Friends of the Ferguson Library

Friends Author Series – Cookbook Authors

Just in time for the fall holidays, get some tips to feed those hungry hordes at the Friends Author Series October 25. Enjoy an evening with Lucinda Scala Quinn, author of Mad Hungry Family: 120 Essential Recipes to Feed the Whole Crew, and Jane Green, bestselling author of 18 novels and author of Good Tast: Simple, Delicious Recipes for Family and Friends. Tickets are $15, with proceeds to benefit the Library. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m.

Book Sale, signing to follow. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

Construction Update

Scaffolding will be coming down soon and work will begin to restore the maroon. Construction Update

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At ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Up to age 5. No registration required. Co-sponsored by the Fairfield County Museum of Arts.

Family Program

17th Haitian Book & Arts Festival Saturday, October 8 from 1 to 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Teen Programs

Teen Read: Feasting with Andrea Thursday, October 6 at 4:15 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Ages 10 & up. Registration required. To register call 203 351-8421.

Pajama Storytime Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Stories and songs for the whole family. Wear your pajamas! Registration required. Call 203 351-8224.

Building with Bricks Friday, October 22 at 4:15 p.m. at HB
ML, First Floor Children's Area
Ages 3 to 7. To register call 203 351-8231.

Books Discussion: Magic Tree House Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Main Library
Join us as we read Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne and discuss the books. You bring your imagination. Grades K and up. Registration required. Call 203 351-8224.

Small Talk: Book Chat with PJ Library Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.
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Reading with the Teacher Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Ages 5 & up. Registration required. Call 203 351-8224.

Adult Programs

Storytime Friday, October 21 at 10:15 a.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Music and movement with our own ML – Dr. Williams Bertier, Law Offices of Philip E. Dilenschneider Group and Hearst Media Connecticut. Register online.

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