars for “Best Picture” and “Best Original Screenplay.”

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Join the 2016 Summer Reading Clubs

Coming in June!