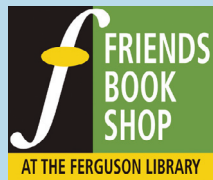


Friends of The Ferguson Library



The Book Shop is offering themed book bundles for young learners in Pre-K through Grade 5. Just five dollars for a preselected bunch of books on a single theme. It's the perfect way to supplement classroom, at-home and hybrid learning. All proceeds support the Library.

High School Students Fundraise for The Ferguson

Stamford Teen Outreach Partners (S.T.O.P.), a group of Stamford high school students who offer free tutoring/mentoring to elementary school kids, has started a fundraiser to support the Library's youth services. Visit their Go Fund Me page if you'd like to help!

Borrow a Laptop from the Library

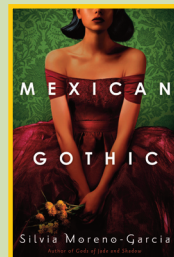
You can now borrow a Chromebook laptop from any library location. At the Main Library, the circulating Chromebooks will also include a Wi-Fi Hot Spot. You can keep the equipment for 21 days with one renewal. They are not available for reserve. Please ask at any of our branches or call 203 351-8261 for information.

New Online Catalog

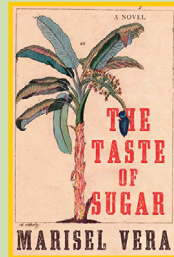
Searching for materials is now easier than ever and all your account information will still be there. Let us know what you think of the new system. You can access the Library's catalog at fergusonlibrary.org.

Staff Recommends:

Latinx stories for Hispanic Heritage Month



Mexican Gothic
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

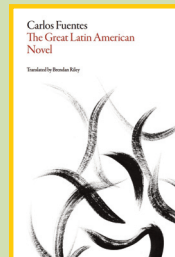


The Taste of Sugar
by Marisel Vera

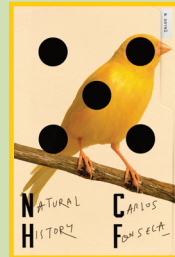


Natural History
by Carlos Fonseca

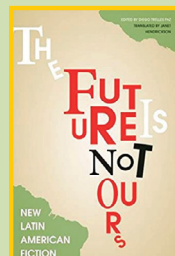
The King Is Always Above the People
by Daniel Alarcón



The Great Latin American Novel
by Carlos Fuentes



Natural History
by Carlos Fonseca



The Future Is Not Ours: New Latin American Fiction
edited by Diego Trelles Paz

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Bookmobile
Check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library
Main Library Book Shop
Monday – Thursday 12 – 6
Saturday 11 – 5

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Monday 12 – 3
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The Passport Office
By appointment and limited walk-in.
Call 203 351-8298 for information.

Main Library Passport Office
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Focus on Ferguson

The Heart of the Community

THE NEWSLETTER OF STAMFORD'S PUBLIC LIBRARY • OCTOBER 2020

From the President's Desk



Please join me for a very special program to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South End Branch on October 3 at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom. We're going to treat you to a visual history of the branch, messages from community leaders and a special talk from Newbery Medal author Jerry Craft (details below).

Fifty years ago, there was much excitement when Mayor Julius Wilensky announced the formation of a new community center in the South End that would include a collection of books from The Ferguson Library. A federal grant of \$28,898 underwrote a starter collection of books, and in its early years, an outreach librarian tended to the collection and offered programs. The branch grew and expanded over the years to become the gem it is today.

The South End branch provides a full range of services from homework help to book discussions to popular jazz and poetry nights. From the beginning, this branch has provided services to the local community and we are happy to announce that the South End Branch will be growing again soon with additional space in the building.

Alice Knapp, President

Passport Office Reopens at Harry Bennett Branch



The Passport Office is now open at the Harry Bennett Branch as well as the Main Library. You can make an appointment by calling 203 351-8298 or visit us on a walk-in basis. Appointments will take precedence.

Main Library Passport Office: Monday – Wednesday 11 – 5; Thursday 11 – 8; Friday 11 – 5; Saturday 11 – 4. *Harry Bennett Passport Office:* Wednesday 12 – 6; Friday 12 – 4; Saturday 1 – 4.

Civility in U.S. Diplomacy Robert B. Zoellick October 8



Our Civility in America series resumes October 8 with Robert B. Zoellick, who will speak on U.S. diplomacy and foreign policy. Mr. Zoellick's government experience spans six U.S. presidencies. He has served as Deputy Secretary of State; U.S. Trade Representative; Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House; and President of the World Bank. He is the author of *America in the World: A History of U. S. Diplomacy and Foreign Policy*. The program will be presented via Zoom on October 8 at 5 p.m. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

The Civility in America series is sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group, Hearst Media Group in Connecticut and The Ferguson Library.

Library Welcomes New Trustees

The Ferguson Library Board of Trustees has elected Anderson R. Livingston as its new chair for 2020 – 2021. He succeeds outgoing chair Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Mr. Livingston has been a member of the Library's Board of Trustees since 2016 and most recently served as Vice-Chair. Anderson is Managing Partner at the private equity firm, Armondale Ventures. He also held several leadership positions at American Express. Besides his involvement with the Library, he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Stamford Family YMCA.



Stephanie O'Shea will serve as the board's vice-chair; Sopong Kim has been elected treasurer and Robert J. Granata continues as secretary. Tom Cassone, whose term has expired, leaves the board; Ellen Bromley and Susana Vidan join the board.

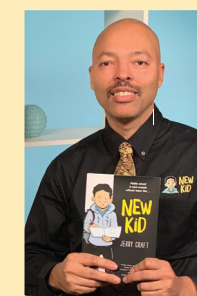
HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be open regular hours Columbus Day, Monday, October 12.

South End Branch 50th Anniversary Celebration October 3



Join us Saturday, October 3 at 11:30 a.m. for a virtual 50th anniversary celebration of The Ferguson Library's South End Branch. Newbery Medal winner and *New York Times* bestselling author Jerry Craft will be the keynote speaker. Craft is the author of the bestselling graphic novel, *New Kid*. His second graphic novel, which publishes this month, is *Class Act*.



The event will include a mayoral proclamation and a celebration of the branch over the years. For more information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

The Library is offering South End 50th anniversary commemorative library cards through the end of the year. Even if your card isn't up for renewal yet, if you'd like one, just come in and ask!

DIGITAL LIBRARY

Learning Express Library

This database provides interactive tutorials, practice tests, e-books, flashcards and articles for academic skill-building, standardized test preparation, career development and more. Resources include the Job & Career Accelerator and Computer Skills Center, with video courses to learn popular software and computer basics. You can access Learning Express Library through our A to Z Database page off the Research section of our website. All you need is your Ferguson Library card.

Support the Library with a monthly gift. Donate at fergusonlibrary.org.



THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

YOUTH SERVICES OCTOBER 2020

ALL LIBRARY FACILITIES ARE OPEN.

All library facilities are open. Masks required to enter a library building. To read our Reopening Guidelines, visit <https://fergusonlibrary.org/reopening-guidelines/>.

We are quarantining books for 3 days. When you return items, they will still be on your record for that period, but we will check them in using the date they were returned. We are not charging late fees at this time.

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Harry Bennett Branch

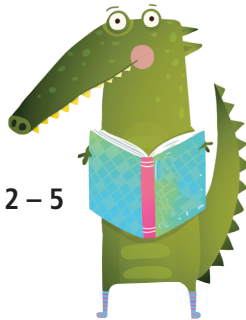
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How to Contact Us



Phone Service

Need help? Call us during our hours of operation.

Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261

Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk: 203 351-8231

Youth Services: 203 351-8242

Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

South End Branch: 203 351-8283

Virtual Chat

Chat online with a librarian Monday 9 – 7; Tuesday & Wednesday 9 – 6; Thursday 9 – 8; Friday 9 – 5; Saturday 9:30 – 5; Sunday 1 – 5 at <https://fergusonlibrary.org/virtual-chat/>.

Please check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/ for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at <http://fergusonlibrary.org/news/#toggle-id-1>.



The Youth Services Digital Library

Check out <https://fergusonlibrary.org/remote-resources-for-youth/> for information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources, WI-FI service for students in need, and more.

Follow us on social media:

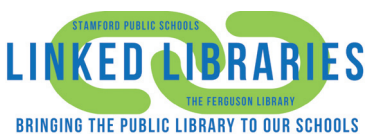
The Library's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary>

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Facebook <https://facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary/>.

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Stamford students can use their school ID to access our many digital materials, even if they don't have a Ferguson Library card. For access, enter

2111800+student ID number (no spaces). If you encounter any issues accessing our e-materials or databases, fill out the form at <https://fergusonlibrary.org/linked-libraries-contact-us-form/>.



Curbside Pickup by Appointment Only



All programs are generously supported by the Friends of The Ferguson Library.

THE FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES OCTOBER 2020

RR Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Zoom details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the program.



Virtual 50th Anniversary Celebration of the South End Branch

Saturday, October 3
from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



A virtual celebration for the whole family. Featuring keynote speaker, Jerry Craft, the *New York Times* bestselling author of the graphic novel, *New Kid*, winner of the Newbery Medal, the Coretta Scott King Author Award and the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature. *New Kid* book giveaways, limited edition 50th Anniversary library cards, a visual retrospective of the South End Branch and more.



Childrens' Programs

Crafternoons @ Home

Thursdays, Oct. 1 & 15 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Join the Ferguson Librarians on Zoom for an afternoon of stories and art creation. Note: Bags containing art supplies will be available for pickup at the Library approximately two weeks before the start of each class. Grades K to 5. **RR.**



Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom

A song and dance party! For 18 months to 3½ years with adult. **RR.**



Budding Bookworms via South End Branch Instagram

Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week. Watch on the South End Instagram at the scheduled time.



Second Saturday Storytimes

Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

The whole family is invited to enjoy this Saturday morning storytime. For families with children 5 and under. **RR.**



Kids' Book Discussion

Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 7 to 7:50 p.m. via Zoom

The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street by Lindsay Currie. Unexplained things



Parenting During the Pandemic

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 pm via Zoom

Join Jessica Welt, PsyD, the CEO & Clinical Director of the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), and Georgette Harrison, LPC, NCC, the Director of Clinical and Community Partnerships at the CGC for information on how to help your child adjust to our "new normal" amidst Covid-19. Learn how to help your child deal with stress and anxiety and recognize when she needs professional help. **RR.** Register online at https://chc1.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BztCjYbQnSot09t96bggQ.

start happening when Tessa and her family move into a new house. With the help of her new friends, Tessa starts to unravel the mystery of what happened in the house on Shady Street. Grades 4 to 6. **RR.**

Fact or Fiction: Human Superpowers

Thursday, Oct. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

Did you know that humans have incredible powers? We'll look at some of the most amazing, un-explainable skills that everyday people possess: a woman with x-ray vision, Battery Man, telekinesis, levitation, human magnetism, the human calculator, and more! Grades 4 – 7. **RR.**



Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity

Wednesday Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Read *Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve* by Mary Pope Osborne and then join us for a discussion and fun activity. Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**



Teen Programs

T-MAD

Friday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Is T-MAD for you? Talk with teen librarian Steve Zampino and students in grades 6 to 12 about whether you'd like to continue T-MAD and how you'd like to get involved. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**



Bring Your Own Book Club via Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 8 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom

Love Percy Jackson? Aru Shah? Harry Potter? The Jumbies? Learn about the fantasy genre, and talk about some of your favorite fantasy book titles. Grades 6 – 9. **RR.**



Family Program: Concert Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. on YouTube

Classical guitar recital of traditional Argentine tango/folklore and original works by Carlos Pavan.



Virtual Halloween Decorating Demonstration with Dr. Ev

Wednesday, Oct. 28

from 4 to 5 p.m. via Zoom

Learn how to make Halloween decorations with translucent plastic containers like milk jugs. All ages. Registration is not required. Zoom details available on our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.



Teen After-Dinner Trivia

Monday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

See how well you can answer trivia questions about books, literature, and other topics. CHEATING ALLOWED! (You may get help from family members or electronic devices.) Grades 6 – 12. **RR.**



Creative Writing Club

Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom

Bring your imagination, paper, and something to write with, and join us as we work on different writing prompts and share our work. Grades 5 – 9. **RR.**



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