

Message from the CEO



Our staff has been working with architect Henry Myerberg from HMA2, and David Vinjamuri from ThirdWay Brand Trainers to produce a facilities master plan for the Ferguson Library system. To get input from our users we conducted a survey and held focus groups with library users. While much of the work was meant to determine long-term space and infrastructure requirements, we also gained insight into our community's needs, which will inform future programs and services.

A recurring theme that emerged was that many people want the library to be a place for socializing and building community. Whether this is a pizza and movie night for teens, yoga for seniors or networking for entrepreneurs, our users want a sense of belonging and a library that offers them connection with others.

We are looking forward to developing these new programs as we move forward with our master plan.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Pitney Bowes Supports Library's New West Side Branch

Many thanks to the Pitney Bowes Foundation for a generous \$35,000 grant to help provide services at the library's new West Side Branch. The branch, which is housed at the Police Activities League (PAL) Center at 245 Selleck Street, brings library services to the West Side of Stamford for the first time. The branch will offer public access computers as well as collections for children and adults, including research databases, literacy training, online skills building courses and more.



Find Your Voice this Summer

Keep the kids reading and learning this summer with our Summer Learning Club, *Find Your Voice*. We're making it easy to read with lots of incentives and fun activities. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org or on the READsquared app from 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 Program. Pick up a Bingo card at the library and participate in our Adult Challenge, with a chance to win special prizes. Check our calendar for information on all our summer programs.

Storytime at Latham Park. Check our calendar for more outdoor programs this summer.



Changes on the Library Board

The Ferguson Library Board of Trustees welcomes Makeda Mays and Corey Paris as new trustees. Mays is a current citizen advisor. Paris is a Connecticut State Representative. They succeed Polly O'Brien Morrow and former Board Chair Stephanie O'Shea, whose terms have expired. Ms. O'Brien Morrow and Ms. O'Shea will join the board of the Ferguson Library Foundation.



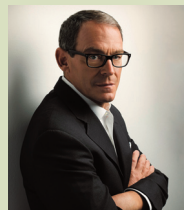
Ellen Bromley (pictured), who has been secretary, will serve as chair. Michael Hyman continues as vice chair and Susana Vidan continues as treasurer. RJ Mercede will serve as board secretary.

The library will be closed Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day. All our locations will be open during regular hours the rest of the holiday weekend.

Support the Library Become a Sustaining Donor

Make a difference by becoming a Sustaining Donor to the library. Your recurring gift provides reliable funding to buy books and offer services like technology classes, job skills workshops and English language learning. No gift is too small. You can choose a monthly giving option when you make a secure donation on our website, or call 203 351-8208 for more information.

Daniel Silva July 19 Friends Author Series Event



There are still seats left to see bestselling author Daniel Silva, who will discuss his latest powerhouse thriller, *The Collector*, at the Main Library July 19 at 6:30 p.m. The conversation will be moderated by CNN Special Correspondent Jamie Gangel and includes a pre-event reception at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 for general admission and \$35 for Friends members. General admission ticket includes a Friends membership through December 2023. All guests will receive a copy of *The Collector*, and Silva will sign books after the program. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: Pronunciator

Hoping to learn a new language or acquire conversation skills for a trip? The Library's Pronunciator database can be used on any computer or mobile device and will have you speaking another language in no time. Offering lessons in 163 different languages, Pronunciator is the world's largest resource for language learning, and includes a comprehensive selection of ESL courses as well as content for kids, American Sign Language, and even Latin. Visit fergusonlibrary.org/resources/pronunciator to get started.

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RR Registration Required or **RA** Registration
Appreciated at fergusonlibrary.org/events

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Book Discussions

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

Silent Book Club

**Saturday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
at HB**

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

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Book Discussion

**Monday, July 10 from 11:30 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom**

*Deaf Utopia: A Memoir and a Love Letter
to a Way of Life* by Nyle DiMarco

Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion

Monday, July 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom
Fresh Water for Flowers by Valérie Perrin

Social Justice Book Discussion

**Wednesday, July 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
at HB**

The Line Becomes a River by
Francisco Cantú

Spanish Book Discussion

**Thursday, July 20 from 5 to 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board
Room**

Patria de Fernando Aramburu

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

**Monday, July 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. via
Zoom.**

They Can't Take Your Name by
Robert Justice

Short Story Book Discussion

**Wednesday, July 26 from 5:30 to
6:30 p.m. at HB**

Night Hawks by Charles Johnson

FIND YOUR VOICE

SUMMER
READING
2023

Summer Wellness

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Zumba Dance Party

**Saturdays, July 8, 15, 22 & 29 from
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Dance yourself into fitness with
instructor Pamela Arenas. No excuses!
Teens and adults. **RA.**

Lunchtime Yoga

**Wednesdays, July 12, 19 & 26 from
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

Yoga instructor Ngan Nguyen will lead
a lunchtime class in the Hatha style.
Teens and adults. **RR.**

Create a TEDx Talk

Tuesday, July 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Become a more confident, skilled public
speaker with advice from TEDx veterans
Mary Abbazia and Suzanne Malloy Zaleski.
Teens and adults. **RR.**

An Evening with Ann Napolitano, Author of *Hello Beautiful*

Thursday, July 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Meet *The New York Times* bestselling author
Ann Napolitano, who will discuss her latest
novel, *Hello Beautiful*, an homage to Louisa
May Alcott's timeless classic, *Little Women*.
Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books
to follow. Face masks required. **RR.**

Classic Movie Matinees

Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB

Screenings of top musicals perfect for
summer

***Singin' in the Rain* (1952)**

July 14

A silent film star falls for young studio
singer just as he and his jealous screen
partner are trying to transition to talking
pictures. Starring Gene Kelly, Debbie
Reynolds and Donald O'Connor. Rated G.

***Grease* (1978)**

July 21

An exchange student and her leather-clad
beau have a summer romance, but will
their love story cross clique lines when
they go back to high school? Starring John
Travolta, Olivia Newton-John and Stockard
Channing. Rated PG.

***Dirty Dancing* (1987)**

July 28

After Baby arrives at a sleepy Catskills
resort with her parents, she meets the
handsome dance instructor, Johnny, who
enlists her to partner for the last big dance
of the summer. Starring Patrick Swayze,
Jennifer Grey and Jerry Orbach. Rated
PG-13.

Find Your Voice Films

Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB

Screenings of movies featuring iconic
musical performances

***Summer of Soul* (2021)**

July 14

Documentary about the 1969 Harlem
Cultural Festival, a six-week summer
celebration of Black history, culture, music
and fashion, featuring performances by
Nina Simone, B.B. King, Sly and the Family
Stone and many others. Rated PG-13.

***Bohemian Rhapsody* (2018)**

July 21

The story of legendary British rock band
Queen and its lead singer Freddie
Mercury, who defied stereotypes and
musical convention during their rise in
the 1970s. Starring Rami Malek and Lucy
Boynton. Rated PG-13.

***A Star Is Born* (2018)**

July 28

A musician helps a young singer find
fame as age and alcoholism send his own
career into a downward spiral. Starring
Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga. Rated R.

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.**

Expressive Arts

Creative Charcuterie

**Wednesday, July 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
at HB**

Learn how to make salami roses,
prosciutto ribbons, kiwi flowers and
more, then arrange them on a platter
with garnish. Take your own 9-inch
bamboo round platter home for your
next summer party. **RR.**
*Presented in partnership with Curated
Creations, Inc.*

Origami Hour

**Saturday, July 22 from 11 a.m. to
12 p.m. at HB**

Channel your own creativity and
precision while learning how to engage
in the ancient art of Japanese paper
folding. Teens and adults. **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 the band Thursday will
discuss his debut novel, *Someone Who Isn't
Me*, a fictional account based on the
author's own experience seeking treatment
for heroin addiction in Mexico. Andrew
Sacher, senior editor and podcast host at
BrooklynVegan, the New York City-based
music blog, will moderate the conversation.
Light refreshments will be served; book
sale and signing to follow. **RR** to attend in
person; also available via Zoom.

How to Get Published with Author Wendy Walker

Thursday, July 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Wendy Walker, thriller author of *What
Remains* and *All Is Not Forgotten*, among
other titles, will talk about the writing pro-
cess and describe what it takes to become
a published author. **RR.**

Art at the Ferguson: Summer in the City 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.

Book Donation Day

Saturday, July 1 from 12 to 3 p.m. at HB

Bring your gently used books in bags or boxes to the Friends Book Shop.

Canasta Club

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26

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

Come out and play canasta with us. All levels welcome.

Start Reading with PressReader

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26

from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB

See cover for details.

Mah-Jongg Club

Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27

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

Play mah-jongg with us. Beginners welcome Thursday, July 6.

Death Cafe

Thursday, July 6 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

Thursday, July 6 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.

Knit & Needles Knitting Group

Mondays, July 10 & 24 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.

Health Check: Know Your Numbers

Monday, July 10 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, July 10 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.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25

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

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25 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. Teens and adults.

Technology

Tech Tips for Older Adults

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25 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)

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

Summer Sessions via Zoom

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25

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, July 12, 19 & 26

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

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

Evening Sessions in Person

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

NEW! Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at HB

Easy English for Beginners:

Side by Side Part 1

Mondays and Thursdays, July 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

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

Game Night: Tokaido

Tuesday, July 11 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, Tokaido. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Ballroom Dance Workshop

Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Final session with dance instructor Simone Assboeck, who will cover the basic steps of the salsa and the hustle. Attendance required for all sessions. **RR.**

Retro Video Gaming

Saturday, July 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Have a bit of 8-bit fun playing retro games like Donkey Kong, Tetris, Pac-Man, Missile Command, Galaga, and many more. Teens and adults.

Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

Saturday, July 15

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.

Literacy Information Night

Tuesday, July 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A workshop for parents and children to avoid the summer slide, the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school

Financial Literacy: Planning for the Future

Presented in partnership with Wealth Bridge Advisory Services, LLC.

Understanding Social Security

Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Learn how Social Security works and how to maximize its benefits. **RR.**

Understanding Medicare

Thursday, July 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Learn when to sign up for Medicare, what it covers, its costs, its varied options and how to plan for healthcare expenses during retirement. **RR.**

Understanding IRAs & Tax Planning in Retirement

Tuesday, July 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Learn how and when to tap assets like IRAs to supplement income during retirement and the tax implications. **RR.**

Understanding Housing Wealth & Reverse Mortgages

Thursday, July 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Learn how reverse mortgages can help eliminate mortgage debt, finance home improvements, purchase a new home, manage healthcare expenses, enhance an investment portfolio and more. **RR.**

year. For families with children ages 5 to 10. Presented in partnership with Family Centers and Stamford Public Schools.

NEW! Public Library Tour

Wednesday, July 19 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

ML, First Floor Lobby

A staff member-led tour of all the library resources available to you. **RR.**

Women's Self-Defense Workshop

Saturday, July 22 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Club Kung Fu of Stamford will lead a workshop focusing on setting boundaries, assessing the threat and fighting back. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Lawyers in Libraries

Thursday, July 27 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.

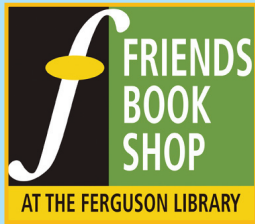
Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.

Save the Date: The History of LGBTQ+ Cinema

Tuesday, August 1 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Film professor and historian, Dr. Harry Benshoff, will discuss how representations of LGBTQ+ people on film and TV evolved through the 20th century by focusing on key films and figures and defining sociocultural touchstones. **RR.**

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Harry Bennett Donation Day

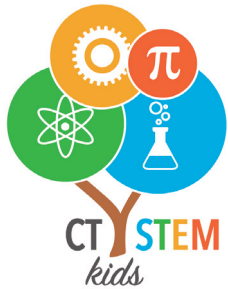
Donate your gently used books at the Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop Saturday, July 1 from 12 to 3 p.m. Donations are welcome any time at the Main Library Book Shop. And be sure to visit both locations this month for great beach and summer reading selections. All books are donated by the community and proceeds support the library.

Find Out How to Read Online

Learn to use the free PressReader app to read newspapers and magazines from around the world. The Harry Bennett Branch is holding weekly workshops on PressReader, which is available for Android and IOS (iPhone/iPad) devices. If you are new to digital reading this is a great way to get started. The app is perfect for news junkies interested in the latest headlines, trends, gossip and more.

Upcoming digital resources workshops will cover Pronunciator in August, Kanopy in September and Hoopla in October.

Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop, and your library card. For more information, visit our calendar at fergusonlibrary.org.



CT STEM Kids Club Gives Back

A big thank you to the CT STEM Kids Club for their generous donation of \$7,225. The club supports youth development in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. The older students tutor the younger ones, and for the past several years have donated their earnings to the library.

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



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203 964-1000
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Friday 10 to 6
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Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 to 6
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

The Friends Book Shops at the Ferguson Library

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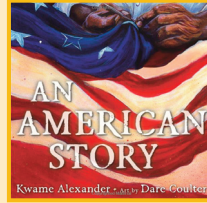
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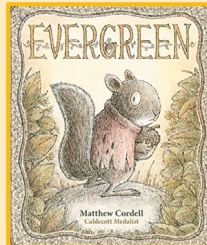
New Books for Young Readers



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by Kwame Alexander

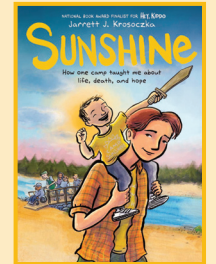
Simon Sort of Says
by Erin Bow

Evergreen
by Matthew Cordell

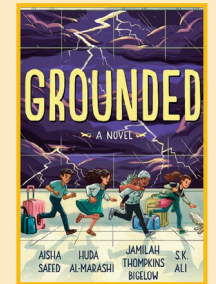


Sunshine: How One Camp Taught Me About Life, Death, and Hope
by Jarrett Krosoczka

The Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of
by Kirsten W. Larson



Grounded
by Aisha Saeed, Huda Al-Marashi, Jamilah Thompkins Bigelow and S. K. Ali



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YOUTH SERVICES

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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 for information for kids, teens, parents and educators. You'll also find information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources.

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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.

Literacy Information Night

Tuesday, July 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Summer Learning Clubs

The Kids and Teen Summer Learning Clubs, *Find Your Voice*, continue through the end of summer. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org, or on the Readsquared app, available on Apple Store or Google Play. Be sure to visit the library soon to get a free notepad and pen after you join!



Chess Club Returns

Saturdays, July 15 & 22 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Beginners are welcome to learn this game of skill and strategy. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the National Education Chess Teachers Association.

Origami Hour

Saturday, July 22 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB

Channel your own creativity and precision while learning how to engage in the ancient art of Japanese paper folding. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Fearless, Fantastic & Marvelous Celebration: 60 Years of Marvel Magic

Monday, July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Come as you are or in your favorite Marvel character costume to honor the life and legacy of Stan Lee and Marvel Comics. Party will feature a craft corner to create Marvel masks of favorite characters, a movie corner to enjoy early Marvel cartoons, games and other surprises. Snacks will be served. No toy weapons. Ages 5 and older. **RR.**

Meet the Animals

Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27 from 3 to 4 p.m. at HB

Presented in partnership with the New Canaan Nature Center.

Owls on the Prowl

July 13

Learn about owls native to our region by meeting them up close and investigating what they eat via a pellet dissection.

Ages 8 and older. **RR.**

Animal Habitats

July 20

Learn what animals eat, where they live and what covers their bodies to understand how each is suited to live in its environment. Grades K to 5. **RR.**

Wildlife Superheroes

July 27

Get a close look at several creatures with amazing abilities that match the great strengths of your favorite superheroes. Grades 2 to 5. **RR.**

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RR-REGISTRATION REQUIRED or RA-REGISTRATION APPRECIATED at fergusonlibrary.org/events

KIDS SUMMER LEARNING CLUB

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
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.

Summer Storytime Under the Tent

Thursday, July 6 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.

Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity

Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27
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, July 7, 14, 21 & 28
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, July 7, 14 & 21

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.

Read to Rescues

Saturday, July 8 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.

Community Helpers Storytime

Monday, July 10 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB

Special storytime featuring a Stamford EMS worker who will lead an interactive program and share educational safety tips. RR.



Bennett Babies

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25

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, July 11, 18 & 25

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.

Build with Lego®

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25

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. Creations cannot be taken home. Grades K to 5. Ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. RR.

Paint a Tote Bag

Wednesday July 12 from 3 to 4 p.m. at HB

Create original artwork on a tote bag you will be proud to carry around. Ages 10 and older. RR.

Friday Flicks

Fridays, July 14 & 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Spend the afternoon at the movies with us.

Ages 6 and older

July 14: *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023)

July 28: *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* (2022)

Disney Screening: Encanto (2021)

Wednesday, July 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. at HB

Deep in the Colombian mountains, 15-year-old Mirabel has to face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers. Starring Stephanie Beatriz, Maria Cecilia Botero and John Leguizamo. Rated PG. All ages. RR.

Make Stained Glass Bookmarks

Thursday, July 27 from 4 to 5 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Design a stained glass bookmark to use for all your summer reading. No experience necessary. Artwork will need to dry for 48 hours before picking it up at the library. Grades 6 to 12. RR.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Summer Wellness

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Zumba Dance Party

Saturdays, July 8, 15, 22 & 29

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

Dance yourself into fitness with instructor Pamela Arenas. No excuses! Teens and adults. RR.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25

from 12 to 1 p.m.

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

Lunchtime Yoga

Wednesdays, July 12, 19 & 26

from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Yoga instructor Ngan Nguyen will lead a lunchtime class in the Hatha style. Teens and adults. RR.

Create a TEDx Talk

Tuesday, July 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Become a more confident, skilled public speaker with advice from TEDx veterans Mary Abbazia and Suzanne Malloy Zaleski. Teens and adults. RR.

Game Night: Tokaido

Tuesday, July 11 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, Tokaido. Teens and adults. RR.

Retro Video Gaming

Saturday, July 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Have a bit of 8-bit fun playing retro games like Donkey Kong, Tetris, Pac-Man, Missile Command, Galaga, and many more. Teens and adults.

Women's Self-Defense Workshop

Saturday, July 22 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Club Kung Fu of Stamford will lead a workshop focusing on setting boundaries, assessing the threat and fighting back. Teens and adults. RR.

TEEN SUMMER LEARNING CLUB

T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, July 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor 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.



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