

Message from the CEO

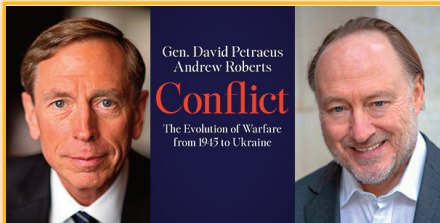


In addition to our many compelling programs such as author visits and book discussions, the library also offers less visible, but equally important services. For example, last year we saw a surge in the number of people visiting the library for Wi-Fi use, as well as visitors looking to reserve rooms for private study, Zoom calls or small meetings. We have noticed that people

who work remotely often come to the library for community or work space. While the newsletter mentions our Digital Navigator program, did you know that we offer similar assistance for those seeking to re-career? We also offer passport services at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch, and notary services at the Main Library, and the Harry Bennett and Weed branches. People are aware that we lend out sewing machines (they are always checked out) but did you also know that we circulate microscopes and a telescope? The Ferguson is a great place to find books, movies and magazines but there are so many more reasons to stop by for a visit.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Civility in America General David Petraeus October 22



General David Petraeus and historian **Andrew Roberts** will discuss their book, *Conflict: The Evolution of Warfare from 1945 to Ukraine*, a sweeping history of warfare and an analysis of what we must

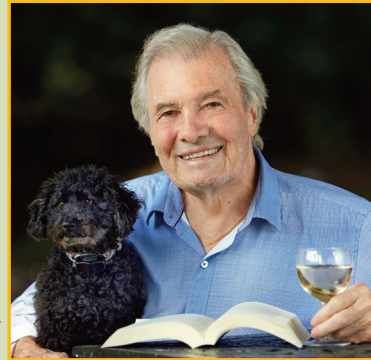
learn from the past to navigate an increasingly perilous world. The program, to be held Sunday, October 22 at 4 p.m., will be moderated by Gerard Baker, Editor at Large, *The Wall Street Journal*. It is part of our Civility in America Series and is co-sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group in conjunction with Hearst Connecticut Media Group. The presentation will also be available via Zoom. A book sale and signing will follow. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

Join a Book Discussion

The Ferguson Library has book discussion groups for just about every interest. In addition to our long-running monthly book groups at the Harry Bennett, Weed and South End branches, we added two new monthly discussion groups at the Harry Bennett Branch: short story books and books focused on social justice. Also at the Harry Bennett Branch, we launched a Silent Book Club chapter, where you read a book of your choice in the quiet company of others. On top of that, we offer a Spanish language book discussion at the Main Library and a virtual Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror book group.

Check our calendar for details. Some groups meet via Zoom or have a hybrid option.

Author Talks



Tom Hopkins

The Friends Author Series welcomes chef **Jacques Pépin** back to the Ferguson Library Thursday, October 5 to discuss his new book *Cooking My Way: Recipes and Techniques for Economical Cooking*. Four-time James Beard Award-winning local chef Michel Nischan will moderate the conversation at this fundraising event.

General admission tickets include a Friends membership through December 31. Tickets are \$50; \$40 for Friends members. All guests are invited to a pre-event reception and will receive a copy of *Cooking My Way*.

On Thursday, October 12 *New York Times* bestselling authors **Nelson DeMille** and **Alex DeMille** will discuss their latest book *Blood Lines*. It features the return of special agents Brodie and Taylor who are on the hunt for the murderer of a fellow agent. The conversation will be moderated by author Greg Wands. This program is free.

A book sale and signing will follow both events. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.



Meet Barry Woods and Allan Houston



Two-time NBA All-Star **Allan Houston**, author of *The Fundamentals of Life: Life in 3D*, and **Barry Woods**, author of *Reasons Why Youth Don't Give a Damn Anymore!*, will visit the library Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m. to discuss their books on how to raise resilient kids who care about themselves, their futures and their communities. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: PressReader



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HB Harry Bennett, 203 351-8292
SE South End, 203 351-8280
WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander, 203 351-8286


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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, Oct. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion

Monday, Oct. 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, Oct. 12 from 5 to 6 p.m.
ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Las madres de Esmeralda Santiago

Social Justice Book Discussion

Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at WMH and via Zoom
Solito by Javier Zamora

Silent Book Club

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at HB
Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others. **RR.**

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

Monday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at SE and via Zoom
A Tall History of Sugar by Curdella Forbes

Short Story Book Discussion

Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. at WMH and via Zoom
Here Until August by Josephine Rowe

Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion

Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom
The Cabin at the End of the World by Paul Tremblay

Friends Author Series: A Conversation with Jacques Pépin

Thursday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
See cover for details. **RR.**

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Create your own masterpiece in the styles of Latino folk art like woven Ojos de Dios (God's eyes), Taino rock carving and traditional Mexican Amate painting. You can also build your own Hispanic American history book using stickers that depict dozens of Latino pioneers in history. Ages 5 and older. **RR.**

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Dancers from the Taller Portal Norteño academy will perform the Peruvian marinera, a partner dance that reenacts courtship through stylized movement and colorful costumes. All ages. **RA.**
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Latin American Film Festival

Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Screenings of popular award-winning films that celebrate the Latina experience.
Oct. 11: *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* (1988)
Oct. 18: *Tortilla Soup* (2001)
Oct. 25: *Gloria* (2013)

Mental Health & Wellness Series

Presented in partnership with the Network of the National Library of Medicine.



Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 12 to 1 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A brief discussion about practice, a guided meditation, and a chance to reflect.

Lunchtime Yoga

Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Instructor Ngan Nguyen will lead a class in the Hatha style. **RR.**

Zumba Dance Party

Saturdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Dance into fitness with instructor Pamela Arenas. **RR.**

Managing Anxiety and Stress

Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
Licensed clinical social worker Tracey Masella will offer parents advice on how to help children manage stress and anxiety. **RR.**

Halloween Programs

Classic Movie Matinees

Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB
Screenings of iconic monster films
Oct. 6: *Dracula* (1931)
Oct. 13: *The Mummy* (1932)
Oct. 20: *The Invisible Man* (1933)
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Family screening of the 1993 fantasy comedy about three Salem witches, who are accidentally freed by Max and his little sister. The two must now steal the witches' book of spells to stop them from becoming immortal. Starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy. Rated PG. All ages.

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ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
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Knit & Needles Knitting Group

Mondays, Oct. 2, 16 & 30 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at HB
All levels welcome.

Open Game Nights

Mondays, Oct. 2, 16, 23 & 30 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
All ages.

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

Fall Semester Sessions via Zoom

Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

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 6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

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

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

Evening Sessions in Person

Practice your conversational skills in a group.

Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side Part 2

Mondays and Thursdays, Oct. 16, 19, 23, 24 & 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

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

Art at the Ferguson Opening: Connecting Nature and People

Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

See cover for details. On display through January 18.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Read with Libby

Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 6 to 7 p.m. at WMH

Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB

Learn how to use this free app to borrow e-books, audiobooks and magazines from the library. Bring a smartphone or tablet, and a library card.

Canasta Club

Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB

All levels welcome.

Financial Fitness with Edward Jones

Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at HB

A financial literacy discussion covering the basics of investing, college saving and preparing for retirement. **RR.**

Ballroom Dance Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Final session of the salsa and hustle workshop. **RR.**

Mah-Jongg Club

Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB

Beginners welcome Thursday, Oct. 5.

Technology

ML, 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 PowerPoint necessary*

● *Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary*

◆ *No experience with MS Excel necessary*

⚡ *Basic experience with MS Excel necessary*

Microsoft PowerPoint

Basic ▲■

Thursday, Oct. 5 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Intermediate ▲●

Thursday, Oct. 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel

Basic ▲◆

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Intermediate ▲⚡

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tech Tips for Older Adults

Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 12 to 3 p.m. at SE

Free weekly help with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Introduction to ChatGPT

Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

Computer consultant Rich Mallow will demonstrate how ChatGPT works and how it can change how we use computers. **RR.**

Death Cafe

Thursday, Oct. 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom

A discussion about the awareness of death.

Healing Drum Circle

Monday, Oct. 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SE

A meditative gathering dedicated to healing the wounds of racism.

Game Night: Werewolf

Tuesday, Oct. 10 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 Werewolf. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Public Library Tour

Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

ML, First Floor Lobby

A tour of library resources available to you. **RR.**

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays, Oct. 12 & 26 from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Join an imaginary band of heroes who brave dangerous situations. Beginners welcome. Ages 18 and older. **RR.**

Documentary Screening: Remembering the Family Store

Sunday, Oct. 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A chronicle of downtown Stamford from 1940 to 1965 and the families and businesses that helped make Stamford what it is today. Teens and adults. Not rated. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County.

Find Health Information Online

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 3 to 4 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to use the internet to find trustworthy health resources. **RR.**

Business & Career

Resume Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to build a resume that highlights skills and experiences and convert it into ATS format to increase application visibility to employers. Teens and adults. **RR.** Presented in partnership with Goodwill Careers.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

RR for each session.

Register by 12 p.m. on program date. Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m.

Oct. 5: Social Media

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

Oct. 12: The Sales-Centric CEO

Scott C. Nevins, Principal, Bernstein Private Wealth Management

Oct. 19: Cybersecurity

Sergio Pedro, Cybersecurity Pro

Oct. 26: Software Development Best Practices

Seizo Mazer, Founder, Language Learning

Make a Will for Free

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Create a will in 15 minutes. Must be a U.S. citizen, 18 or older, and have an email. **RR.** Presented in partnership with Just In Case Estates.

Italian American Heritage Month Lecture: The Story of Italian Catholics in Stamford

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room

Panel discussion about Italian American contributions to Stamford. **RR.**

Ukulele Singalong with The CUKes

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Sing along to popular tunes. All ages. **RR.**

Woodworking Workshop: Build a Stool

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Learn the basics to assemble a foot stool using pre-cut wood. Supplies will be provided. One foot stool per family. Teens younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH

Afternoon of acoustic delights with Dr. Ev.

A Conversation on Affordable Healthcare

Monday, Oct. 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Panel includes: State Rep. Corey P. Paris, CT Health Advocate Sean King and Stamford Health's Matt Simon. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Stamford Health.

Financing Your Business

Thursday, Oct. 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Explore concepts, sources and tools for financing your business. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Citizens Bank.

Lawyers in Libraries

Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Discuss your case with an attorney. To book a required appointment, call 203 351-8221.

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Save the Date for the Pub Crawl

The Friends Literary Pub Crawl is November 15. It's a fun evening of food, conversation and literary-themed entertainment at downtown restaurants. We're delighted to partner with Bar Rosso, Hudson Social, Towne Parlor and ZAZA Italian Gastrobar. Registration opens soon.

Coming Soon

Cookbook author Lidia Bastianich December 14. Details to follow.



Book Shop News

October 7 is donation day at the Harry Bennett Branch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring *one* bag or box of your gently used books. On Saturday, October 14 stop by the Book Shop table downtown during the rescheduled Arts & Crafts on Bedford.

Bag Sale

Don't miss the Bag Sale Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Fill a bag with books for \$15. Includes all books and media.

Art Exhibit Opens October 3

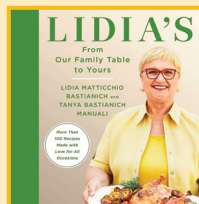
Our fall art exhibit, *Connecting Nature and People*, launches Tuesday, October 3 at 6 p.m. with an opening reception in the Main Library, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, features works by local and regional artists. The exhibit will be on view through January 18.

Pictured: *Growing* by Franklin Silva



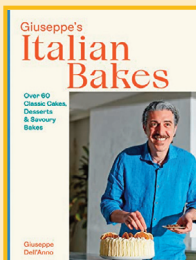
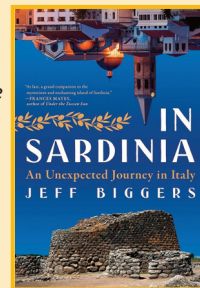
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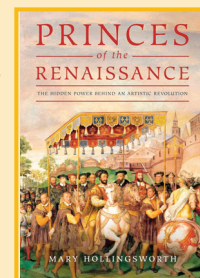
Lidia's From Our Family Table to Yours: More Than 100 Recipes Made with Love
by Lidia Bastianich

In Sardinia: An Unexpected Journey in Italy
by Jeff Biggers



Giuseppe's Italian Bakes: Over 60 Classic Cakes, Desserts & Savoury Bakes
by Giuseppe Dell'Anno

Princes of the Renaissance: The Hidden Power Behind an Artistic Revolution
by Mary Hollingsworth



Blood, Fire, & Gold: The Story of Elizabeth I and Catherine de Medici
by Estelle Paranque

The Hummingbird
by Sandro Veronesi



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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 to 6
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34 Woodland Avenue
203 351-8280
Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30
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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

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

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
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Halloween Programs

Friday Film Fest

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Screenings of family-friendly movies. Ages 10 and older.

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Paint a Tiny Pumpkin

Monday, October 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

Decorate a mini pumpkin in time for Halloween. Supplies will be provided. All ages; children younger than 7 must be accompanied by an adult. **RR.**

Wooden Pumpkin Craft

Wednesday, October 18 from 4 to 5 at WMH

Make a 3D wooden pumpkin to celebrate Halloween. Ages 8 and older. **RR.**

(Not So) Spooky Family Storytime

Wednesday, October 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
See Children's Storytimes for details. **RR.**

Creepy Crafts

Wednesday, October 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room
Make scary crafts, hear a creepy story and take a spooky Halloween photo to take home. Treats included. Costumes encouraged. **RR.**

HalloWednesday Teen Movies

Grades 6 to 12.

Wednesday, October 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Addams Family Values (1993)

Wednesday, October 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. at WMH

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) **RR.**

T-MAD Halloween Party

Friday, October 27 from 5 to 7 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program will celebrate with pumpkin-decorating, games, pizza and snacks. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

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Family screening of the 1993 fantasy comedy about three Salem witches, who are accidentally resurrected by Max and his little sister. The two must now steal the witches' book of spells to stop them from becoming immortal. Starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy. Rated PG. All ages.

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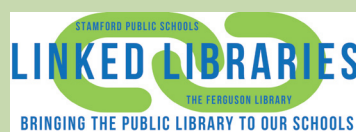
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FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES OCTOBER 2023

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

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

CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

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

Bennett Babies

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30 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.**

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 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, October 5, 12, 19 & 26 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, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 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, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 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.**

Afternoon Storytime

Wednesday, October 11 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Listen to stories and sing songs while building early literacy skills. Ages 2 to 6 with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

Picture Book Club

Wednesday, October 18 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Reading and discussion of *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe. Snacks will be served. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Movie Matinees

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Enjoy picture book videos of beloved children's classics. Ages 18 months to 5 years.

Baby & Toddler Playgroup

Thursday, October 5 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Kids play while caregivers meet and chat. Fun includes play time, a snack, a take-home craft and one-on-one support from a family and community engagement specialist from Sparkler, the child development app. Expectant parents welcome. Ages 5 and younger. **RA.** Presented in partnership with Sparkler.

Day of the Dead Craft

Saturday, October 14 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at SE

Enjoy music and food while creating traditional headpieces in preparation for a Day of the Dead celebration to be held November 4. All ages.

Fall Storycraft

Saturday, October 21 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Get inspired by our favorite fall stories then make a craft to take home. Ages 3 and older.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Open Game Nights

Mondays, October 2, 16, 23 & 30 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Play a game from the library's collection or bring your own game to play with others. Teens and adults.

Resume Workshop

Thursday, October 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to build a resume that highlights skills and experiences and convert it into ATS format to increase application visibility to employers. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Goodwill Careers.

Game Night: Werewolf

Tuesday, October 10 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 Werewolf. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Documentary Screening: Remembering the Family Store

Sunday, October 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A chronicle of downtown Stamford from 1940 to 1965 and the families and businesses that helped make Stamford what it is today. Teens and adults. Not rated. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County.

Craft Series: Paper Quilling

Tuesday, October 17 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room

Design your own papercraft masterpiece using the paper quilling technique. No experience necessary. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Writing Workshop

Wednesday, October 18 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room

Practice your writing with Stamford author and teacher Pat Dunn, who will offer inspiration and guidance. No experience necessary. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Banned Book Discussion: *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*

Thursday, October 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room

In this graphic memoir by Marjane Satrapi, the author describes growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. *Persepolis* was listed on the American Library Association's Top Ten Most Challenged Books in 2014. Drinks and snacks will be served. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Woodworking Workshop: Build a Stool

Saturday, October 21 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Learn the basics to assemble a foot stool using precut wood. No experience necessary. Supplies will be provided. One foot stool per family. Teens younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Film Club: *Little Shop of Horrors*

Saturday, October 21 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Screening and discussion of the 1986 film, where a nerdy flower shop employee seeks success and romance with the help of a giant plant with unusual appetites. Starring Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, Steve Martin, Levi Stubbs and Vincent Gardenia. Rated PG. Grades 6 to 12.

Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion: *The Cabin at the End of the World*

Wednesday, October 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom

In this thriller by Paul Trembley, Wen and her parents, Andrew and Eric, rent a cabin in the middle of nowhere to unwind and decompress, until one day four strangers show up and tell them a decision must be made to prevent the world from ending. Teens and adults.

