Friends of The Ferguson Library

**Book Shop News**

Just in time for the holidays — get a Friends mug when you purchase a gift certificate from the Book Shop for $5 and up. Combine that with a friends membership starting at $25, and you’ve got a great holiday gift!

Also, this month, the Shops are featuring big beautiful books for gift-giving. Stop in and take a look. We get new merchandise in daily.

**Pay Your Fines Online**

We’re making it easier to pay those pesky overdue fines. You can now take care of them online with a credit or debit card. Just log into your Ferguson Library account on your computer or mobile device. The minimum payment online is $5. Our staff is happy to help if you have questions.

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- Alice Knapp
- Steven M. Frederick, Vice-Chair
- Ellen Bromley, Chair
- Dudley N. Williams, Secretary
- Thomas Cassone, Treasurer
- Anderson Livingston
- William S. Callion, Jr.

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**Focus on Ferguson**

**Staff Recommends:**

**Celebrity Memoirs**

**Around the Way Girl**
by Taraji P. Henson
*A Life in Parts*
by Bryan Cranston
*Born to Run*
by Bruce Springsteen
*Things I Should Have Told My Daughter* by Pearl Cleage
*Forward* by Abby Wambach
*Read! Reader* by Robert Gottlieb

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**Get a Passport at the Library**

The Ferguson Library offers passport services at the Main Library, DiMatteo Building and the Harry Bennett Branch. We also take passport photos. The Main Library passport office is open Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 5 – 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. The Harry Bennett Branch passport office is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Because of federal regulations, we can no longer renew passports.

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**HOLIDAY HOURS**

- **Main Library**
  - Monday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Harry Bennett Branch**
  - Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- **DiMatteo Building**
  - Monday & Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **South End Branch**
  - Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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**Construction Update**

Have you seen the Main Library lately? The scaffolding is down and the front of the Library looks magnificent. The restoration project is now in its final phase as we begin replacing the deteriorated marble block in the front entry. The brick pavers will also be cleaned and reset, and a new front door installed in keeping with the 1909 design. This work should be completed in late fall, with landscaping work set for the spring.

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**Save the Date:**

**December 15**

**NYT Bestselling Food Writer Dorie Greenspan**

Culinary guru Dorie Greenspan will share secrets from her new book, *Dorie’s Cookies*, at the Friends Authors Series event December 15. Tickets are $15 to benefit the Library and include a wine and appetizer reception. Registration opens mid-November.

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**Tell Your Story**

Do you have a story to tell? We’d love to help preserve your piece of Stamford history. As part of Stamford’s 375th anniversary, we are conducting a series of day-long digitizing events at the Library’s Digital Lab that will capture residents’ lives through interviews, diaries, photos, letters, souvenirs and other cultural/artifacts. To learn more or to make an appointment to “tell your story,” contact digital librarian Frank Skornia at fskornia@fergusonlibrary.org or 203 351-8220.

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**Interactive Art Project**

The Library is hosting an interactive video installation this month designed to solicit input from the public about what every American should know. In the exhibit, called “Vote Your Conscience,” New Haven artist David Livingston asks library users to watch a video and answer questions on this subject. The responses he receives will be part of a performance on December 3 at 3 p.m. at the Main Library. The project is part of a series of programs at the Library in connection with Aspen Institute’s national project, “What Every American Should Know.” The installation will be set up in the lobby outside the New Materials Room. It is a collaboration with Franklin Street Works, The Aspen Institute and artist David Livingston. Funding was made possible with a grant from the Connecticut Office of the Arts through the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County.

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**HOME PAGE:** Ferguson's Internet and Online Resources

ReferenceUSA Historical Business

Do you need to do business research? ReferenceUSA’s new historical business module has 198 million records going back to 2003. You can find businesses by geography, sales volume and employment size. See how businesses and industries change over time and find supporting data for business plans, research papers, job searches and development opportunities. ReferenceUSA is located under A to Z Databases on the Research page of our website. Sign in with your Ferguson Library card.
Ferguson Library Foundation’s Harvey Stam ford schools are closed or
HBB – Fridays at 11:15 a.m.
November 5
November 3, 10 & 17
HBB – Wednesdays at 10:15 and
Baby Time
Two’s Company
November 3, 10 & 17
November 1, 15, 22 & 29

Mindfulness and Meditation
Tuesday, November 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 2 to 3 p.m.
M Level, Third Floor Auditorium
Meditate with a group. Registration required.
Call 203 351-8243.

Teen Book Discussion
Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m.
M Level, Program Room
Training in the Mind and Body: How to Create a Healthy
Handbook for Mothers of Children with Braces. Registration
required, Call 203 351-8243.

Teen Programs

Afterschool Fun

Saturdays, November 12 & 19 from 10:30 to noon
M Level, Third Floor Center
Learn the fun and popular programming language Scratch.
Ages 8 to 10. Registration required. To be done with
both children. Spaces are limited. Call 203 351-8243.

Thanksgiving Storytelling
Saturday, November 12 at 11 a.m.
M Level, Third Floor Auditorium
Stories for adults & children. Stories and crafts from 11 a.m.
to 1 p.m.

Reading in the Domestic – Book Give-a-way
Saturday, November 19 from 2 to 3 p.m.
M Level, Third Floor Auditorium
Enjoy a wide selection of free books, children’s
stories and crafts.专项资金 and mandates. Ages 3-8 with an adult

Teen Color

Tuesday, November 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
M Level, Third Floor Board Room
Learn to color with free books. Registration required.

Get Your Business Ready for the Holidays

Tuesday, November 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
M Level, Third Floor Board Room
Learn to create effective marketing plans, conduct an online
analysis and raise funds to grow your business. Register online.

Philadelphia Kids Book Give-a-way

Saturday, November 26 at 2 p.m.
M Level, Third Floor Board Room
Join Ferguson’s for an afternoon of the taps! finger snap, finger
snaps, and storytimes.

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Tuesday, November 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
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Learn to make good patterns with a variety of materials to create
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