

## Message from the CEO



As part of our work with the architecture firm, HMA2, and ThirdWay Brand Trainers to reimagine library facilities, Ferguson Library staff members have been on a listening tour. We want to learn how the library can better serve city agencies and nonprofits, and how our spaces can best meet community needs. It's all part of a study of our buildings that will help us create a master plan for the next five to 10 years.

So, what's next? Be on the lookout for a survey that will solicit your input, as well as a chance to look at draft plans and provide your feedback at your local branch. We want to hear from you as we develop priorities for the future.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

## Ferguson Library Stands Up for the Right to Read

Ferguson Library CEO Alice Knapp spoke recently with independent filmmaker Bob Greenberg to share how and why the Ferguson Library became a book sanctuary. As a book sanctuary, we are committed to collecting and protecting endangered books, making them accessible to the public, hosting book talks and conversations about diverse characters and stories, and educating others on the history of book banning and burning.

In this era of rising book challenges, this work to safeguard intellectual freedom is more important than ever.

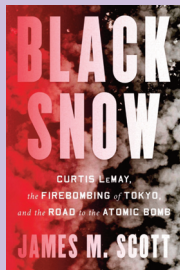
You can see Alice's interview on our YouTube channel.

All library facilities will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. We honor those who gave their lives in service of our country.

## Joe R. Sexton Lecture May 11

Author and historian, James M. Scott, will present the Joe R. Sexton Lecture May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch to discuss his book, *Black Snow: Curtis LeMay, the Firebombing of Tokyo, and the Road to the Atomic Bomb*. Guests are invited to a pre-event reception at 6 p.m.

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Scott is also the author of *Rampage*, which was named one of the Best Books of 2018 by the editors at Amazon, Kirkus and *Military Times* and was chosen as a finalist for the prestigious Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History by the New York Historical Society. His other works include *Target Tokyo*, a 2016 Pulitzer Prize finalist, *The War Below*, and *The Attack on the Liberty*.

## A Novel Affair Raises \$230k for the Library

Thanks to everyone who helped make *A Novel Affair 2023* a success! We raised \$230,000 to support library services and collections, and we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, ticket buyers, auction donors and everyone who came out to support the library.



## CrimeCONN Returns May 6

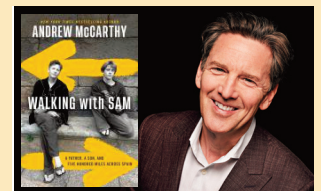
Love a good mystery? Don't miss CrimeCONN, Saturday, May 6 at the Main Library. Presented by the Friends of the Ferguson Library and the Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter, this popular day-long mystery lovers' conference will focus on exploring the future of crime writing.

This year we welcome *The New York Times* bestselling international thriller writer Joseph Finder as keynote speaker. Panelists include talented contemporary mystery writers and experts in criminal investigation, forensic science and the literary market.

Tickets are \$60 per person and \$45 for Mystery Writers of America and Friends members, seniors and students. Livestream registration is \$25 per person. Visit [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events) to register.

## Friends Author Series: Andrew McCarthy


Author and actor Andrew McCarthy will visit the library May 25 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss his travel memoir, *Walking with Sam: A Father, A Son, and Five Hundred Miles Across Spain*. Here, he recounts the deep bonds he formed with his eldest son, who was about to leave the nest, while walking the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in Spain. Tickets are \$15 for Friends members, \$25 for others (includes a Friends membership). Visit [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events) to register.



**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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by the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

## Book Discussions

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

### Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Book Discussion

**Monday, May 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
via Zoom**

*French Braid* by Anne Tyler

### Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion

**Monday, May 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom**  
*Secrets of the Sprakkar* by Eliza Reid

### Social Justice Book Discussion

**Wednesday, May 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**  
*Evicted* by Matthew Desmond

### Spanish Book Discussion

**Thursday, May 11 from 5 to 6 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**  
*El sueño de los héroes* de Adolfo Bloy Casares

### Silent Book Club

**Saturday, May 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at HB**  
Read the book of your choice in quiet  
camaraderie with others.

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

**Monday, May 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom.**  
*Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott

### Short Story Book Discussion

**Wednesday, May 24 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**  
*Full Throttle* by Joe Hill

### A Conversation with Carla A. Harris

**Monday, May 1 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
Carla Harris will discuss her book *Lead to Win*, a  
practical advice-filled touchstone for anyone who  
wants to lead others to make positive change. **RR.**

### Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11 a.m.  
to 1 p.m. at SE**  
For more information, call 203 724-9111.

### Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

**Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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.

### Tiny Art Show Opening Receptions

**Wednesdays, May 3 at WMH and May 17  
at HB from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, May 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**ML, First Floor Children's Library**  
Enjoy 4x4-inch paintings by children and adults in  
the community. On view through June 17.

### Asian Film Festival

**Assorted dates in May**  
Screenings of films to celebrate Asian/Pacific  
American Heritage Month.

### Tokyo Godfathers (2003)

**Wednesday, May 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**  
On Christmas Eve, three homeless people  
living in Tokyo discover a newborn in the trash  
and set out to find its parents. Starring Toru  
Emori, Yoshiaki Umegaki and Aya Okamoto.  
Rated PG-13.

### Easter Sunday (2022)

**Monday, May 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**  
A comedy based on Jo Koy's life experiences  
and stand-up comedy set around a family  
gathering on Easter Sunday. Starring Koy, Lydia  
Gaston and Brandon Wardell. Rated PG-13.

### Moana (2016)

**Wednesday, May 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at HB**  
In ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse  
incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches Moana's  
island, she answers the ocean's call to seek out  
Maui to set things right. Starring Auli'i Cravalho  
and Dwayne Johnson. Rated PG.

### Parasite (2019)

**Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
Greed and class discrimination threaten the  
newly formed symbiotic relationship between  
the wealthy Park family and the destitute Kim  
clan. Starring Song Kang-ho, Lee Sun-kyun,  
Cho Yeo-jeong, Choi Woo-shik, and Park  
So-dam. Rated R.

### Crazy Rich Asians (2018)

**Saturday, May 27 from 2 to 4:15 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
American-born economics professor Rachel  
Chu travels with her boyfriend to Singapore for  
his best friend's wedding only to get thrust into  
the lives of Asia's rich and famous. Starring  
Constance Wu, Henry Golding and Michelle  
Yeoh. Rated PG-13.

### Hero (2002)

**Sunday, May 28 from 2 to 3:45 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
Martial arts epic about a nameless warrior who  
rises up to defy an empire and unite a nation.  
Starring Jet Li, Tony Leung Chiu-wai and  
Maggie Cheung. Rated PG-13.

### Classic Movie Matinees

**Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB**  
Screenings of popular movies from the 1940s  
and 1950s. All ages welcome.

### On the Waterfront (1954)

**May 5**  
Starring Marlon Brando, Eva Marie Saint and  
Karl Malden. Not rated.

### The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)

**May 12**  
Starring Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Basil  
Rathbone and Claude Rains. Rated PG.

### Jason and the Argonauts (1963)

**May 19**  
Starring Todd Armstrong, Nancy Kovack and  
Gary Raymond. Rated G.

### Clash of the Titans (1981)

**May 19**  
Starring Laurence Olivier, Harry Hamlin,  
Claire Bloom and Maggie Smith. Rated PG.

### Oscar Movie Festival

**Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**  
Screenings of films honored with Oscars

### Turning Red (2022)

**May 5**  
Starring Rosalie Chiang, Sandra Oh and Ava  
Morse. Rated PG.

### La La Land (2016)

**May 12**  
Starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Rated  
PG-13

### The Eyes of Tammy Faye (2021)

**May 19**  
Starring Jessica Chastain, Andrew Garfield and  
Cherry Jones. Rated PG-13.

### 1917 (2019)

**May 26**  
Starring Dean-Charles Chapman and George  
McKay. Rated R.

### Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

**Tuesdays through Fridays, from 1 to 5 p.m.**  
**ML, Lower Level Community Area**

Free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. Insurance  
card and photo ID preferred but are not required  
to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away.  
*Presented in partnership with Stamford Health and  
Griffin Health.*

### Canasta Club

**Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 11 a.m.  
to 1 p.m. at HB**  
Come out and play canasta with us. All levels  
welcome.

### Conversations About Art: Spring Has Sprung

**Wednesday, May 3 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB**  
Masterpieces that changed art history. Helene E.  
March Rheingold, a docent at the Neuberger  
Museum of Art, to lead the discussion. **RR.**

### Ballroom Dance Workshop

**Wednesdays, May 3, 10 & 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
Instructor Simone Assboeck will cover the basic  
steps of the sexy salsa and fast-paced hustle.  
Singles welcome; partners will be rotated. No  
prior dance experience necessary. Attendance  
required for all sessions. **RR.**

### Mah-Jongg Club

All levels welcome.  
**Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 at HB**  
**11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for experienced players;  
1 to 2 p.m. for beginners**

### Death Cafe

**Thursday, May 4 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.

### Make a Will for Free

**Thursdays, May 4 & 18 from 4 to 6 p.m.**  
**ML, Second Floor Study Room**  
Create your will in as little as 15 minutes. No prior  
experience or preparation necessary. Must be a  
U.S. citizen, 18 or older, and have an email  
address. **RR.**  
*Presented in partnership with Just In Case Estates.*

### Navigating Special Education

**Thursday, May 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
Authors Peggy S. Bud and Tamara L. Jacobson  
will discuss their book, *Navigating Special  
Education: The Power of Building Positive  
Parent-Educator Relationships*, where they  
provide information about the special education  
process. Book sale and signing. Also available via  
Zoom. **RR** to attend in person.

## English Language Learners

### Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

### Spring Sessions via Zoom

**Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

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, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

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

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

### Evening Sessions in Person

**Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

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

### U.S. Citizenship Course

**Mondays and Thursdays, May 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Six-week study course for the U.S.

Naturalization Test. Students must read, write and comprehend basic English. Applicants who are 50 and older with 20 years of legal permanent residency, or 55 and older with 15 years of legal permanent residency, could be excused from the English literacy requirement. **RR** at the Second Floor Reference Desk or by calling 203 351-8228. For information, email [yelena@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:yelena@fergusonlibrary.org).

### CrimeCONN Mystery Lovers' Conference

**Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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

See cover for details. Tickets: \$60 per person, \$45 for MWA and Friends members, seniors and students. Also available via Zoom at \$25 per person. **RR**.

### Knit & Needles Knitting Group

**Mondays, May 8 & 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at HB**

Work on your own knitting and crocheting projects in the company of others. All levels welcome.

### Health Check: Know Your Numbers

**Monday, May 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Rotary Room**

Free blood pressure and pre-diabetes screenings plus height and weight checks.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Department of Health.

### Healing Drum Circle

**Monday, May 8 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.

### Civility in America Series: Joanne Lipman

**Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m.**

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

Award-winning newspaper journalist and editor Joanne Lipman will discuss her latest book *Next! The Power of Reinvention in Life and Work*. **RR** to attend in person; also available via Zoom. Presented in partnership with The Dilenschneider Group and Hearst Media Group Connecticut.

### Joe R. Sexton Lecture Series: James M. Scott

**Thursday, May 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at HB**

See cover for details. **RR**.

Generously supported by Mel Klugman and the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

### Understanding Social Security

**Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Learn how the program works and how to maximize self, spousal and survivor benefits.

## Technology

**ML, DiMattia Building**

**Third Floor Technology Center**

Face masks preferred. **RR** for all classes.

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

■ **No experience with MS Word necessary**

● **Basic experience with MS Word necessary**

▼ **No experience with MS PowerPoint necessary**

### Microsoft Word

**Basic ▲■**

**Thursday, May 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Learn how to navigate MS Word, create and save a document, and format text.

**Intermediate ▲●**

**Thursday, May 25 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.

### Basic Microsoft PowerPoint ▲▼

**Saturday, May 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Create and save presentations, design slide shows, and insert images and text.

### AI for Dummies

**Saturday, May 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

An introduction to artificial intelligence and how it's impacting our lives. Teens and adults.

### Tech Tips for Older Adults

**Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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.

### Crafting with Cricut

**Saturday, May 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Observe how the library's Cricut, a smart cutting machine, works with an easy-to-use app to design and personalize custom cards, unique apparel and other everyday items. Teens and adults.

### NEW! Game Nights at the Library

**Tuesday, May 16 from 6 to 7:45 p.m.**

**ML, Lower Level Community Area**

An introductory tabletop adventure playing the *Dungeons and Dragons* ruleset. Participants will band together to take on the roles of fantastical heroes who brave dangerous situations with swords, spells and wits. No experience necessary. Ages 18 and older. **RR**.

**Tuesday, May 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

Play a game from the library's collection, bring your own, or learn how to play this month's featured game, *Wingspan*. Teens and adults. **RR**.

### Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

**Saturday, May 20 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. Weather permitting.

### Yale in the News:

#### The Weird and Wonderful Immune System

**Tuesday, May 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

This grad student-driven initiative will explain the many ways the immune system protects us. Teens and adults.

## Business & Career

### Build a Keyword Resume

**Wednesday, May 3 from 4 to 5 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Learn how to incorporate keywords from job descriptions into your skills, competencies, credentials and previous work experience. Bring your resume to this session. **RR**.

### Become a Certified Nursing Assistant

**Wednesday, May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Second Floor Study Room**

Learn what it takes to become certified in providing direct care to patients through the Healthcare Career ConneCT Program. 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.

### Maximizing LinkedIn

**Thursday, May 11 from 3 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Create a professional profile, connect with professionals and search for jobs. **RR**. Presented in partnership with Goodwill Career Centers.

### Family Programs

#### Luminous Storytime with Orchestra Lumos

**Saturday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

Orchestra Lumos presents an English and Spanish narration of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems, with original music by cellist Eliot Bailen. Ages 3 and older.

#### WorldFest: One City, Many Cultures

**Sunday, May 7 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.**

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

Celebrate the rich cultural traditions and vibrant heritage of the diverse Stamford community through dance, music and food representing different countries. All ages. Presented in partnership with En Vivo con Maricarmen and the Mayor's Multicultural Council.

### Haitian Heritage Month Programs

#### An Afternoon with Author Djuly Fleurant

**Saturday, May 13 from 12 to 1 p.m. at SE**  
Djuly Fleurant will discuss her memoir, *anD, the words from a broken girl*, her tale of emigrating and growing up in Connecticut after surviving an earthquake that left her home in shambles.

#### Panel Discussion: The Crisis of Instability in Haiti from 1804 to 2023

**Saturday, May 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. at SE**  
A discussion by experts about the island nation's history of plight. Topics also include the challenges posed by the current instability, the role the U.S. played in it, its repercussions and potential solutions. Book signing. Refreshments will be served.

#### An Evening of Konpa Dance

**Friday, May 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE**

Learn how to dance to Haitian jazz-based konpa music with DJ Rolex Sound Production Maestro. No previous dance experience required. Refreshments will be served.

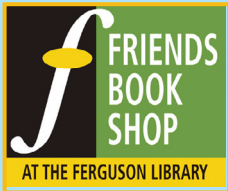
### Lawyers in Libraries

**Thursday, May 25 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



### Book Shop News

Special Harry Bennett donation event: The Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop will accept donations Saturday May 6 from 12 to 3 p.m. Please bring your bag or box of gently used books to the auditorium.

Both shops are featuring books for spring. Come see what we have for Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation.

### The Museum and Park Pass Program is Back

Do you know you can borrow passes for free or reduced admission to area museums, state parks and other attractions? Among the passes we offer: the Beardsley Zoo, the Danbury Railway Museum, and the Stamford Museum & Nature Center. You can also get free admission for two adults and four children to Dinosaur, Fort Trumbull and Gillette Castle state parks. For more information about these and other museum passes, stop by the library or visit [fergusonlibrary.org/services/museum-park-passes](http://fergusonlibrary.org/services/museum-park-passes).



### Stamford Museum & Nature Center

### Ferguson Library's Communication Department Wins Connecticut Press Club Award

Can we toot our own horn? Our Development & Communication Department won a first place Connecticut Press Club award for our 2021-2022 Annual Report. It now goes on to compete at the national level in the National Federation of Press Women contest.

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.



## THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Linda Avellar, *Editor*  
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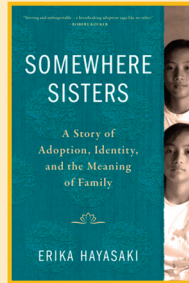
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Saturday 10 to 5  
Sunday 1 to 5

**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

## STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Celebrate National Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month



*Somewhere Sisters:  
A Story of Adoption, Identity,  
and the Meaning of Family*  
by Erika Hayasaki

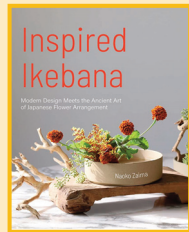
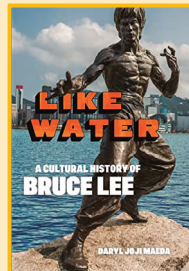
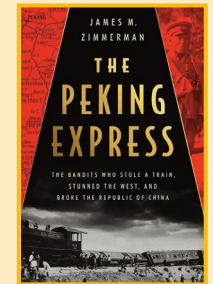
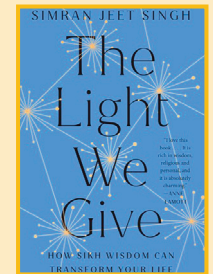
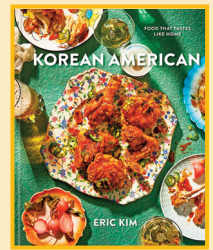
*Korean American: Food  
That Tastes Like Home*  
by Eric Kim

*Like Water: A Cultural  
History of Bruce Lee*  
by Daryl J. Maeda

*The Light We Give:  
How Sikh Wisdom Can  
Transform Your Life*  
by Simran Jeet Singh

*Inspired Ikebana:  
Modern Design Meets the  
Ancient Art of Japanese  
Flower Arrangement*  
by Naoko Zaima

*The Peking Express:  
The Bandits Who Stole a  
Train, Stunned the West, and  
Broke the Republic of China*  
by James M. Zimmerman



### Connect to the Ferguson



**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](http://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

**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 10 to 5  
Saturday 10 to 4  
Sunday 1 to 4

**Harry Bennett Passport Office**  
Walk-in only  
Monday & Wednesday 10 to 5  
Saturday 10 to 4

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MAY 2023

### 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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All library facilities will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. We honor those who gave their lives in service of our country.

### Family Programs

#### Luminous Storytime with Orchestra Lumos

**Saturday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

Orchestra Lumos presents an English and Spanish narration of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems, with original music by cellist Eliot Bailen. Ages 3 to 8. **RR.**



#### WorldFest: One City, Many Cultures

**Sunday, May 7 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.**

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

Celebrate the rich cultural traditions and vibrant heritage of the diverse Stamford community through dance, music and food representing different countries. All ages.

*Presented in partnership with En Vivo con Maricarmen and the Mayor's Multicultural Council.*



#### Children's Book Week Giveaway

**Monday, May 1 to Sunday, May 7 during library hours at all branches**

Celebrate Children's Book Week with free books! Drop by any of the library's branches and get two free books for your home library. While supplies last. Grades pre-K to 8. *Presented in partnership with the City of Stamford, Reading is Fundamental, Stamford Public Education Foundation and Stamford Public Schools.*



#### Tiny Art Show Opening Receptions

**Wednesdays, May 3 at WMH and May 17 at HB from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. ML, First Floor Youth Services**

Enjoy the library's displays of 4x4-inch paintings created by local children and adults. On view through June 17.



#### Asian Film Festival

Screenings of comedies, dramas and animated features that explore Asian themes. A celebration of National Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

##### Tokyo Godfathers (2003)

**Wednesday, May 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**

On Christmas Eve, three homeless people living in Tokyo discover a newborn in the trash and set out to find its parents. Starring Tōru Emori, Yoshiaki Umegaki and Aya Okamoto. Rated PG-13.



##### Easter Sunday (2022)

**Monday, May 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**

A comedy based on Jo Koy's life experiences and stand-up comedy set around a family gathering on Easter Sunday. Starring Koy, Lydia Gaston and Brandon Wardell. Rated PG-13.



##### Moana (2016)

**Wednesday, May 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at HB**

In ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches Moana's island, she answers the ocean's call to seek out Maui to set things right. Starring Auli'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson. Rated PG.



##### Hero (2002)

**Sunday, May 28 from 2 to 3:45 p.m.**

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

Martial arts epic about a nameless warrior who rises up to defy an empire and unite a nation. Starring Jet Li, Tony Leung Chiu-wai and Maggie Cheung. Rated PG-13.



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

# FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES MAY 2023

ML Main Library, DiMattia Building • HB Harry Bennett • SE South End • WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander

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

## CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

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

### Bennett Babies

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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. RR.

### Outdoor Family Storytimes

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to this themed storytime that features songs, fingerplays and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 4 with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park

Thursdays, May 4 & 11 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH

### Family Storytime

A participatory storytime featuring songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 5 years with an accompanying caregiver. RR.

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Saturdays, May 13 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB

### Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 to 11:15 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram

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

### Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 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, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

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, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 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.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Oscar Movie Festival: *Turning Red*

Friday, May 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB

Screening of the Oscar-nominated animated feature *Turning Red*, about a confident but dorky 13-year-old who keeps transforming into a giant red panda every time she gets too excited. Starring Rosalie Chiang, Sandra Oh and Ava Morse. Rated PG. Ages 8 and older.

### Fun with Flower Fairies

Wednesday, May 10 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at WMH

Enjoy the outdoors while creating flower fairies using silk flowers, pipe cleaners, beads and your imagination. Weather permitting. Ages 8 and older with an accompanying caregiver.

### TinkerCAD Workshop

Saturday, May 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Find out about TinkerCAD, the perfect software for learning the basics of 3D modeling. All levels welcome. Ages 8 to 13. RR.

### We Love Parades Craft

Saturday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Listen to stories about parades, then create your own musical instrument in time for the Memorial Day parade. Grades K to 5. RR.

### Build with Lego®

Wednesday, May 24 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 an adult. RR.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Crafting with Cricut

Saturday, May 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Observe how the library's Cricut, a smart cutting machine, works with an easy-

to-use app to design and personalize custom cards, unique apparel and other everyday items. Ages 15 and older. RR.

### T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, May 18 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

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.

### AI for Dummies

Saturday, May 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

An introduction to artificial intelligence and how it's impacting our lives. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

### NEW! Game Night at the Library

Tuesday, May 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room

Play a game from the library's collection, bring your own, or learn how to play this month's featured game, *Wingspan*. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

### Yale in the News: The Weird and Wonderful Immune System

Tuesday, May 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

This grad student-driven initiative, which provides a better understanding of the science underpinning issues addressed in the news, will explain the many ways the immune system protects us. Grades 6 to 12.

### Review Books for Volunteer Credit

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

Teens may submit up to two reviews per week at [tinyurl.com/m523vnb7](https://tinyurl.com/m523vnb7). For each review approved by a librarian, teens will earn one hour of volunteer credit.

Posted reviews will be edited for clarity and will include 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 [ferglibrariyyouth@gmail.com](mailto:ferglibrariyyouth@gmail.com).