

Message from the CEO



September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. We mark the beginning of each school year with an effort to ensure every child has their own library card. Since the Ferguson Library works very closely with the Stamford Public Schools, we have made it even easier for students to get books. Students can use their student ID number as a virtual library card to access all our online resources, including a great selection of e-books. They also can place a hold on a physical book and we will deliver it to their schools! For more information on this service, check out our blog entry on Linked Libraries.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Leading Expert on Institutional Racism to Visit the Library

Join us for a discussion October 3 at 6 p.m. with **Robert Livingston**, a Harvard social psychologist and leading expert on the science underlying bias and racism in organizations. Dr. Livingston will discuss his book, *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth about Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations*.



The program is co-sponsored by the City of Stamford, Fairfield County's Community Foundation and the Ferguson Library, along with the Mayor's Multicultural Council, 100 Black Men, Stamford Community, Stamford Cradle to Career, Stamford Public Education Foundation and Stamford Stands Against Racism. Register online.

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The Friends Pub Crawl Is Back!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 12 for a fun evening of food, conversation and literary-themed entertainment at downtown restaurants, Bar Rosso, Hudson Social, Towne Parlor and Zaza. Register at tinyurl.com/2cyr87wz. Tickets are \$40; \$30 for Friends members.



West Side Branch Opening in October

Our new West Side Branch at the Chester Addison Community Center will open October 1. The community center, operated by the Stamford Police Activities League, will offer sports and other activities for kids. The library branch will focus on youth collections and will initially be open Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.



Ferguson Welcomes New Staff Members



Samantha Delgado has joined the library as a Youth Services librarian. She previously worked as a Reference/Youth Services Library Assistant at the Bridgeport Library and New Haven Free Public Library. She graduated with her MLS last year.



Beth Fitzpatrick, the library's new Communication & Marketing Coordinator, is an award-winning former journalist, who comes to the Ferguson Library most recently from The Center for Family Justice in Bridgeport.

We are delighted to have them both on board.

We're Hiring!

The library has a number of open positions for candidates who are committed to excellent customer service and want to make a difference in our community. We invite you to consider us as a place to begin or grow your career. Visit the employment page on our website for information.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: DRIVING TESTS

Looking to get a learner's permit or driver's license? This resource will help you ace the Connecticut DMV exams by offering all the materials you'll need, including the official Connecticut driver's manual and a series of step-by-step DMV practice tests that will help you pass like a pro. To get started, grab your library card and visit our databases page at Research & Learn/A to Z Resources. Once in, enter your card number and start studying. You'll be on the road in no time.

ML Main Library, DiMattia Building, 203 351-8231
HB Harry Bennett, 203 351-8292
SE South End, 203 351-8280
WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander, 203 351-8286

RR Registration Required

at fergusonlibrary.org/events

For virtual programs, Zoom login details will be included in registration confirmations.


For Zoom programs that don't require registration, visit our online calendar for login details.

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Book Discussions

If the discussion is presented via Zoom, login details are on our online calendar. Registration is not required unless otherwise noted. Book discussions are open to all.

Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, September 8
from 5 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room

Una partida de ajedrez por Stefan Zweig

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

Monday, September 12

from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Harry Bennett Branch

Monday, September 12

from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

NEW! Mystery Readers Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 14

from 10 to 11 a.m. and from
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

The Maid by Nita Prose **RR.**

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

Monday, September 26

from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom

All Her Little Secrets by Wanda M. Morris

SAVE THE DATE

Community Conversation with Dr. Robert Livingston, Author of *The Conversation*

Monday, October 3 from 6 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Join us for a meaningful conversation with Dr. Robert Livingston, one of our nation's most acclaimed experts on the science of underlying bias and racism and author of *The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations.* **RR.**

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New! Historic Walking Tour: Downtown Stamford

Sunday, September 11

from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

ML, Outdoor Plaza

Preservation planner and architectural historian Wes Haynes will lead a one-hour walking tour of historic landmarks hiding in plain sight in Downtown Stamford. Please bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. **RR.**

Art at the Ferguson

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

It Happened Here Opening Reception

Sunday, September 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.

An exhibit featuring selected images from Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County archives and other primary sources that explores the theme of creating community throughout history. On view until October 2.

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County; partially funded by a grant from the Stamford Arts & Culture Commission.

The Art of the Community

Juried art show featuring works by local and regional artists. On view until September 27.

Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association, in partnership with the Ferguson Library and Stamford Pride.

Death Cafe Stamford

Thursdays, September 1, 15 & 29
from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom

A discussion about increasing the awareness of death to help people make the most of their finite lives. With Sahara Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

For more information,

call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27
from noon to 1 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, and a chance to share and reflect.

Appropriate for people who are new to meditation and those who have long-standing practices. Please arrive five minutes early.

Civility in America Series:

Reflections on Inequality

Wednesday, September 21

from 6 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Former U.S. Senator Phil Gramm will talk about his new book, *The Myth of American Inequality: How Government Biases Policy Debate*, co-written with economist Robert Ekelund and John Early. **RR** to attend in person; also available via Zoom.

Sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group, the Ferguson Library and Hearst Media Group in Connecticut.

Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

Saturday, September 24

from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH

An afternoon outdoors of toe-tapping, finger-snapping acoustic delights with Dr. Ev, who will take requests. Complimentary refreshments. Weather permitting.

Lawyers in Libraries

Thursday, September 29

from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Discuss your case with a volunteer attorney. To book a required 20-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221.

Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.

English Language Learners



Let's Talk: Conversation Groups Fall Sessions via Zoom

Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events.

Tuesdays, September 13, 20 & 27

New students: noon

Basic: 12:30 p.m.

Low intermediate: 2:30 p.m.

Advanced: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, September 14, 21 & 28

High intermediate: 10 a.m.

Beginner: 3 p.m.

Family Programs

MakeFest

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from noon to 4 p.m.

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Check our calendar for upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month events in October.

Technology

**Main Library, DiMattia Building
Third Floor Technology Center**

RR for all technology classes.

▲ **Must be familiar with Windows and able to use a mouse and keyboard**

■ **Basic experience with MS Word necessary**

Microsoft Word

Basic Microsoft Word ▲

Thursday, September 15

from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to navigate MS Word, create and save a document, and format text. No experience in MS Word necessary. **RR.**

Intermediate Microsoft Word ▲ ■

Thursday, September 22

from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to add images and tables to documents, use Styles to format a document, and edit the header and footer. **RR.**

Introduction to Web Building: HTML and CSS ▲

Saturday, September 24

from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to build a website using HTML to add text, images, and links, and using CSS to modify the format and design of the website. No experience with HTML or CSS necessary. **RR.**

iPhone Photography: Use your Camera to its Full Potential

Wednesdays, September 21 & 28

from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at HB

A two-part course covering camera features, settings and tricks on how to make photos stand out. Suitable for all iPhone models and photography skill levels. Bring a fully charged iPhone and note-taking materials to each session. The September 21 class is a pre-requisite to the September 28 class. **RR.**

Tech Tips for Older Adults

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27

from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

SE, Second Floor Program Room

Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Business & Career

Small Business Development Workshop

Tuesday, September 6

from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to identify a niche when starting your own business. We'll also cover marketing, advertising, financial statements and access to capital. **RR.**

Resume Workshop

Thursday, September 8

from 3 to 4 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to write a resume that best meets your job search needs and convert it into ATS format to increase application visibility. **RR.**

Nuvance Health Career Fair

Thursday, September 29

from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

A chance to explore available job opportunities, from entry level to advanced positions, at Nuvance Health in Norwalk.

Presented in collaboration with Nuvance Health.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

via Zoom

RR for each session.

Register by noon on the program date. Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m.

September 15 – Leadership and Team Building

Scott C. Nevins, Principal, Bernstein Private Wealth Management

September 22 – Business Formation and Contracts

Russell Anderson, Pullman & Comley, LLC

September 29 – Patents and Trademarks

Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr., Founder, Whitmyer IP Group

Meet Diane Cohen Schneider, Author of *Andrea Hoffman Goes All In*

Saturday, September 17

from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Reading of Diane Cohen Schneider's latest novel, about a recent college graduate who lands a job in the heady finance world of early-1980s Chicago. Book sale and signing.

FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



Friends' Virtual Run/Walk

Get moving for the Friends! *Book It for the Ferguson Library*, a virtual 5k fun run/walk fundraiser, is happening all this month. Register at events.elitefeats.com/22bookit. Your bib will be mailed to you. Run or walk on your own and track your time from your iPhone, Android or free apps like Strava. You can also include a donation.

Show your running bib to receive 10% off your purchase at the Friends Book Shop during the month of September.



Book Shop News

The Book Shop will be participating in Arts & Crafts on Bedford Saturday, September 10 with beautiful art and photography books, puzzles and children's books. Be sure to stop by and check out our offerings.

Also, the Harry Bennett Book Shop has reopened after a construction hiatus. We look forward to seeing you there.

Speakers Invited to Apply

TEDx returns to the Ferguson Library February 25, 2023. We are now accepting applications for speakers on the theme of Renewal. Visit the TEDx page on our website under Events/Featured Programs to apply. The deadline is October 15. Talks from previous TEDxFergusonLibrary events can be viewed on the library's YouTube channel.



x = independently organized TED event

Back-to-School Book Giveaway

Kids and teens: Kick off the new school year with free books! Drop by any of our branches and get two free books to add to your home library, while supplies last.

Missed one of our programs? Catch up whenever you have a chance. Many of our programs are available on our YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe.



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Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5

Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road 06905
203 351-8291
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10 to 6
Wednesday 10 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

South End Branch
34 Woodland Avenue 06902
203 351-8280
Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30
Saturday 10 to 2

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street 06907
203 351-8285
Monday & Thursday 10 to 6
Tuesday 12 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

Bookmobile
Check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile

The Friends Book Shops at the Ferguson Library
Main Library
Monday through Thursday 11 to 6
Friday & Saturday 11 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5
Harry Bennett Branch
Monday through Saturday 10 to 5

Connect to the Ferguson



Passport Services
Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298.

Main Library Passport Office
Monday through Thursday 10 to 7
Friday & Saturday 10 to 4
Sunday 1 to 4

Harry Bennett Passport Office
Wednesday 10 to 6 (walk-in only)
Saturday 10 to 4 (walk-in only)

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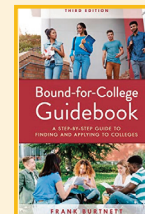
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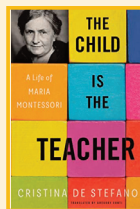
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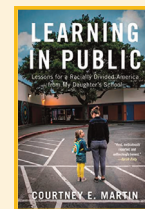
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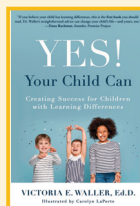
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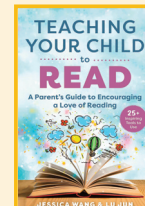
Learning in Public: Lessons for a Racially Divided America from My Daughter's School
by Courtney E. Martin



Yes! Your Child Can: Creating Success for Children with Learning Differences
by Victoria E. Waller



Teaching Your Child to Read: A Parent's Guide to Encouraging a Love of Reading
by Jessica Wang & Lu Jun



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YOUTH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2022

How to Contact and Follow Us



Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261
Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk:
203 351-8231
Youth Services:
Main Library: 203 351-8242
Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294
South End Branch: 203 351-8280
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

F Check out our Youth Services page at fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids for information for kids, teens, parents and educators. You'll find information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources, Wi-Fi service for students in need and more.

F Visit our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/events for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters.

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 Facebook facebook.com/thefergusonlibrary

 YouTube youtube.com/thefergusonlibrary

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Stamford students can use their student 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 fergusonlibrary.org/linked-libraries-contact-us-form.

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Be a Cake Boss!

Saturday, September 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Decorate a cake, and eat it too, with Casey Hallen, winner of TV's *Great Chocolate Showdown*. Materials will be provided.

Note: Cakes are made in a facility that uses nuts; certain dietary restrictions can be accommodated with at least two weeks' notice. For ages 9 to 15. **RR**.



Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

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Follow us on Instagram @ferglibraryyouth for storytimes, songs, fingerplays and more.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Outdoor Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to this drop-in program. For ages up to 4 years, with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.



Budding Bookworms

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 at
10:30 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram
Bilingual storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

Drag Storytime

Saturday, September 10 from 3 to 4 p.m.
ML, Outdoor Plaza

An interactive story hour featuring Tiki Malone, Robin Richards and Frankie C. Grades pre-K to 5.

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, September 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A song and dance party for ages 18 months to 4 years with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.**
Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, September 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For ages 18 months to 4 years with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.**
Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

Babytime

Fridays, September 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A program geared for babies featuring traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. For ages up to 18 months with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.**
Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

TEEN PROGRAMS

T-MAD Meeting



Thursday, September 22
from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program. Learn about upcoming events, share reading suggestions and make a difference in the community. Participation in T-MAD counts as volunteer work. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Dance India

Tuesday, September 27
from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A chance to learn classical Indian and Bollywood dance steps from Stamford's Shaifili Kansal. No dance experience necessary. **RR.**



Earn Volunteer Hours by Reviewing Books



The Ferguson Library is offering volunteer hours to teens in grades 6 to 12 to write book reviews. Reviews will be featured on the library's Youth Instagram page and displayed with reviewed books at the library.

Teens may submit up to two book reviews per week at tinyurl.com/m523vnb7. For each review approved by a librarian, teens will receive one hour of volunteer credit.

Reviews may be edited for clarity and will list the reviewer's first name, last name initial and grade, unless the reviewer wishes to remain anonymous.

For information, call 203-351-8242 or email ferglibraryyouth@gmail.com.