

## Message from the CEO



Participating in our Summer Learning and Reading programs is easy and fun and our many programs for all ages offer plenty of opportunities to visit the library this summer. The Ferguson Library and other libraries have held summer programs for decades to help prevent the summer slide. Over the last few years, we have worked with our partners

Stamford Cradle to Career, Stamford Public Schools and local camps to make sure there are books available for children attending those camps. We also partner with the Stamford Public Education Foundation to give books away so kids can start their own home libraries. It is impressive and exciting to live in a community that is working together on this very important issue.

What can you do to help prevent the summer slide? Listen to a book on that long vacation drive. Set time aside to read as a family. Invite your children to make dinner with you or take a walk in the park and try to identify the trees and plants. Work on a favorite art project or share music. Let's work together to keep kids learning this summer.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

## Author Fiona Davis June 27



Deborah Feingold

The Friends of the Ferguson Library welcomes bestselling author Fiona Davis back to the library to discuss her new novel, *The Spectacular*, on Tuesday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Her latest book features a story of love, sacrifice and the pursuit of dreams at New York City's iconic Radio City Music Hall during its mid-century heyday.

Davis is the author of six bestselling historical fiction novels set in iconic New York City buildings. They include *The Dollhouse*, *The Address* and *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*, which was a GMA Book Club pick.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for Friends members. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org).

## Save the Date: Daniel Silva July 19

Don't miss *The New York Times* bestselling author Daniel Silva at the Main Library July 19 at 6 p.m. Silva will discuss his latest powerhouse thriller, *The Collector*. The conversation will be moderated by CNN Special Correspondent Jamie Gangel.



Silva is the award-winning, #1 *The New York Times* bestselling author of 26 books, including *The Unlikely Spy*, *The Mark of the Assassin*, *The Marching Season*, *The Kill Artist*, *The English Assassin* and many others. He is best known for his long-running thriller series starring spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon.

Tickets are \$45 for general admission, \$35 for Friends members. General admission includes a Friends membership through December 2023. All guests will receive a copy of Silva's latest book and an invitation to a pre-event reception. Register at [fergusonli-](http://fergusonli-)

## Find Your Voice this Summer



Keep the kids engaged and learning this summer. Our Summer Learning Club, *Find Your Voice*, begins June 10. We're making it easy to read with lots of incentives and fun activities. Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org) or on the READsquared app from the Apple Store or Google Play. Teens can register for their own Summer Learning Club, too.

*Find Your Voice* is also the theme for our Adult Summer Reading Club. Pick up a Bingo card at the library and participate in our Adult Challenge, with a chance to win prizes, including a ticket to see bestselling author Fiona Davis on June 27. Check our calendar for information on all our summer programs.

## The Library Celebrates Juneteenth

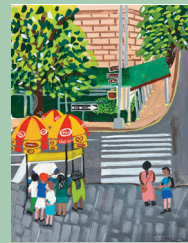
Join us at the Main Library Monday, June 19 for two documentary screenings, *Liberty & Slavery: The Paradox of America's Founding Fathers* at 11 a.m. and *13th* at 3 p.m., in the Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. The screenings commemorate Juneteenth, the federal holiday marking the end of slavery in the United States.



Juneteenth celebrates the day Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to spread the news that the Civil War had ended, and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. Today, we celebrate Juneteenth as African American Emancipation Day.

The library will also be part of the City of Stamford's Juneteenth celebration Saturday, June 17 at Mill River Park. Stop by between 12 and 4 p.m. for book giveaways and crafts.

## Art Exhibit Opens June 15



Our summer art exhibit, *Summer in the City*, launches June 15 at 6 p.m. with an opening reception at the Main Library. The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, features works by local and regional artists. The exhibit will be on view through September 21.

Pictured: *Scene from the Met Steps* by Susan Hirsch


## DIGITAL LIBRARY: VetNow

Are you a veteran who needs help understanding what government benefits and resources are available to you? VetNow is a new online resource that answers questions about transitioning from military to civilian life. You can chat with an expert about medical benefits, pensions, the GI bill or unemployment assistance. Or take advantage of the live job coaching feature, tutoring for college courses, and a special resume lab geared to veterans. Assistance is available in English, Spanish and French. To get started, find VetNow on the library's A-Z Resources page and use your library card number to create an account.

**ML** Main Library, DiMattia Building, 203 351-8221  
**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, June 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom**

*Beautiful Little Fools* by Jillian Cantor

### Spanish Book Discussion

**Thursday, June 8 from 5 to 6 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**  
*Catedrales* de Claudia Piñeiro

### Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion

**Monday, June 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom**

*The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*  
by Allison Pataki

### Social Justice Book Discussion

**Wednesday, June 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**

*When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka

### Silent Book Club

**Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB**

Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others.

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

**Monday, June 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom.**

*Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

### Short Story Book Discussion

**Wednesday, June 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**

*Bigfoots in Paradise* by Doug Lawson

### Fun & Games at the Library

#### Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturday, June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Lower Level Community Area**

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

#### Game Night: Ticket to Ride

**Tuesday, June 13 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, *Ticket to Ride*. Teens and adults.

### Classic Movie Matinees

**Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB**

Screenings of award-winning films by the master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock

**Sabotage** (1936)

**June 2**

A Scotland Yard undercover detective chases a ring of saboteurs about to set off a bomb in London. Starring Sylvia Sydney, Oskar Homolka and John Loder. Not rated.

**Dial M for Murder** (1954)

**June 9**

An ex-tennis pro plots to murder his unfaithful wife but his carefully orchestrated scheme takes an unexpected turn. Starring Ray Milland, Grace Kelly and Robert Cummings. Rated PG.

**The Man Who Knew Too Much** (1956)

**June 16**

A doctor and his wife are drawn into a plot of international intrigue after witnessing a political assassination while vacationing in Morocco. Starring James Stewart, Doris Day and Brenda de Banzie. Rated PG.

**To Catch a Thief** (1955)

**June 23**

A retired jewel thief sets out to prove his innocence after being suspected of returning to his criminal ways on the French Riviera. Starring Cary Grant, Grace Kelly and Jessie Royce Landis. Rated PG.

### Meet Lisa Belkin,

**Author of *Genealogy of a Murder***

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

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

The award-winning journalist and author will discuss her latest book *Genealogy of a Murder: Four Generations, Three Families, One Fateful Night*, the true story of families whose paths collide one summer night in 1960 with the killing of a Stamford police officer. **RR.**

### Family Programs

#### Drag Storytime

**Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

Celebrate Pride Month and everything that makes you special at this interactive event featuring drag performers Tiki Malone, Destiny Harmony and Frankie C. All ages.

#### Disney Classic: *Coco*

**Wednesday, June 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB**

Screening of the 2017 animated film about a boy named Miguel, a 12-year-old aspiring guitarist who travels to the Land of the Dead to reverse a family curse and seek forgiveness from his ancestors. Starring Anthony Gonzalez, Gael Garcia Bernal and Benjamin Bratt. Rated G. All ages. **RR.**

### Art at the Ferguson

#### Celebrating Women in Life and Art

**On display through June 8**

#### Summer in the City

**Opening Thursday, June 15 from 6 to**

**7:30 p.m.; on display through September 21**

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

Juried shows of works by local and regional artists.

*Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.*

### Mah-Jongg Club

**Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB**

Come out and play mah-jongg with us. Beginners welcome Thursday, June 1.

### Friday Film Fest

**Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**

Screenings of 2022 releases in a variety of genres

**Bros**

**June 2**

Romantic comedy about two gay men in Manhattan who avoid commitment but are undeniably drawn to each other. Starring Luke Macfarlane, Billy Eichner, Monica Raymund and Dot-Marie Jones. Rated R.

### Don't Worry Darling

**June 9**

A 1950s housewife living with her husband in a utopian experimental community worries that the idyllic company town could be hiding disturbing secrets. Starring Florence Pugh, Harry Styles, Chris Pine, Olivia Wilde and KiKi Layne. Rated R.

### M3GAN

**June 16**

A robotics engineer develops a life-like doll to emotionally bond with her newly orphaned niece only for it to take on a life of its own with terrifying results. Starring Allison Williams, Violet McGraw and Amie Donald. Rated PG-13.

### Bullet Train

**June 23**

Five assassins aboard a fast-moving train in Japan find out their missions bear a striking resemblance, forcing them to come together to work out why. Starring Brad Pitt, Joey King, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Brian Tyree Henry and Andrew Koji. Rated R.

### Friends Author Series:

#### Meet Alka Joshi,

**Author of *The Perfumist of Paris***

**Thursday, June 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

*The New York Times* bestselling author will discuss her latest title, the final chapter in The Jaipur Trilogy, which takes us to 1970s Paris, where Radha's budding career as a perfumer must compete with the demands of her family and secrets of her past.

#### An Evening with Fiona Davis,

**Author of *The Spectacular***

**Tuesday, June 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

See cover for details. **RR.**

### NEW! Start Reading with Libby

**Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB**

Learn how to use Libby, a free app for Android and iOS devices that lets you borrow e-books, audiobooks and magazines from the library. Bring your smartphone or tablet, and your library card.

### Death Cafe

**Thursday, June 1 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.

### Knit & Needles Knitting Group

**Mondays, June 5 & 19 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at HB**

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

### Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

## English Language Learners

### Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

### Spring Sessions via Zoom

**Tuesdays, June 6 & 13**

New students: from 12 to 12:30 p.m.

High beginner: from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Low intermediate: from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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

**Wednesdays, June 7 & 14**

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

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

### Evening Sessions in Person

**Tuesdays, June 6 & 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

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

### Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side Part 1

**Mondays and Thursdays, June 22, 26 & 29**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Learn language and life skills by reading, speaking and writing. **RR.**

### Evening of Music and Spoken Word with Richard "Cookie" Thomas

**Friday, June 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE**

Celebrate African-American Music Appreciation Month with "Cookie Thomas" and his trio, who will perform jazz classics.

### Raising Chickens in Your Backyard

**Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

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

Master gardener and farmer, Mark Gostkiewicz, will share what is needed to start and maintain a happy, healthy flock of chickens while using sustainable and organic practices. Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

**Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 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.

### Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

**Tuesdays through Fridays, from 1 to 5 p.m. through June 30**

**ML, Lower Level Community Area**

Free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

Insurance card and photo ID preferred but not required to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away.

Presented in partnership with Stamford Health and Griffin Health.

### Canasta Club

**Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB**

Come play canasta with us. All levels welcome.

### Make a Will for Free

**Thursdays, June 8 & 22 from 4 to 6 p.m.**

**ML, Second Floor Study Room**

Create your will in as little as 15 minutes. No prior experience necessary. Must be a U.S. citizen, 18 or older, and have an email address. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Just In Case Estates.

### Health Check: Know Your Numbers

**Monday, June 12 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.

## 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*

■ *Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary*

● *No experience with MS Excel necessary*

▼ *Basic experience with MS Excel necessary*

### Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint ▲ ■

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

Learn how transitions and animations make your presentations pop, and how to use the Presenter View to your best advantage.

### Microsoft Excel

**Basic ▲ ●**

**Thursday, June 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

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

**Intermediate ▲ ▼**

**Thursday, June 15 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.

### Tech Tips for Older Adults

**Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 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.

### Healing Drum Circle

**Monday, June 12 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.

### Ballroom Dance Workshop

**Wednesdays, June 14, 21, 28 & July 12**

**from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

Dance like a pro with instructor Simone Assboeck, who will cover the basic steps of the salsa and the hustle. Singles welcome; partners will be rotated. No prior dance experience necessary. Attendance required for all sessions. **RR.**

### Make a Custom Button

**Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3:30**

**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**

Make a statement with a custom button that expresses your sense of style. Create your own design or choose from materials provided by the library. Teens and adults.

### Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

**Saturday, June 17 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH**

An afternoon of toe-tapping, finger-snapping acoustic delights with Dr. Ev, who will take requests.

### Adult Summer Reading Kickoff: Find Your Entrepreneurial Voice

**Tuesday, June 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

Networking opportunity followed by a panel discussion with local small business owners who will cover the Ferguson Library's Entrepreneur-in-Residence program and offer advice for turning a business idea into reality. Q&A to follow discussion. **RR.**

## Business & Career

### Become a Certified Nursing Assistant

**Thursday, June 1 from 12 to 2 p.m.**

**ML, Second Floor Study Room**

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.

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.

### Budgeting 101

**Wednesday, June 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Everything you need to know about budgeting and cost cutting, including spending plans, long-term financial tools and strategies. **RR.**

### Job Search Workshop

**Thursday, June 22 from 3 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Determine what type of job you would like, identify the best job sites for a targeted search, and learn how to avoid job scams. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Goodwill Career Center.

### Save the Dates

#### Friends Author Series: An Evening with

**Daniel Silva, Author of *The Collector***

**Wednesday, July 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

See cover for details. **RR.**

#### A Conversation with Geoff Rickly,

**Author of *Someone Who Isn't Me***

**Wednesday, July 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

The lead singer of Thursday will discuss his debut novel, *Someone Who Isn't Me*, the tale of a man's journey to Mexico seeking psychedelic ibogaine treatment for heroin addiction, a fictional take on Rickly's own experience with addiction. The conversation will be moderated by Andrew Sacher, senior editor and podcast host at *BrooklynVegan*, the New York City-based music blog. Light refreshments will be served; book sale and signing to follow discussion. **RR** to attend in person. Also available via Zoom.

### World Refugee Day Panel Discussion

**Thursday, June 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

Panel discussion with leaders of local non-profit organizations on the work being done to assist refugees in Stamford and Connecticut. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Building One Community, Family Centers and Jewish Family Centers of Greenwich.

### Lawyers in Libraries

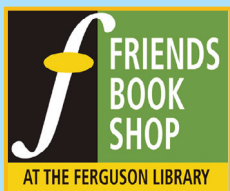
**Thursday, June 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

**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.

# FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



## Book Shop News

### Harry Bennett Donation Days

We're accepting book donations at the Harry Bennett Branch the first Saturday of every month. This month, you can bring your gently used books to the auditorium Saturday, June 3 from 12 to 3 p.m. Donations

are welcome any time at the Main Library Book Shop. For donation guidelines, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/friends/book-shop](http://fergusonlibrary.org/friends/book-shop).

### Bag Sale on Bedford Street

The Book Shop will be participating in Arts & Crafts on Bedford Saturday, June 10 with a Bag Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fill a bag with books for just \$15. We're featuring titles for kids and adults, as well as music and movies. It's a great deal!

## New Passport Hours at Harry Bennett

The Passport Office at the Harry Bennett Branch is now open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No need for an appointment; just walk in.

The Main Library Passport Office remains open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments at the Main Library are recommended. For complete passport information, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/services/passports](http://fergusonlibrary.org/services/passports) or call 203 351-8298.



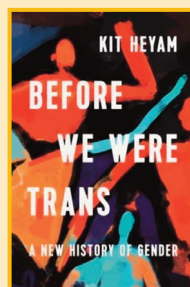
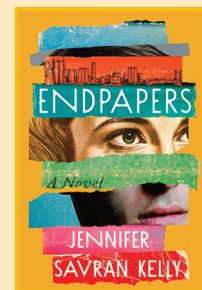
# STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Celebrate Pride Month



*The New Guys: The Historic Class of Astronauts That Broke Barriers*  
by Meredith Bagby

*Endpapers*  
by Jennifer Savran Kelly



*Before We Were Trans: A New History of Gender*  
by Kit Heyam

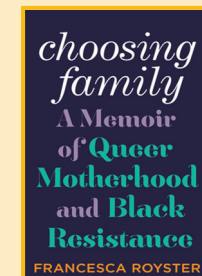
*The LGBTQ+ History Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained*  
by DK



*The Celebrants*  
by Steven Rowley



*Choosing Family: A Memoir of Queer Motherhood and Black Resistance*  
by Francesca Royster



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Friday 10 to 6  
Saturday 10 to 5  
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Wednesday 10 to 7  
Saturday 10 to 5

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

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
1143 Hope Street  
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  
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Sunday 1 to 5

**Harry Bennett Branch**  
Monday through Saturday 10 to 5

**Passport Services**  
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Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298. Monday through Thursday 10 to 7  
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# FERGUSON LIBRARY

## YOUTH SERVICES

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Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261

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203 351-8221

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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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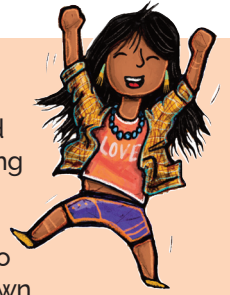


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enter 2111800+student ID number (no spaces). If you encounter any problems accessing our e-materials or databases, fill out the form at [fergusonlibrary.org/form/linked-libraries-contact-us-form](http://fergusonlibrary.org/form/linked-libraries-contact-us-form).

### Summer Learning Clubs

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### Dog Days of Summer

#### Read to Rescues

Saturday, June 24 from 1 to 2 p.m.  
at HB



Read to a trained therapy dog from Ridgefield Operation for Animal Rescue (ROAR). Bring a favorite book or pick one from the library before your 15-minute session. Ages 5 to 12. **RR**.

#### Meet K-9 Cops

Monday, June 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB

Learn about the Stamford Police Department Explosives Detection Canine Unit, how the K-9s are trained, and what they do for our community. Officers will conduct a demonstration and answer questions. All ages. **RR**.



FIND YOUR VOICE

AT THE FERGUSON  
THIS SUMMER!



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

# FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES JUNE 2023

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

**RR-REGISTRATION REQUIRED** at [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events)

## KIDS SUMMER LEARNING CLUB

For storytimes, registration opens six days before each program date where registration is required.

### Kickoff Events:

**Sign Up for Summer Learning Clubs**

### Arts & Crafts

**Saturday, June 10 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at SE**  
Sign up for the club, make fun crafts and enjoy an ice cream treat. All ages.

### Help Us Decorate

**Saturday, June 10 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.**  
**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**  
Drop in to create crafts that will be used to decorate the library for the summer. Ages 5 and older.

### Sweet Games

**Saturday, June 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB**  
Check out what's in store for the summer while we play lawn games. Get free Kona Ice treats, while supplies last. All ages.

## Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity

**Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
**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, June 2, 23 & 30**  
**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.**

## Bennett Babies

**Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27**  
**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 Storytime

**Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27**  
**from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park**

Themed storytime that features songs, fingerplays and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 4 with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.

## Cuentos y Cantos Bilingual Storytime

**Fridays, June 9, 16, 23 & 30**  
**from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB**

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

## Summer Storytime Under the Tent

**Thursdays, June 15, 22 & 29**  
**from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB**

Bring a blanket or chair to this outdoor storytime featuring readings, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and other activities. Ages 3 to 5 with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. Weather permitting. **RR.**

## Build with Lego®

**Tuesdays, June 20 & 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**

Do 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.**

## Family Storytime

**Wednesdays, June 21 & 28**  
**from 10:30 to 11 a.m.**

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

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

## Cardboard Basket Weaving

**Wednesday, June 21 from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB**

Bring a blanket or chair to sit outside and practice simple weaving techniques to make a finished basket. Ages 8 and older. **RR.**

## Gelli Plate Printing

**Thursday, June 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**

Explore the use of color, texture and perspective while creating original monoprints using printing plates that feel like gelatin. Ages 9 to 12. **RR.**

## Friday Flicks: The Bad Guys

**Friday, June 30 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

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

Our summer movie season opens with this animated feature about a gang of notorious animal criminals who pretend to seek rehabilitation. But their leader realizes that he wants to change his ways. Starring Sam Rockwell, Marc Maron and Awkwafina. Rated PG. Ages 6 and older.

## Summer Volunteer Training

**Saturday, June 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Monday, June 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

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

Earn volunteer credit by helping kids and teens join the Summer Learning Clubs and report their reading progress. One training session required to volunteer. Stop by any library branch to fill out and submit the required application. All volunteers must be 12 years old or older by June 10.



## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Game Night at the Library

**Tuesday, June 13 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, *Ticket to Ride*. Teens and adults.

### Make a Custom Button

**Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**

Make a statement with a custom button that expresses your sense of style. Create your own design or choose from materials provided by the library. Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Raising Chickens in Your Backyard

**Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

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

Master gardener and farmer, Mark Gostkiewics, will share what is needed to start and maintain a happy, healthy flock of chickens while using sustainable and organic practices. Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Job Search Workshop

**Thursday, June 22 from 3 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Determine what type of job you would like, identify the best job sites for a targeted search, and learn how to avoid job scams. Teens and adults. **RR.**

*Presented in partnership with Goodwill Career Center.*

### T-MAD Discussion: Banned Books

**Thursday, June 22 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**

Special meeting of Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program, where we will discuss the rise of book banning in libraries, schools and elsewhere. Participation counts as volunteer work. Pizza and other refreshments will be served. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

## TEEN SUMMER LEARNING CLUB



Aarna Agrawal

### Kickoff Event: Pinot's Palette Paint & Sip

**Friday, June 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

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

An afternoon of painting and soda-sipping. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

### Classical Indian Dance

**Saturday, June 24 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

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

Get moving while learning classical Indian and Bollywood dance steps from Stamford's Shaifali Kansal. No formal dance experience necessary. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**