

Message from the CEO



At the Ferguson Library, we take the critical role public libraries play in our democracy very seriously. It is one of the reasons we have taken such a strong stand against book challenges and bans. We believe you have the right to read (or not read) what you want and we strive to represent multiple views in our collections and programs.

It is important that we fight back not only against book challenges but also disinformation—about current events and our history. In this era, with social media and AI, it is even more important to learn how to evaluate our sources and think with a critical mind.

One of our most cherished rights is the right to vote. I'm pleased to share that as part of the community-wide commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington (see related article) we are hosting an exhibit entitled *Who Can Vote? A Brief History of Voting Rights in the United States*. This exhibit, combined with other special programs this month, gives us an opportunity to reflect on our past and march with hope toward the future.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Support for Sunday Hours

Many thanks to the Batkin family for supporting Sunday hours at the Main Library on August 20. Sundays are one of our busiest and most important days of the week. If you are interested in helping us provide Sunday service, please contact Linda Avellar 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

Find Your Voice this Summer

There's still time to sign the kids up for 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 a special prize. Check our calendar for information on all our summer programs.



Second grader Ryan Palmer signing up for Summer Learning



Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington



It's been 60 years since the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, largely remembered for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial. The Ferguson Library will pay tribute to this milestone

from August 13 to August 28 with programming for all ages that commemorates the day when a quarter of a million people rallied to demand an end to segregation as well as fair wages and economic justice, voting rights and civil rights protections.

The highlights include an opening ceremony August 13 that will feature an interfaith panel discussion, music by the Union Baptist Church Choir, and a screening of the restored 1964 documentary, *The March*.

The ongoing exhibit *Who Can Vote? A Brief History of Voting Rights in the United States* will be on view at the Main Library while the reproduction of 1963 Lincoln Memorial Program will be displayed at the Main Library and the Harry Bennett and South End branches.

Activities conclude August 27 with a closing ceremony and August 28, the anniversary of the March on Washington, with two screenings of the 2013 documentary, *The March: The Story of the Greatest March in American History*, narrated by Denzel Washington.

See inside for details and additional programs. Presented in partnership with 100 Black Men of Stamford; Fairfield County (CT) Chapter, *The Links, Incorporated*; the Interfaith Council of Southwestern Connecticut; the Mayor's Multicultural Council; Stamford Community; and Stamford NAACP.



Free Notary Services at the Library

Notary services are available by appointment at the Main Library Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 203 351-8221 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Weekend service is available by appointment only. The notary desk at the Main Library is located in the lower level.

Notary services are available at the Harry Bennett and Weed Memorial & Hollander branches by appointment only. Call 203 351-8290.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: Mergent Intellect

Mergent Intellect is a global business database that provides detailed, up-to-date information on millions of public and private companies. Researchers, marketers and job seekers can access a treasure trove of company intelligence along with industry profiles, key business ratios and demographic census data. In partnership with Dun & Bradstreet, this authoritative tool also includes new U.S. business listings by state and a residential people search. To get started, find Mergent Intellect on the library's A-Z Resources page.

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 Our programs are generously supported
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.

Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, August 10 from 5 to 6 p.m.
**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board
Room**
Gótico de Silvia Moreno-García

Silent Book Club

**Saturday, August 12 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, August 14 from 11:30 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom**
Beyond That, the Sea by Laura Spence-
Ash

Family Programs

**End of Summer Fair: Bomba Music
& Dance Workshop**
**Saturday, August 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.
at HB**

Celebration includes face painting,
lawn games, refreshments, a selfie
station and a workshop about Puerto
Rican bomba music, where you'll learn
about its rhythm styles, traditional,
hand-crafted instruments and
costumes, typical storytelling songs
and basic dance steps.

Community Giveback Day

**Saturday, August 19 from 12 to 4 p.m.
at SE**
Live music, kids' activities, gift bags,
free books, health and wellness
information, and a special reading by
Mayor Caroline Simmons. All ages.
*Presented in partnership with the
Community Action Agency of Western
Connecticut. Co-sponsored by Power
Health Tours and Organized Youth.*

Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

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of Stamford; Fairfield County (CT) Chapter,
The Links, Incorporated; the Interfaith Council
of Southwestern Connecticut; the Mayor's
Multicultural Council; Stamford Community;
and Stamford NAACP.*

Exhibit: *Who Can Vote? A Brief History of Voting Rights in the United States* On display through August 21

ML, First Floor

A display that examines voting rights
with an emphasis on the role of the U.S.
Constitution and the interplay between
the states and federal government in
determining who has been allowed to
vote through history.

Opening Ceremony

Sunday, August 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Celebration will feature a panel discussion
led by local interfaith leaders, a
performance by the Union Baptist Church
Choir, and a screening of the digitally
restored James Blue 1964 documentary,
The March. **RR.**

1963 Lincoln Memorial Program

**On display Monday, August 14 through
Friday, August 28**
ML, First Floor Lobby, HB and SE
Display of the original March on Washington
program.

Reflection Room: *Eyes on the Prize*

**Monday, August 14 through Saturday,
August 26 during library hours**
ML, Third Floor Rotary Room, and HB
Continuous screening of the PBS
documentary, *Eyes on the Prize*, the
definitive story of the civil rights era from
the point of view of ordinary men and
women whose extraordinary actions
launched the civil rights movement.

Screening & Family Discussion:

***March On!* by Christine King Farris**
Saturday, August 19 from 12 to 2 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Saturday, August 26 from 12 to 2 p.m. at SE
Viewing of the animated video *March On!
The Day My Brother Martin Changed the
World*, based on the 2008 picture book by
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sister. Here she
gives a firsthand witness account of the
March on Washington. Discussion to follow.
All ages. **RR.**

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 representa-
tions of LGBTQ+ people on film and TV
evolved through the 20th century by
focusing on key films and figures and
defining sociocultural touchstones. **RR.**



Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

**Saturday, August 19 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
at WMH**

Afternoon of acoustic delights with Dr. Ev,
who will perform a special program of
music celebrating the anniversary of the
March on Washington.

Make History Your Own

Wednesday, August 23 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
**Saturday, August 26 from 12 to 2 p.m. at
SE**

Build your own African American history
book using stickers that depict dozens of
courageous fighters for civil and equal
rights as well as inspirational pioneers in
government, science and technology,
business, the arts and more. All ages. **RR.**

Closing Ceremony

Sunday, August 27 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
The Blues and Beyond, a cross-cultural
program that teaches history through the
lens of music, presents a performance by
keyboardist Eric Finland and a presentation
by The Blues and Beyond's Director of
Narration and Masterclass Artists, Adam
Taylor. Community youth will also recite
poetry. All ages. **RR.**

Documentary Screening: *The March: The Story of the Greatest March in American History*

**Monday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
and 6 to 7 p.m.**
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Screening of the 2013 documentary
*The March: The Story of the Greatest
March in American History*, narrated by
Denzel Washington. Rated PG. Teens and
adults. **RR.**

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition

Friday, August 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE
Commemoration includes readings
and presentations by speakers who
will reflect on fighting slavery's legacy of
racism through transformative
education.
*Presented in partnership with the UNESCO
Center for Global Friendship.*

FIND YOUR VOICE

SUMMER
READING
2023

Summer Wellness

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

**Wednesdays, August 2, 9 & 16 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.**

Zumba Dance Party

**Saturdays, August 5 & 12 from 11 a.m.
to 12 p.m.**

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

Concert for Peace

Sunday, August 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Enjoy music and dancing during this special performance featuring Kala Farnham, Connecticut State Troubadour; the Bokandeye African American Dance Theater company; singer-songwriter Nathaly Palacios; composer and pianist Paco Godoy; and INTEMPO Youth Ensemble. All ages. **RA.**

Presented in partnership with En Vivo Con Maricarmen, with funding provided by the Stamford Commission on the Arts.

Fun & Games

Game Night: Azul

Tuesday, August 8 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, Azul. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Dungeons & Dragons

**Thursdays, August 10 & 24 from 6 to
7:45 p.m.**

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Be part of an imaginary band of heroes who brave dangerous situations with swords, spells and wits while playing Dungeons & Dragons. New players welcome. Ages 18 and older. **RR.**

Trivia Night: Pop Culture 1980s to 2000s

**Thursday, August 17 from 6:30 to
7:30 p.m.**

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Take a jog down memory lane while testing your knowledge playing Decades of Trivia, created by host David Plaue. Ages 21 and older.

GameDevCT Mixer

Saturday, August 26 from 2 to 5 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Annual showcase for game developers to demo their work and attendees to test the games. Ages 18 and older.

Technology

Tech Tips for Older Adults

**Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from
12 to 3 p.m. at SE**

Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

Summer Sessions via Zoom

Tuesdays, August 1, 8 & 15

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, August 2, 9 & 16

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

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

Evening Sessions in Person

**Tuesdays, August 1, 8 & 15 from 6:30
to 8 p.m.**

ML, Lower Level Community Area

**Thursdays, August 3, 10 & 17 from 6
to 7:30 p.m. at HB**

Easy English for Beginners:

Side by Side Part 1

**Thursday, August 3 from 10 a.m. to
12 p.m.**

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

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

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

**Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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.

Canasta Club

**Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16 23 & 30 from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB**

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

Learn a Language with Pronunciator

**Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16 23 & 30 from
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB**

Learn how to use this free app for people who want to hold a conversation in another language. Bring a smartphone or tablet.

Mah-Jongg Club

**Thursdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB**

Business & Career

Excel for Business Part 1:

**Human Resource Management
Thursday, August 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.**

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Excel for Business Part 2:

**Human Resource Management
Thursday, August 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.**

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how small businesses and startups can use Excel to keep track of employee and salary information, vacation days, absences, start dates and more. **RR.**

Come out and play mah-jongg with us. Beginners welcome Thursday, August 3.

Death Cafe

Thursday, August 3 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, August 7 & 21 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.
at HB**

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

Health Check: Know Your Numbers

**Monday, August 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study 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, August 14 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.

Raising Chickens in Your Backyard

**Saturday, August 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

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.**

Women's Self-Defense Workshop

Sunday, August 20 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.**

Public Library Tour

**Wednesday, August 30 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.**

Lawyers in Libraries

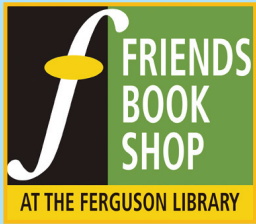
Thursday, August 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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



Don't miss the big sale this month! Everything in both shops is 40 percent off from August 1 to August 15. It's a great time to grab a few more beach reads or stock up on picture books for the kids. All proceeds benefit the library.

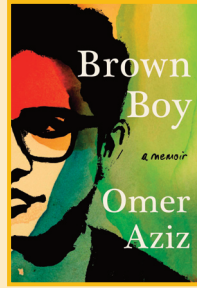
Get Tech Help

Need technology assistance? Have an issue with your laptop or a new device? The Ferguson Library's Digital Navigators are here to help. We have dedicated team members who can assist with all kinds of tech issues from filling out a job application and accessing government services online to learning how to take pictures on your phone. Digital Navigators are available by appointment only. Call 203 351-8221 or sign up at fergusonlibrary.org/digital-navigators.



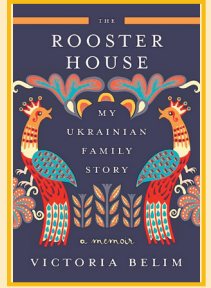
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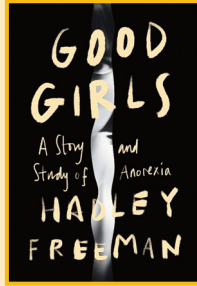


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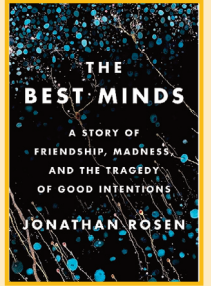
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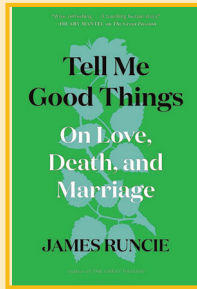
*Good Girls:
A Story and Study
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by Hadley Freeman



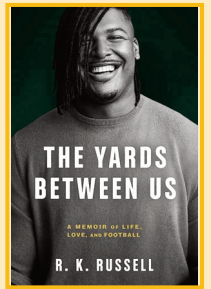
*The Best Minds:
A Story of Friendship,
Madness, and the Tragedy
of Good Intentions*
by Jonathan Rosen



*Tell Me Good Things:
On Love, Death,
and Marriage*
by James Runcie



*The Yards Between Us:
A Memoir of Life, Love,
and Football*
by R. K. Russell



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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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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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.

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Closing Ceremony

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ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

The Blues and Beyond, a cross-cultural program that teaches history through the lens of music, presents a performance by keyboardist Eric Finland and a presentation by The Blues and Beyond's Director of Narration and Masterclass Artists, Adam Taylor. Community youth will also recite poetry. All ages. **RR.**

Documentary Screening: *The March: The Story of the Greatest March in American History*

Monday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Screening of the 2013 documentary *The March: The Story of the Greatest March in American History*, narrated by Denzel Washington. Rated PG. Teens and adults. **RR.**



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FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES AUGUST 2023

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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.

Outdoor Family Storytimes

Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park
Mondays, August 7 and 14 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at Commons 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, August 1, 8 & 15 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.**

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16 & 23 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.**

Cuentos y Actividades:

Spanish Story & Activity

Thursdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 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, August 4, 11, 18 & 25 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.**

Storytime by Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures

Wednesday, August 9 from 3 to 3:30 p.m. at HB



Music faculty from the conservatory will lead a special reading of picture book classics about music, sounds and songs. Books include *Animal Music* by Harriet Ziefert and *Music Is* by Lloyd Moss. Ages 3 and older, with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

Color in 3D with Quiver

Thursday, August 10 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

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

Creature Features

Tuesday, August 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Meet animals up close to learn why they are grouped based on shared features and the characteristics each group has in common. Ages 5 and older. Ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Presented in partnership with the White Memorial Conservation Center.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Summer Wellness

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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.

Lunchtime Yoga

Wednesdays, August 2, 9 & 16 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.**

Zumba Dance Party

Saturdays, August 5 & 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dance yourself into fitness with instructor Pamela Arenas. Teens and adults. **RR.**



Game Night: Azul

Tuesday, August 8 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, Azul. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Red Cross Babysitter Training & Certification

Saturday, August 19 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room

Earn Red Cross Babysitter Certification during this day-long program, where a Red Cross instructor will teach what it takes to become a babysitter, from finding babysitting jobs to taking care of a sick child. Participants must attend the full day to earn certification. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Raising Chickens in Your Backyard

Saturday, August 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room

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.**

Women's Self-Defense Workshop

Sunday, August 20 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, August 10 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

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

End of Summer Cruise

Sunday, August 13 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Bocuzzi Park, 200 Southfield Avenue

Celebrate the end of summer on a

two-hour sail of Long Island Sound aboard the *SoundWaters* schooner, where you'll learn about sailing and the Sound's marine ecology. The schooner sails from Bocuzzi Park. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

16 Handles Taste-Off

Wednesday, August 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Sample all of the frozen yogurt flavors currently available at 16 Handles and vote for your favorites. **RR.**

