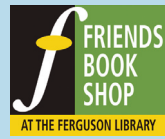


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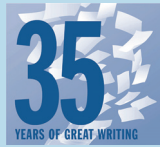


### Book Shop News

Save the date for the Book Shop's annual Collectible Sale Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1 at the Harry Bennett Branch. We will offer a variety of 18th, 19th and 20th century special publications, ranging from classic literature to books on law, history and regional interests. Some first editions, some signed and some with original binding and art. A great addition to your personal collection or an opportunity to build a collection! The Book Shop is also featuring special selections in February for Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and Black History Month.

### Literary Competition is Open

Entries are due February 7 for the Stamford Literary Competition. The contest is open to Stamford students in grades 3 – 12. Entry forms are available at the Main Library and branches and on the Friends program page of the Library's website, [fergusonlibrary.org/friends-of-the-ferguson/programs-events/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/friends-of-the-ferguson/programs-events/).



### Teen Art Contest

Win a chance to create a design for The Ferguson Library's 2020 Teen Summer Reading Club. Submit a drawing based on this year's theme, *Story Seekers*. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Michael's Arts and Crafts, and will have their name and artwork on all our Teen Summer Reading Club materials. Entries are due March 3. Contact teen librarian Steve Zampino [szampino@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:szampino@fergusonlibrary.org), 203 351-8245 for more information.

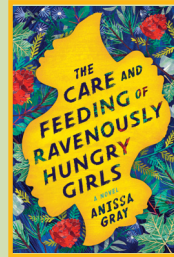
### TEDx is coming back!

The Ferguson is hosting a TEDx Talk Saturday, May 16 around the theme of Hindsight. We are accepting applications for speakers until February 15. Contact Jason Wilkins at [jwilkins@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:jwilkins@fergusonlibrary.org) for information.

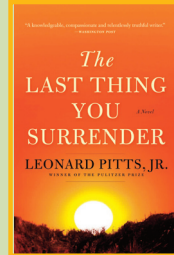


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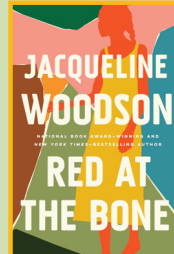
*New Fiction by African American Authors*



*The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls*  
by Anissa Gray

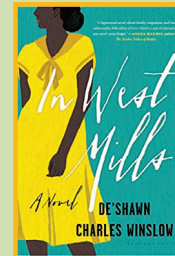
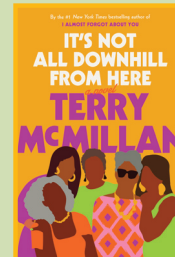


*The Last Thing You Surrender*  
by Leonard Pitts, Jr.



*Red at the Bone*  
by Jacqueline Woodson

*It's Not All Downhill from Here*  
by Terry McMillan



*In West Mills*  
by De'Shawn Charles Winslow



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# Focus on Ferguson

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## From the President's Desk



We have been looking at ways to make it simpler to use the Library. We started last year by adding several fine forgiveness weeks and found that many of you not only returned books but started to use the Library again. Which led us to ask how we can prevent fines in the first place. Our first attempt at fine prevention begins this month.

All physical items checked out on your card will be automatically renewed. If your life is hectic and you can't get to one of our locations—don't worry! Those items will renew automatically and you will receive an email with the new due date. (We won't be able to renew an item if someone is waiting for it, or if it is from our Express Collection.) Does this mean you can keep a book for a year? Well no. Items still can only be renewed two times. After your second renewal, you will receive emails telling you that your item is due soon, is due now, or is overdue. We hope this new feature makes your life a little easier.

Alice Knapp, President

### HOLIDAY HOURS

The South End Branch will be closed Wednesday, February 12 for Lincoln's Birthday. (The Lathon Wider Community Center, which houses the branch, is closed that day.) The entire Ferguson Library system will be closed Monday, February 17 for Presidents' Day.

## Mini-Golf at the Harry Bennett Branch February 8 & 9



Bring the family for a fun afternoon out. The Friends are hosting miniature golf at the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9, from 12 to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$5 per person. Under three plays for free! Refreshments at the "19th hole." Many thanks to all our sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor, First County Bank.



The South End Branch book discussion group celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

## A Novel Affair April 23

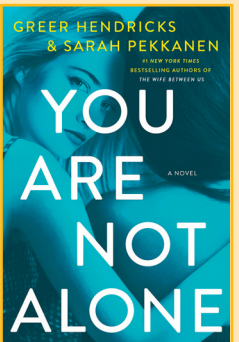
Registration is open for *A Novel Affair 2020!* The event, which is the Library's major fundraiser, will be held April 23 here at the Library. It's a festive evening of entertainment and fun, with delicious food donated by local restaurants. This year, we're delighted to honor Tom Cassone for his longstanding service to the Library and the Stamford community. You can register at [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org) or call 203 351-8205 for more information.

Many thanks to our major sponsors to date: *Cervantes*: Friends of The Ferguson Library; SL Green Realty Corp. *Hemingway*: OdysseyRe; Pitney Bowes. *Dickinson*: Judith Block; First County Bank; Silver Golub & Teittel. *Fitzgerald*: Jane Carlin & Benjamin Gifford; George Comfort & Sons; Garden Homes Management; Stamford Health; Thomson Reuters. *Faulkner*: The Ashforth Company/A.P. Construction; Bankwell; Kerrin & Stephne Behrend; David & Andrea Cohen; Susan DiMattia; Amy & Tony Downer; Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home; Hop Energy; Robert & Debbie Neiman; Stamford Town Center; Steven & Eileen Swerdlick; Paul Travaglino.



## Friends Author Series March 19 NYT Bestselling authors Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

Registration is open for an evening with #1 *New York Times* bestselling authors Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. Bring your friends Thursday, March 19 for food, wine and conversation with the authors of *The Wife Between Us* and *An Anonymous Girl*. They'll be talking about their new thriller, *You Are Not Alone*, about a circle of friends with deadly intentions. Book sale and signing. Tickets are \$15 and include a wine and appetizer reception. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. All proceeds support the Library. Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org).



## New! Auto Renewals

As of this month, your eligible checkouts will renew automatically before their due date. Look for an email notice the day before your item is due. Items that are not eligible for auto renewal are materials that have a hold on them, express items or items that have already been renewed twice.

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34 Woodland Avenue 06902  
203 351-8280  
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Thursday 12 to 7 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library**  
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For information call 203 964-1000  
Main Library hours:  
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Harry Bennett hours:  
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# ADULT PROGRAMS

**ML** Main Library, DiMattia Building  
**HB** Harry Bennett Branch  
**SE** South End Branch  
**WMH** Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch  
**RR** Registration Required

## Adult Book Discussions

### Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

**Monday, Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m.**  
*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

### Harry Bennett Branch

**Monday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.**  
*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

### Spanish Book Club

**Saturday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m.**  
*ML, Third Floor Board Room*  
*El murmullo de las abejas* por Sofia Segovia

### South End Branch

**Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.**  
*Black Girls Must Die Exhausted* by Jayne Allen

### Main Library, DiMattia Building

**Third Floor Board Room**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.**  
*The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

### French Book Discussion

**Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.**  
*ML, Fourth Floor*  
*Papillon de nuit* by R.J. Ellory

## TAX HELP / VITA

(Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)  
Volunteers from VITA offer free tax help preparing basic federal and Connecticut state income tax returns. Please bring photo-ID, W-2, last year's tax return and social security cards for individuals on the return.

**ML, Third Floor Rotary Room**  
**Sunday afternoons through April 5,**  
**by appointment.**

To schedule an appointment, call  
203 351-8221 or 8222.

## TAX-AIDE

Trained tax counselors from AARP Tax-Aide will be available through April 15. Bring all 2019 tax documents and a copy of your 2018 tax returns, Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and every individual on your return. Photo I.D. required for all taxpayers.

**HB**  
**Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**(not Feb. 17)**

**Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.**

**WMH**  
**Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

## Films

*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*  
*(unless otherwise noted)*

### Second Saturday Cinema

**Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.**  
*Blindspotting* – While on probation, a man begins to reevaluate his relationship with his volatile best friend. With Tisha Campbell-Martin, Daveed Diggs, Rafael Casal, Ethan Embry, Janina Gavankar. Directed by Carlos Lopez Estrada. Rated R. 2018. USA. 95 minutes.

### Thursday Night Talking Pictures

**Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.**  
*ML, Third Floor Board Room*  
*A Personal Journey with Martin Scorsese through American Movies*

An exploration of some of the landmarks of American cinema. With Martin Scorsese, Allison Anders, Kathryn Bigelow. Directed by Martin Scorsese and Michael Henry Wilson. Not rated. 1995. 226 minutes. **RR.** Call 203 351-8258 or email [caucella@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:caucella@fergusonlibrary.org) to reserve a copy of the DVD, or stream the film by using the Library's Kanopy service, and come ready to discuss.

### Third Thursday @ One

**Thursday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.**  
*Shaft* – JJ Shaft, a cyber-security expert with a degree from MIT, enlists his family's help to uncover the truth behind his best friend's untimely death. With Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie T. Usher, Regina Hall, Alexandra Shipp, Matt Lauria. Directed by Tim Story. Rated R. 2019. 111 minutes.

### 2020 Census Recruiting

Be a Census worker and earn extra income. Flexible hours, paid training. Census Bureau representatives will explain Census employment, assist with the application process and answer questions. (Applications also available at [2020Census.gov/jobs](http://2020Census.gov/jobs).)

**SE – Tuesdays, Feb. 4 & 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor – Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**and Saturday, Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**HB – Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**and Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**WMH – Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### An Evening of Classical Guitar with Marc Mathelier

**Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at SE**

Enjoy an evening of romantic music with Marc Mathelier, an internationally-acclaimed classical guitarist.



## English Language Learners

### Let's Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners (ELL)

Practice English at these free drop-in conversation groups.

**WMH**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**  
**Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**SE**  
**Thursdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

### Transitions to Success: Literacy Volunteers at Family Centers at The Ferguson Library

Daytime sessions: **Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28**  
**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**  
Evening Sessions: **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 24, 26 & 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor**  
Workplace English and career development for qualified students. For more information, contact Cynthia at 203 517-1029 or Yelena at 203 351-8228.

### Russian-English Language Exchange Group

**Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. at ML**  
**February 9 – Third Floor Auditorium**  
**February 23 – Second Floor Study**  
Language practice for Russian and English speakers and learners at the intermediate and advanced levels. Participants should install the Duolingo app, create a free account and register for the program on Duolingo prior to each meeting. They will receive free "tickets" from Duolingo. **RR.** To register, contact Susan Benthall at [sbenthall.duolingo@gmail.com](mailto:sbenthall.duolingo@gmail.com).

### Family Program: Mini-Golf at the Harry Bennett Branch

**Saturday, Feb. 8 and Sunday, Feb. 9 from noon to 5 p.m. at HB**

Bring the family for a fun afternoon out. Tickets are \$5 per person. Under three plays for free. Refreshments at the "19th hole." Many thanks to all our sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor, First County Bank.

### South End Branch 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration

**Saturday, Feb. 15 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at SE**

Join us as we kick off the 50th anniversary celebration of the South End Branch. Arts and crafts, cultural performances and entertainment. Light refreshments.



## Makerspace



*ML, Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise noted)*

**Registration required for all classes unless otherwise noted.** Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event) or call 203 351-8221 or 8222.

### 3D Modeling and Printing: Part II

**Saturday, Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Second of a two-part class. Use software to design your own 3D models, then make them real with a 3D printer. With Ralph Bernabei of Fairfield County Makers Guild.

### Make a Valentine's Button Art Heart

**Saturday, Feb. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.**  
**Third Floor Board Room**  
Buttons will be provided, or you can bring buttons you've collected to craft a heartfelt heart.

### Sew Your Own Journal

**Saturday, Feb. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.**  
**Third Floor Technology Lab**  
Assemble your own hardcover journal. Materials provided.

### Introduction to Web Building: HTML & CSS

**Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.**  
Learn how to build a website.



### Global Game Jam

*(Continued from January 31)*  
**Saturday, Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor**

Be a part of the 2020 Global Game Jam – the world's largest game creation event. Free to game. Meals provided. For gamers over 16. (Guardians required for participants under 18, according to Global Game Jam policy.) Register at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/). Co-sponsored by UCONN-Stamford, Sacred Heart University Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Quinnipiac University, Norwalk Community College, Fairfield University, the Business Council of Fairfield County and the Werth Institute.

### Genealogy Basics: Getting Started

**Saturday, Feb. 1 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at HB**  
A basic class that will teach you how to begin the first steps of recording your family history.

### The Literary Hour of La Tertulia/La hora literaria de La Tertulia

**Sundays, Feb. 2, 16 & 23 from 1 to 3 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Board Room**  
A literary salon with a focus on Latin American authors. IN SPANISH.

### Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**  
For an appointment, call 203 655-0048.

### Mindfulness and Meditation

**Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 1 to 2 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**  
Meditate with a group. Led by the Community Mindfulness Project.

## Technology

*ML, Third Floor Technology Center*  
**Registration required for all classes unless otherwise noted.** Call 203 351-8221 or 8222 or register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

If you are interested in learning the basics of using a computer, the internet, or email, make a **Book-a-Librarian** appointment by calling the Information Desk at 203-351-8221 or visit us on the second floor of the DiMattia Building Main Library. Appointments are available for a wide range of library services and instruction. Please visit <https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/> for more information.

### Microsoft PowerPoint

#### PowerPoint (Part I)

**Thursday, Feb. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Design slide shows and learn how to insert images and graphs. Must be familiar with Windows and attend both sessions.

#### PowerPoint (Part II)

**Thursday, Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Second of a two-part class. Design slide shows and learn how to insert images and graphs. Must be familiar with Windows and attend both sessions.

### Introduction to Video Editing

**Saturday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
The basics of non-linear video editing using freely available software. Learn to cut and merge video files and apply visual and audio effects.

### Knit & Needles

**Mondays, Feb. 10 & 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. at HB**  
Work on your project in a social setting.

### Lumina String Quartet

**Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**  
*Twenty-five Years of Great Music in Vienna, 1800–1825: Ludwig Van Beethoven, Carl Maria Von Weber, Franz Schubert.* Guest artist Phillip Bashor. Presented with support from an anonymous donor and the Community Arts Partnership Program. Made possible with public funds from the city of Stamford, David Martin, Mayor.

### Woke Vote Series

**Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at SE**  
Woke Vote is a series of discussion forums addressing issues that affect people of color. Childcare and a light dinner provided. Co-sponsored by Stamford NAACP.

### Poet Reginald Dwayne Betts, Author of *Felon*

**Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**  
The effects of incarceration in fierce, dazzling poems. Reginald Dwayne Betts is a poet, essayist, and national spokesperson for the Campaign for Youth Justice. Book sale and signing. Co-sponsored by DOMUS, Stamford Everyday Democracy, Stamford NAACP, MLK Committee and UCONN-Stamford.



## Business & Career

### TechXel Stamford

Fairfield County's First Enterprise Accelerator

### TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

**ML, Third Floor Board Room**  
**Registration required.** Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

### Patents and Trademarks

**Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.**  
Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr., Founder, Whitmyer IP Group

### Marketing and PR

**Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.**  
Mark Strauss, Principal, ToGo Media, Marketing Guru

### Cybersecurity

**Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.**  
Sergio Pedro, CEO, Lodestone Security, LLC

### Social Media

**Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.**  
Giulia Gouge, Social Media Maven and Cofounder of Agents of Branding

### Stamford 1 Million Cups

**Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 8 a.m.**  
**ML, First Floor Lobby**  
Presenters : Saul A Padilla, Founder of Greenwich Creek Capital Management LLC and David Farnworth, founder of Ontopz. 1 Million Cups is a free, national program designed to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs. Coffee and networking at 7:30 a.m. Program at 8 a.m. **RR.** Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

### Career Moves: Resume & Transferable Skills

**Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**  
Learn how to highlight your skills and experience. **RR.** Register online at [fergusonlibrary.com/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.com/event/).

### Entrepreneurs-in-Residence



**Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays, Feb. 3, 10 & 24 from 12 to 3 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Thursdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor**  
Entrepreneurs-in-Residence are available by appointment to help early stage entrepreneurs conceptualize and grow their ideas. **RR.** Schedule a one hour appointment at [calendly.com/eirferguson](http://calendly.com/eirferguson).



## Homework Café

Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11 & 25 and Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 19 & 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at SE

Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.

## Parent-Child Playgroup

Mondays, Feb. 3, 10 & 24 and Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 19 & 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at SE  
For ages 1 to 4 with an adult. Co-sponsored by Abilis and JCC Stamford.

## Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev

Monday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.  
ML, Third Floor Auditorium  
Music-making and movement with Dr. Ev. Ages 5 and under with an adult.



## WOW! S.T.E.A.M. Class

Mondays, Feb. 3, 10 & 24 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at HB

Discovery and critical thinking activities using the S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math) method. A hands-on class using the scientific method and observation skills. Ages 5 to 8.

## Rookie Readers

Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12 & 26 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB



Read aloud and book discussion, followed by a craft/activity. Snacks. Ages 5 to 7.

## Picture Us Reading Book Club

Thursdays at 4 p.m. at SE

Read aloud and discuss. Ages 7 and up.



Feb. 6 – *When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop* by Laban Hill



Feb. 20 – *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed

## Book Bunch Club

Friday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Board Room

Read *Koala Hospital* by Suzi Eszterhas, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Refreshments. Grades 2 to 3. **RR**. Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).



## Valentine Story & Craft

Friday, Feb. 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. at HB

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a story and then make a craft you can take home. Ages 5 and up.

## Interactive Screening of Despicable Me

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

A special interactive screening (audience participation encouraged!). Be prepared to jump, yell, cheer and jeer at Gru and his minions. Goody bags with props will be distributed. Costumes welcome but not required. Rated PG. 119 minutes. Ages 7 and up. There will be food at this program. If your child has a food allergy, please notify a librarian before the start of the program. **RR**. Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).



## Celebrate the National African American Read-In and Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, Feb. 22 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at SE

Join us as we come together to read, hear, and shine a spotlight on African American literature. All ages.

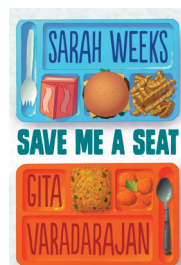


## Kids' Book Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 7 to 7:50 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Program Room

*Save Me A Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. Ravi has only just moved to America from India. Joe has been here his whole life. They are two outcasts who don't agree on anything, until they're shoved together. Will they



## Harry Bloch Children's History Program: Boogie Chillun'

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Boogie Chillun', a five-piece multi-talented group, will take you on a musical journey through the rich history of the United States. Ages 5 and up. This program is made possible through a generous donation by Louise Stern.



ever overcome their differences? Refreshments and gift books. Grades 4 to 6. **RR**. Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/), then drop in and pick up a copy of the book.

## Family Program: Mini-Golf at the Harry Bennett Branch

Saturday, Feb. 8 and Sunday, Feb. 9 from noon to 5 p.m. at HB

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WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch  
RR Registration Required  
Register at the Main Library in person or call 203 351-8242.

No storytime programs are held when Stamford schools are closed or delayed.

### Baby Time

Traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, and more. Pre-walking babies with an adult.  
ML – Fridays at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 7, 21 & 28  
HB – Fridays at 11:15 a.m. Feb. 7, 21 & 28  
WMH – Mondays, Feb. 10 & 24 at 11:15 a.m. and Saturdays, Feb. 8 & 22 at 10:30 a.m.

### Budding Bookworms

Books, songs and movement. Ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult.  
SE – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

### Every Child Ready to Read FULL

Before children can learn how to read, they must develop a range of skills. In this research-based early literacy initiative, kids and parents will have fun practicing the five skills necessary to become readers. Supported by The Ferguson Library Foundation's Harvey Fund. Ages 3 to 5 with an adult.  
ML – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 6 & 13

### Family Storytime

The whole family can drop in for this storytime. Families with children ages 5 and under.  
WMH – Saturdays at noon Feb. 8 & 22

### Mother Goose FULL

Rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement for walking babies. For independently walking babies under two years with an adult.  
ML – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 4 & 11

### Pajama Storytime

Join us for some of our favorite stories, songs and activities the whole family can enjoy. For families with children ages 5 and under.  
HB – Mondays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 10 & 24

### Preschool Movie Matinee

Come enjoy 30 minutes of picture book movies based on our most beloved children's books. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult.  
ML – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. February 20 & 27

### Sing & Stomp

A song and dance party! Walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult.  
ML – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26  
HB – Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26

### Step Ahead

A preschool program with stories, music and movement using puppets, flannel boards and videos. Ages 3 to 5.  
ML – Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26

### Toddler Time

A participatory storytime for a wider age-range of toddlers that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Walking babies up to age 3 with an adult.  
HB – Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 3, 10 & 24  
WMH – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 4, 11 & 25  
ML – Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

### Two's Company FULL

A special toddler program that features picture books, rhymes, fingerplays, music and movement. Two-year-olds with an adult.  
ML – Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Feb. 3, 10 & 24



## Teen Programs

### T-MAD

Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
ML, Third Floor Auditorium  
Library's teen advisory program. Grades 6 to 12. Call 203 351-8245.

### Teen Book Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 7 to 8 p.m.  
ML, Lower Level Program Room  
*Click'd* by Tamara Ireland Stone. Allie's new app is a huge hit and is going viral. Then, there's a glitch that could expose everyone's secrets. For teens in grades 6 to 12. **RR**. Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

### Drop In and Draw

Saturday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Lower Level Program Room  
Learn some drawing basics and a little about drawing Manga from artist Debra Hamuka-Falkenham, then work on a piece to enter the 2020 Teen Art Contest. Entries due by March 3. Grades 6 to 12. **RR**. Call 203 351-8243.

### In-Between Book Discussion

Thursday, Feb. 20 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.  
ML, Lower Level Program Room  
*Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee. Min must adventure through space and use her magic powers to clear her brother's name. Grades 5 to 9. **RR**. Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

### Teen Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at HB  
Play PS4, board games and arts & crafts. Snacks provided. Grades 6 to 12.

### Global Game Jam

(Continued from January 31) Saturday, Feb 1 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., ML, Third Floor  
Be a part of the 2020 Global Game Jam – the world's largest game creation event. Free to game. Meals provided. For gamers over 16. (Guardians required for participants under 18, according to Global Game Jam policy.) Register at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/). Co-sponsored by UCONN-Stamford, Sacred Heart University Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Quinnipiac University, Norwalk Community College, Fairfield University, the Business Council of Fairfield County and the Werth Institute.



## HOLIDAY HOURS

The South End Branch will be closed Wednesday, Feb. 12 for Lincoln's Birthday. (The Lathon Wider Community Center, which houses the branch, is closed that day.) The entire Ferguson Library system will be closed Monday, Feb. 17 for Presidents' Day.



# The Ferguson Library Youth Services **FEBRUARY** 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
<p>All programs are drop-in unless indicated otherwise.</p> <p><b>ML</b> Main Library, DiMattia Building 203 351-8242</p> <p><b>HB</b> Harry Bennett 203 351-8294</p> <p><b>SE</b> South End 203 351-8283</p> <p><b>WMH</b> Weed Memorial &amp; Hollander 203 351-8287</p> <p><b>RR</b> Registration Required</p>		 <p><b>M.A.C.H. MAKERSPACE ROOM OPEN HOURS</b></p> <p>ML, LL Makerspace Mondays (not Feb. 17) 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m. Learn, play and discover with cutting edge technology in our M.A.C.H. Room.</p>				<p><b>Global Game Jam</b>, ages 16 and up, 8 am <b>ML, RR</b></p>	1						
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<p><b>Library closed for Presidents' Day</b></p>		<p><b>Budding Bookworms</b>, ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult, 10:30 am <b>SE</b></p> <p><b>Interactive Screening of <i>Despicable Me</i></b>, Rated PG, 119 minutes, ages 7 and up. 2 pm <b>ML, RR</b></p>	<p><b>Parent-Child Playgroup</b>, ages 1 to 4 with an adult, 10 am <b>SE</b></p> <p><b>Sing &amp; Stomp</b>, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult. 10:15 am <b>ML, HB</b></p> <p><b>Step Ahead</b>, ages 3 to 5, 11:15 am <b>ML</b></p> <p><b>Homework Café</b>, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm <b>SE</b></p>	<p><b>Preschool Movie Matinee</b>, ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult, 10:15 am <b>ML</b></p> <p><b>Picture Us Reading Book Club</b>, <i>Mae Among The Stars</i> by Roda Ahmed, ages 7 and up, 4 pm <b>SE</b></p> <p><b>In-Between Book Discussion</b>, <i>Dragon Pearl</i> by Yoon Ha Lee, grades 5 to 9, 7 pm <b>ML, RR</b></p>	<p><b>Baby Time</b>, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am <b>ML</b></p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>, pre-walking babies with an adult, 11:15 am <b>HB</b></p>	<p><b>Baby Time</b>, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:30 am <b>WMH</b></p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>, up to age 5 with an adult, noon <b>WMH</b></p> <p><b>Celebrate the National African American Read-In and Take Your Child to the Library Day</b>, all ages, noon <b>SE</b></p> <p><b>Harry Bloch Children's History Program: Boogie Chillun'</b>, ages 5 and up, 2 pm <b>ML</b></p>	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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