

Message from the CEO



"Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." So said the founder of Black History Month Carter G. Woodson.

As we celebrate Black History Month in February, we will be offering many special programs and book recommendations honoring the contributions made by Black Americans to U.S. history (details in this newsletter).

Last year, as a staff, we met daily to share what we had learned about Black history. We discussed great musicians and writers as well as Black farmers, famous inventors, the Black Panthers, the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, and much more. We came out of these discussions able to understand one another a little bit better.

This year, as we continue our own education, we are pleased to offer an exhibit on Black history at the Main Library. Please stop by and take part in this enriching Black History Month experience.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

All library facilities will be closed Monday, February 20 for Presidents Day.

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." Registration preferred at fergusonlibrary.org/events; walk-ins welcome. Many thanks to all our sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor, First County Bank.



Fairfield County's Giving Day February 23

Please support the Ferguson Library on February 23, Fairfield County's Giving Day. It's a 24-hour online fundraiser for Fairfield County nonprofits that do so much good in our community. Your support helps us buy books, offer children's storytimes and keep our Bookmobile on the road. Donate on February 23 at fcgives.org. Thank you!

A Novel Affair Registration Opens February 15

pitney bowes



A Novel Affair is just two months away! Early registration opens February 15 for the library's major fundraiser, to be held Thursday, April 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Main Library. We're delighted to honor Polly O'Brien Morrow and Pitney Bowes for their service to the Ferguson Library and the Stamford community. Tickets are \$135 and are available at benefitoffice.org/fpl. After March 30, tickets are \$150. The Junior Professional price (age 35 and younger) is \$75.

Thank you to our major sponsors to date:

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Celebrating Black History Month

Black History Month (BHM) 2023 highlights the theme of Black Resistance. Through our BHM programs, children, teens and adults will explore critical chapters in America's racial history with an array of diverse cultural and family events.

Don't miss the art exhibition *Black Resilience: Love & Legacy*, which opens February 1 at the Main Library. This show, curated by Jean Benoit, is dedicated to recognizing black excellence, reflecting on the community's historic struggles, and celebrating its many achievements. A reception celebrating this exhibit of works by local artists will be held February 19 at 2 p.m. The show will be on display through February 24.

On February 27 at 6:30 p.m., author Alvin Hall comes to the Main Library to discuss his personal road trip through the history of Black resistance as described in his memoir *Driving the Green Book*.

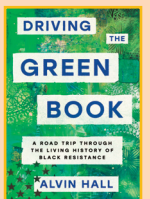


On a lighter note, the public is invited to dance and sing to covers of popular Motown and R&B hits when the Old School 203 Band performs at the Main Library on Sunday, February 5 at 4 p.m.



We will also host several youth-focused programs including a BHM Musical Storytime featuring Orchestra Lumos on Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m. The branches will host BHM storytimes, read-ins, book discussions and craft-making events throughout the month.


To register, visit fergusonlibrary.org/events.



ML Main Library, DiMattia Building, 203 351-8231
HB Harry Bennett, 203 351-8292
SE South End, 203 351-8280
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Book Discussions

If the discussion is presented via Zoom, login details are on our online calendar. All are welcome.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Book Discussion

Monday, February 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenidge

NEW! Social Justice Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB

An introductory discussion of the book club's goals; feedback and recommendations encouraged.

Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, February 9 from 5 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room
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Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion

Monday, February 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

Left on Tenth by Delia Ephron

NEW! Short Story Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB

An introductory discussion of the book club's goals; feedback and recommendations encouraged.

AARP Tax Assistance

Mondays and Wednesdays, February 1 to April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HB

Trained tax counselors from AARP will offer help with basic federal and Connecticut state income tax returns. Bring all 2022 tax documents and a copy of your 2021 tax returns. For more information, including a list of required documents for tax filing and how to file online through SimplifyCT Virtual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, visit our Income Tax Resources page at fergusonlibrary.org/services/income-tax-resources.

Financial Literacy

Understanding Personal Credit

Saturday, February 4 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn about the price of credit, how a credit score is calculated and the difference between good and bad credit. **RR.**

Black History Month Programs

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Documentary Series: Making Black America Saturday, February 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at SE

Screening of the final episode 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.



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Mah-Jongg Club

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB

Come out and play mah-jongg with us. Players of all levels welcome.

Death Cafe

Thursday, February 2 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.

Ballroom Dance Workshop

Thursday, February 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Final session of a four-part workshop covering

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Black History Month Book Discussion

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via Zoom; login details are on our online calendar. *Race Matters* by Cornel West

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A Conversation with Alvin Hall, Author of Driving the Green Book

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Alvin Hall will discuss his new book *Driving the Green Book: A Road Trip Through the Living History of Black Resistance*, where he describes his travels using *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, the definitive manual to businesses where Black travelers could safely rest, eat and sleep from 1936 to 1967, as his guide. The conversation will be moderated by Janée Woods Weber, an activist, advocate, facilitator, trainer for social justice issues, and Hall's fellow traveler. **RR.**



South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

Monday, February 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

via Zoom; login details are on our online calendar. *Freeman* by Leonard Pitts, Jr.

the basic steps of the sultry rumba and high-spirited swing. Singles welcome; partners will be rotated. No prior dance experience necessary. Registration is full but check the waiting list. **RR.**

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

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

Winter Sessions via Zoom

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22

High intermediate: from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Beginner: from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28

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.

Evening Sessions in Person

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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Classic Movie Matinees

Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB

Screenings of popular award-winning films that explore the African American experience.

A Raisin in the Sun (1961)

February 3

The fortunes of a poor Black family living in a cramped Chicago apartment change after coming into an unexpected windfall from an insurance check. Conflicts arise as the family disagrees on how to spend the money. Starring Sidney Poitier, Claudia McNeil and Ruby Dee. Rated PG.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967)

February 10

An affluent white couple's liberal views are put to the test when their daughter brings home her fiancé, a Black doctor. Starring Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Sidney Poitier and Katharine Houghton. Rated PG.



Carmen Jones (1954)

February 17

An interpretation of the Bizet opera, Carmen, that features an all-Black cast telling the story of a beautiful young woman who is desired by many men but only has eyes for one engaged army officer. Starring Dorothy Dandridge, Harry Belafonte, Roy Glenn, Pearl Bailey and Joe Adams. Rated PG.



Bright Road (1953)

February 24

A dedicated schoolteacher and an understanding principal help a rebellious student overcome his personal challenges to fulfill his potential. Starring Dorothy Dandridge, Harry Belafonte, Philip Hepburn and Barbara Ann Sanders. Rated PG.



An Evening of Love Songs with Juan David Corrales

Friday, February 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE

Feel the love during our Valentine's Day celebration of music, featuring a performance of romantic songs by pianist and soloist Juan David Corrales. Refreshments will be served.

Technology

Main Library, DiMattia Building

Third Floor Technology Center

Face masks preferred

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

■ **No prior experience with MS Excel necessary**

● **Basic experience with MS Excel necessary**

▼ **Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary**

Microsoft Excel

Basic Microsoft Excel ▲■

Wednesday, February 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to create and save a spreadsheet, enter data, and write formulas. **RR.**

Intermediate Microsoft Excel ▲●

Wednesday, February 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to work with entered data, sort and filter data, use conditional formatting for data analysis, and apply keyboard shortcuts and templates. **RR.**

Using Pivot Tables ▲●

Wednesday, February 15 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Learn how to dig deeper into Excel data and quickly summarize and analyze large quantities of data. **RR.**

New Social Media: Mastodon & Discord ▲

Saturday, February 11 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Learn about Mastodon and Discord, what makes them different, and how to begin using them. **RR.**

Microsoft PowerPoint Animations ▲▼

Thursday, February 23 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Learn how to use animations available in MS PowerPoint to make slideshows more dynamic and memorable. **RR.**

Tech Tips for Older Adults

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

Family Programs

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Business & Career

Certified Nursing Assistant Information Session

Tuesday, February 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn what it takes to become certified in providing direct care to patients, as part of a larger care team, through the Healthcare Career ConneCT Program. **RR.** Supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP0128 awarded to the State of Connecticut by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Young Adult Career Opportunities

Wednesday, February 22 from 1 to 7 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Learn about The WorkPlace's CareerHub, a free program that offers skills training and job search and placement services to young adults ages 16 to 24. Workshops to be held at 4 and 6 p.m.

Presented in partnership with The WorkPlace.

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.

February 2 Positioning & Marketing

Brenda Lewis, Principal, Transactions Marketing, Inc.

February 9 The Sales-Centric CEO

Scott C. Nevins, Principal, Bernstein Private Wealth Management

February 16 Social Media

Giulia Gambale, Founder, She So Social, and Co-Founder, Agents of Branding

February 23 Cybersecurity

Andre McGregor, Founder and CEO, Force Metrics.ai

TEDxFergusonLibrary 2023: Renewal

Saturday, February 25 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Join us for the return of TEDxFergusonLibrary 2023, a series of informative talks by local speakers on diverse topics, all centered around the theme of renewal. Event will feature TED Talks videos and live speakers with presentations intended to spark deep discussion in small groups. **RR.**

This independent TEDx event is operated under a license from TED.

Co-sponsored by Connecticut Public.

Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Select weekdays through February 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. See website for details.

Presented in partnership with Stamford Health and Griffin Health.

NEW! Healing Drum Circle

Monday, February 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SE

A meditative gathering dedicated to healing the wounds of racism and supporting equity activism. Facilitated by Evelyn Avoglia.

Lawyers in Libraries

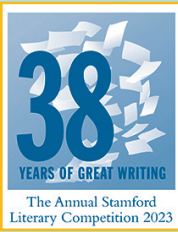
Thursday, February 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Discuss your case with a volunteer attorney. To book a required 20-minute appointment, call 203 351-8231.

Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.

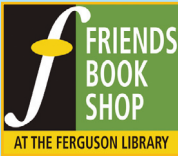
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2023 Literary Competition Now Open

Entries for the Stamford Literary Competition are due February 10. The Literary Competition celebrates excellence in student writing and is open to students in grades 3 to 12 who live in Stamford or attend school here.

You can find the link to our online entry form at fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events.



Book Shop News

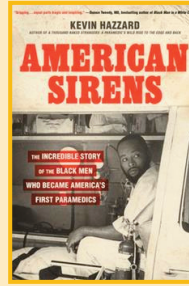
The Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop will be open during Mini-Golf February 11 and 12. Come browse after you finish golfing. This month the shop will feature books on kindness and friendship to celebrate Valentine's Day.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: UDEMY

Hoping to advance your career by developing new skills for the workplace? Are you interested in personal development and enrichment? The library's Udeemy database of video courses can help. With nearly 20,000 online courses for various interests and skill levels, you can select from such areas as data science and web design, finance and accounting, and project management. The database also includes language learning courses, music and art lessons, photography classes, and more. For free access, a Google or Microsoft account is needed and users must be connected to Wi-Fi or a wired network in Connecticut. You can find this resource under Research & Learn/A to Z Resources on our website.

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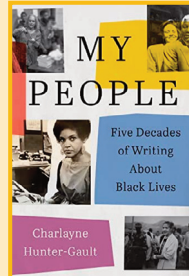
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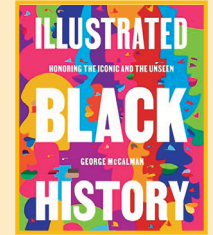
American Sirens:
The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who became America's First Paramedics
by Kevin M. Hazzard



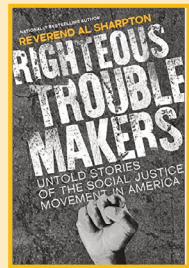
Uphill
by Jemele Hill



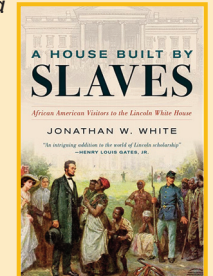
My People:
Five Decades of Writing About Black Lives
by Charlayne Hunter-Gault



Illustrated Black History:
Honoring the Iconic and the Unseen
by George McCalman



Righteous Troublemakers:
Untold Stories of the Social Justice Movement in America
by Reverend Al Sharpton



A House Built by Slaves:
African American Visitors to the Lincoln White House
by Jonathan W. White

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34 Woodland Avenue 06902
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Saturday 10 to 2

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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
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The Friends Book Shops at the Ferguson Library

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Harry Bennett Branch
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Passport Services

Main Library Passport Office
Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298. Monday through Thursday 10 to 7 Friday & Saturday 10 to 4 Sunday 1 to 4

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South End Branch: 203 351-8280

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

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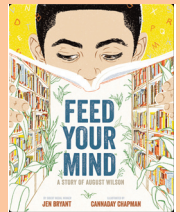
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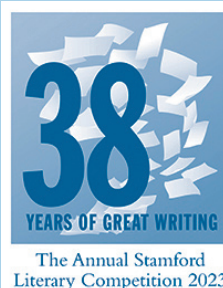
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Follow us on Instagram @ferglibraryyouth for storytimes, songs, fingerplays and more.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

Registration opens six days before the program date where registration is required.

Family Storytime

A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 5 years with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.**



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Harry's Bookworms

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Storytime featuring interactive readings, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and other activities. Ages 3 to 5 with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.**

Curious Minds Story & Activity

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SE

A Spanish-language experience featuring stories, music, movement and fun. Ages 1 to 4 with an accompanying caregiver.

Babytime

Fridays, February 3, 10 & 24 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

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

Cuentos y Cantos Bilingual Storytime

Fridays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 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. No walk-ins. **RR.**



Bennett Babies

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at HB

Songs, rhymes, stories and more for babies up to 18 months old with an accompanying caregiver. Siblings welcome. No walk-ins. **RR.**

Budding Bookworms

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram

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

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, February 7, 14 & 28 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.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

TinkerCAD for Beginners

Saturday, February 4 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.**



Build with Lego®

Friday, February 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Take on one of our building challenges and create anything you want using the library's Lego® collection. Lego® creations cannot be taken home. Grades K to 5. Ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. **RR.**



Intermediate Chess Club

Saturdays, February 18 & 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Now that you know the moves of the game, here's your chance to test your knowledge against other players. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Theatrical Show: Hail to the Chiefs, a Presidential Visit

Saturday, February 18 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Curtain Call's College of Culture and Curiosity presents *Hail to the Chiefs, a Presidential Visit*, a fun fact-filled musical introduction to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln during a trip to a museum on Presidents Day. Ages 9 to 13. **RR.**



Color in 3D with Quiver

Tuesday, February 21 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Use our iPads and the Quiver app to create an augmented reality coloring sheet that you can see in 3D. Ages 5 to 10. Ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. **RR.**



Frogs: Fact or Fiction

Thursday, February 23 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Ever wonder if you could hop like a frog? Are frogs really poisonous? We will take an in-depth look at what makes these awesome amphibians so special. Grades 4 to 7. **RR.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

NEW! Craft Series: Perler Project

Tuesday, February 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Design your own small work of art by forming a pattern with Perler beads, applying heat, and fusing them together. Grades 6 to 8. **RR.**



Mindful Meditation

Friday, February 17 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Relieve stress and learn to relax by embracing mindfulness and meditation. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Young Adult Career Opportunities

Wednesday, February 22 from 1 to 7 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Learn about The WorkPlace's CareerHub, a free program that offers skills training and job search and placement services to young adults ages 16 to 24. Workshops to be held at 4 and 6 p.m. Presented in partnership with The WorkPlace.



T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, February 22 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room

Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program, where you can 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.**