

## Message from the CEO



The Ferguson Library Board of Trustees has voted that the library become a book sanctuary and Mayor Caroline Simmons has taken the additional step of declaring Stamford a book sanctuary city. This extraordinary move follows the lead of the Chicago Public Library and the city of Chicago. Our board took this action because of the dramatic increase in book

challenges this year (for the first six months of 2022, over 1,600 unique titles were challenged nationwide).

What does being a book sanctuary mean? The Ferguson Library is committed to collecting and protecting endangered books, making them accessible to the public, hosting book talks, events, and conversations about diverse characters and stories, and educating others on the history of book banning and burning. This has always been part of our mission, but in this era of rising book censorship and attacks on freedom of speech, this work takes on new, vital importance.

We are proud to stand with the city of Stamford to protect intellectual freedom and the right to read. —Alice Knapp, CEO

All library facilities will be closed Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Day holiday. On Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Main Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The branches will operate on their regular schedules.

## Calling for Volunteers

We're looking for a few good volunteers interested in helping English language learners develop their speaking skills in our weekly in-person Let's Talk English Conversation Groups. No teaching experience required. We do ask that you are at least 18 years old, friendly, reliable and positive, and can commit to working once a week for at least one semester. Please contact Yelena Klompus at 203 351-8228 or yklompus@fergusonlibrary.org if you are interested.

## Alvin Hall, Author of *Driving the Green Book* to appear February 27



Award-winning broadcaster Alvin Hall will visit the library to talk about his new book, *Driving the Green Book: A Road Trip Through the Living History of Black Resistance*. From 1936 to 1967, millions of Black Americans relied on *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, the definitive guide to businesses where they could safely rest, eat or sleep. In his book, Hall recreates this journey, driving from New York to Detroit to New Orleans, visiting motels, restaurants and stores where Black travelers once found a friendly welcome. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events).

## Save the Date *A Novel Affair* April 20



The Ferguson Library will hold its major fundraiser, *A Novel Affair*, Thursday, April 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. The library will honor Polly O'Brien Morrow and Pitney Bowes for their service to the library and the Stamford community.

*A Novel Affair* is the Ferguson Library's signature benefit, raising funds to help support Stamford's public library. Early registration opens March 1.

Thank you to our major sponsors to date:

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For sponsorship information, contact Linda Avellar at [linda@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:linda@fergusonlibrary.org) or 203 351-8208.

## There's Still Time to Give to Our Annual Appeal



If you've already donated to the Library's Annual Appeal, thank you! If not, there is still time to help. Your donation of any amount helps keep books and vital services like technology training, English-language learning and children's early literacy programs free and available to all.

You can make a secure online donation at [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org). Thank you for supporting your public library.

## Mini-Golf Is Back!

Fun for the whole family! Mini-golf returns to the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$5 per person, per round. Ages three and younger play for free. Refreshments at the "19th hole." Many thanks to all our sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor, First County Bank. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events).



## DIGITAL LIBRARY: MORNINGSTAR

Are you an investor or business student? This database will help you jump-start your research with comprehensive analysis of thousands of stocks, mutual funds and ETFs. Also included are market update reports, videos, and commentary on the current investment climate. In the Planning and Education section you'll find special access tools to develop a hypothetical portfolio or calculate college or retirement costs. For access, just grab your Ferguson Library card and visit our A to Z Resources page.

**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**

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

## 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.

### Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

Monday, January 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom  
*Paper Wife* by Laila Ibrahim

### Harry Bennett Branch

Monday, January 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom  
*The Tuscan Girl* by Angela Petch

### Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, January 12 from 5 to 6 p.m.  
**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**  
*El maestro de Esgrima* por Arturo Pérez-Reverte

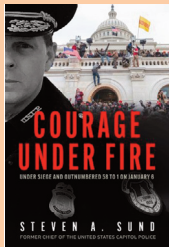
### South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

Monday, January 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at **SE**; also available via Zoom.  
*While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams

### A Conversation with Former U.S. Capitol Police Chief Steven A. Sund

Wednesday, January 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**



Author Steven Sund will discuss his book, *Courage Under Fire*, his account of the events leading up to January 6, the harrowing minute-by-minute details of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, and his testimony before the Select Committee to Investigate the January

6th Attack on the United States Capitol. The conversation will be moderated by John Breunig, Editorial Page Editor for *The Advocate* and *Greenwich Time*. Q&A, book sale and signing to follow. **RR.**

### Ballroom Dance Workshop

Thursdays, January 12, 19 & 26 and February 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
 Learn to dance like a pro with dance instructor Simone Assboeck, who will lead a four-part workshop covering the basic steps of the sultry rumba and high-spirited swing. Singles welcome; partners will be rotated. No prior dance experience necessary. Attendance required for all four sessions. **RR.**

### Classic Movie Matinees

Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at **HB**  
 Screenings of popular film noir award-winning films from the Criterion Collection.



### Out of the Past (1947) January 13

The past catches up to a former private eye who must return to the big city world of danger, corruption and double crosses to clear his name. Starring Robert Mitchum, Jane Greer and Kirk Douglas. Not rated.



### The Maltese Falcon (1941) January 20

San Francisco private detective Sam Spade, in a quest to obtain a priceless statuette, becomes involved with a deadly band of international thieves. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor and Peter Lorre. Not rated.



### Key Largo (1948) January 27

A war-weary veteran is forced into a confrontation with the nervous, sadistic mobster who is holding the occupants of a Florida hotel hostage during a hurricane. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall and Edward G. Robinson. Not rated.

### Documentary Series:

**Making Black America**  
 Saturdays, January 14, 21 & 28 and February 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at **SE**

Screening of the PBS documentary series *Making Black America: Through the Grapevine*, hosted, produced and written by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. This four-part series chronicles the vast social networks and organizations created by and for Black people beyond the reach of the White gaze. Each one-hour episode will be shown on consecutive Saturdays.



**Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**  
 Select Weekdays, through January 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. See website for details. Presented in partnership with Stamford Health and Griffin Health.

## Family Programs



### A StoryWalk® Celebrating the Legacy of Playwright August Wilson

On display through February 15  
**Jackie Robinson Park of Fame, West Main Street at Richmond Hill Avenue**  
 Learn about August Wilson at this outdoor display of the picture book *Feed Your Mind: The Story of August Wilson* by Jen Bryant. All ages welcome. A partnership between the Jackie Robinson Park of Fame, Inc., Superior Barbershop and the Ferguson Library's South End Branch.

### Coffee & Cocoa with K-9 Cops

Sunday, January 8 from 2 to 3 p.m.  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
 All ages are invited to enjoy coffee and cocoa from Honey Joe's Family Coffeehouse and meet Sgt. James Comstock, Officer Lou Scarano with his K-9 Wrigley, and Officer Dan Kokkoros with his K-9 Kobe of the Stamford Police Department Explosives Detection Canine Unit. The officers will describe their work, conduct a demonstration and answer questions.

### Documentary Screening Commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m.

**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
*In Remembrance of Martin* features personal comments from family, friends, and advisors of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., including Coretta Scott King, Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Julian Bond, President Jimmy Carter, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Senator Edward Kennedy, Congressman John Lewis, Bishop Desmond Tutu and Andrew Young. They recall Dr. King's career and trace his leadership in the civil rights movement. For teens and adults.

### Building Bridges with Books

*I'm Possible: A Story of Survival, a Tuba, and the Small Miracle of a Big Dream* by Richard Antoine White is the selected Community Read book and is available in multiple formats at the library. Presented in partnership with the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan & Darien; the Jewish Community Relations Council; The Interfaith Council of Southwest Connecticut; the Mayor's Multicultural Council; and Elm Street Books.

### I'm Possible Book Discussions

Thursday, January 19 from 3 to 4 p.m. at **HB**  
 Sunday, January 22 from 1 to 2 p.m.  
**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**

### The Power of Music Panel Discussion

Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
 Featured speakers are Project Music's Gabrielle Molina, Program Director; Garrett Mendez, Artistic Director; and Selin Agarcia, a former student. For more information, contact Sharon Lewis, Director of JCRC at [stlewis@ujf.org](mailto:stlewis@ujf.org). **RR.**



## English Language Learners

### Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events).

### Evening Sessions in Person

**Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

### Winter Sessions via Zoom

**Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24 & 31**  
New students: from 12 to 12:30 p.m.  
High beginner: from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Low intermediate: from 2:30 to 4 p.m.  
Advanced: from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesdays, January 11, 18 & 25**  
High intermediate: from 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
Beginner: from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

### Affordable Care Act Insurance Enrollment

**Mondays to Fridays, January 3 to 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
ML, Second Floor Study Room  
Representatives from Access Health CT are enrolling members for 2023 individual and family health insurance plans.  
Presented in partnership with Access Health CT.

### Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**  
For more information, call 203 724-9111.

### Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

**Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 12 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.

### Mah-Jongg Club

**Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB**  
Come out and play mah-jongg with us. Beginner to advanced players welcome.

### Notary Public Services

**Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at WMH**  
Our notary public will be available to notarize your official documents for free. By appointment only. Call 203 351-8286.

### Death Cafe

**Thursdays, January 5 & 19 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. Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.

### Women's Self-Defense Workshop

**Saturday, January 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Club Kung Fu of Stamford will lead a workshop focusing on setting boundaries, assessing the threat, and fighting back. **RR.**

## 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**
- **No prior experience necessary**
- **Basic experience necessary**
- ▼ **Experience with MS Word and Excel necessary**

### SCORE Workshop: Basic Digital Imaging

**Thursday, January 12 from 6 to 7 p.m.**  
Learn the basics in image resizing, cropping, cloning, layers and filters using a mobile device and image editing software.  
Presented in partnership with the SCORE Association.

### Microsoft Word

#### Basic Microsoft Word ▲ ■

**Saturday, January 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**  
Learn how to navigate MS Word, create and save a document, and format text.

#### Intermediate Microsoft Word ▲ ●

**Saturday, January 21 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.

#### Mail Merge ▲ ▼

**Thursday, January 26 from 2 to 3 p.m.**  
Learn how to use Mail Merge functions in Microsoft Word to organize information in Excel, then build labels and letters using that information.

#### Basic Microsoft PowerPoint ▲ ■

**Saturday, January 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**  
Learn how to create and save presentations, design slide shows, and insert images and text.

### Tech Tips for Older Adults

**Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at SE**  
Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

### Nutrition in the New Year

**Monday, January 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Ilaria St. Florian, a registered dietitian-nutritionist and manager of Stamford Hospital's Kids' Fitness and Nutrition Services, will provide tips on how families can eat healthier in the new year. A Spanish interpreter will be available at the event.  
Presented in partnership with Stamford Health.

### Local Author Series: Circumference of Silence by Jacquie Herz

**Wednesday, January 25 from 6 to 7 p.m.**  
ML, First Floor New Materials Room  
Local author Jacquie Herz will discuss her book *Circumference of Silence*, a mother-daughter narrative based on a true story that begins in Nazi Germany and ends in present day New York City. **RR.**

## Business & Career

### Credit Reports 101

**Wednesday, January 11 from 3 to 4 p.m.**  
ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
Learn how to read and understand your credit report, where the information on credit reports comes from, and what important information to look for when reviewing one. **RR.**

### Build a Keyword Resume

**Thursday, January 12 from 3 to 4 p.m.**  
ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
Learn how to incorporate keywords from job descriptions into your skills, competencies, credentials and previous work experience to get past Applicant Tracking Systems and hiring managers. Bring your resume to this session. **RR.**

### Healthcare Career Pathways

**Wednesday, January 18 from 12 to 5 p.m.**  
ML, Second Floor Study Room  
Learn about The Workplace's Health CareRx Academy, which provides occupational training, work readiness and other support to individuals who desire a career in healthcare.  
Presented in partnership with The Workplace.

### FAFSA Assistance

**Thursday, January 19 from 4 to 5 p.m.**  
ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
Sign up for one-on-one help in filling out the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form to receive grants and/or loans for college. To book a required 30-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221. **RR.**  
Presented in partnership with the CONNTAC Educational Opportunity Organization.

### Interview Skills

**Thursday, January 26 from 3 to 4 p.m.**  
ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
Learn how to prepare for an interview, what to expect, how to answer difficult questions, and how to follow up. **RR.**  
Presented in partnership with Goodwill Career Centers.

### TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

**Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom**  
**RR for each session.**  
Register by 12 p.m. on program date. Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m.

#### January 12 Leadership & Team Building

David Lyons, Principal, Den Corporate Advisors

#### January 19 Business Formation & Contracts

Russell Anderson, Esq., Pullman & Comley

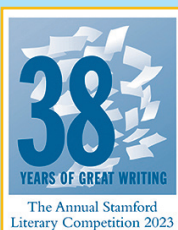
#### January 26 Patents & Trademarks

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

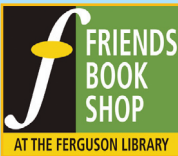
### Lawyers in Libraries

**Thursday, January 26 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.

## FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



**2023 Literary Competition Now Open**  
 Entries for the Stamford Literary Competition are due February 10. The Literary Competition celebrates excellence in student writing and is open to Stamford students in grades 3 to 12. We are accepting online entries only. You can find the link at [fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events).



**Book Shop News**  
 Don't miss the Friends' big winter sale! Everything in the Book Shop is 40% off through January 14. Friends members take an additional 10% off. All proceeds support the library.

### Warm for the Winter Mitten Drive

Drop off new or clean, gently used gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for children and adults at any Ferguson Library location. All donations will be distributed to our neighbors through Person to Person. Donations will be accepted until Friday, January 6.



## STAFF RECOMMENDS:

*Making Home Your Happy Place*



*Color Is Home: A Brave Guide to Designing Classic Interiors*  
 by Charlotte Coote



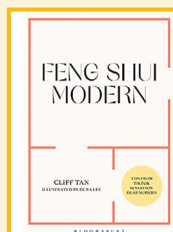
*The Designer Within: A Professional Guide to a Well-Styled Home*  
 by John McClain



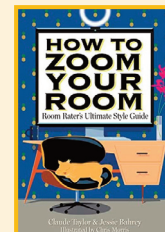
*Make Space for Happiness: How to Stop Attracting Clutter and Start Magnetizing the Life You Want*  
 by Tracy McCubbin



*How to Fix Stuff: Practical Hacks for your Home and Garden*  
 by Tom Scalisi



*Feng Shui Modern: Tips from TikTok Sensation Dear Modern*  
 by Cliff Tan



*How to Zoom Your Room: Room Rater's Ultimate Style Guide*  
 by Claude Taylor

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 203 964-1000  
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 Friday 10 to 6  
 Saturday 10 to 5  
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**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, Wednesday & Thursday 10 to 6  
 Tuesday 12 to 7  
 Saturday 10 to 5

**Bookmobile**  
 Check our online calendar at [fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile](https://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

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

**Main Library Passport Office**  
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**Harry Bennett Passport Office**  
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# FERGUSON LIBRARY

## YOUTH SERVICES

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### 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](http://fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids) for information for kids, teens, parents and educators. You'll also 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](http://fergusonlibrary.org/events) for updates and pop-up programs, and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at [fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters](http://fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters).



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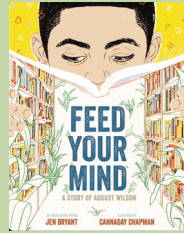
**Saturdays, January 21 & 28 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**

Beginners are welcome to join and learn everything there is to know about the game from instructor Alex Eydelman. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the National Education Chess Teachers Association.



### Family Programs



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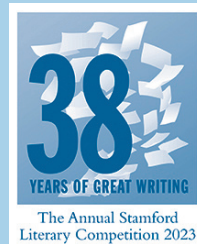
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### 2023 Literary Competition Now Accepting Entries



The Stamford Literary Competition celebrates excellence in student writing. It is open to students who live and attend school in Stamford, and are in grades 3 to 12. Entries are due no later than Friday, February 10. Visit [fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events](http://fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events) for guidelines, categories, requirements and the online entry form.

### Books Across Stamford:

#### A Winter Wonderland Book Giveaway

Saturday, January 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Students and their families are invited for a fun-filled afternoon picking out books for home libraries, listening to guest speakers, enjoying snacks and creating a wintery craft. Grades pre-K to 5.

Presented in partnership with the City of Stamford.

Reading is Fundamental, Stamford Public Education Foundation and Stamford Public Schools.



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

## CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

### Bennett Babies

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 24 & 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at HB

Songs, rhymes, stories and more for babies up to 18 months with an accompanying caregiver. Siblings welcome. **RR.**



### Budding Bookworms

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram

Bilingual storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

### Harry's Bookworms

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at HB

Storytime featuring interactive readings, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and other activities. Ages 3 to 5 with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

### Curious Minds Story & Activity

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SE

A Spanish-language experience featuring stories, music, move-



ment and fun. Ages 1 to 4 with an accompanying caregiver.

### Family Storytime

A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For ages 18 months to 5 years with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

Saturday, January 7, and Wednesdays, January 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Saturdays, January 14 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB

### Cuentos y Cantos Bilingual Storytime

Fridays, January 13, 20 & 27 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB

Storytime featuring interactive readings, songs and activities in English and Spanish. Ages 2 to 5 with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

### Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, January 17, 24 & 31 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. **RR.** Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

### "I Have a Dream" Family Storytime

Tuesday, January 17 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB

Stories that embrace some of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideals, including accepting and celebrating differences, respecting others and working together. Ages 2 to 5 years with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**



### Babytime

Fridays, January 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Songs, rhymes, stories and more for babies up to 18 months with an accompanying caregiver. Siblings welcome. **RR.** Registration opens six days before each storytime date.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Martin Luther King Jr. Family Craft

Saturday, January 14 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at SE

Help design a banner to be decorated with famous quotes by Dr. King.

### TinkerCAD for Beginners

Saturday, January 14 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Find out about TinkerCAD, the perfect software for learning the basics of 3D modeling. Ages 9 to 13. **RR.**



### Kids Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 24 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

ML, Lower Level

Makerspace



In *Just Like Jackie* by Lindsey Stoddard, Robinson Hart tries to live up to the legacy of Jackie Robinson, for whom she is named, but caring for her grandpa is becoming more difficult as his memory fades and she is now stuck with her nemesis in group guidance. Can she keep it together at home and school? Refreshments will be served. Grades 4 to 7. **RR.**

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Design a Vision Box

Tuesday, January 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

ML, Lower Level

Makerspace

Create your own vision box to reflect your hopes and dreams for the new year. Refreshments will be served. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**



### Documentary Screening Commemorating

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

*In Remembrance of Martin* features personal comments from family, friends, and advisors of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., including Coretta Scott King, Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Julian Bond, President Jimmy Carter, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Senator Edward Kennedy, Congressman John Lewis, Bishop Desmond Tutu and Andrew Young. Grades 6 to 12.

### Paint & Sip

Monday, January 16 from 12 to 2:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

An afternoon of painting and soda-sipping with our friends from Pinot's Palette. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

### FAFSA Assistance

Thursday, January 19 from 4 to 5 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Sign up for one-on-one help in filling out the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form to receive grants and/or loans for college. To book a required 30-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221. Grades 10 to 12. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the CONNTAC Educational Opportunity Organization.

### T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, January 19 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room

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

### Women's Self-Defense Workshop

Saturday, January 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Club Kung Fu of Stamford will lead a workshop focusing on setting boundaries, assessing the threat, and fighting back. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**