

## Message from the CEO



Our Youth Services team offers a variety of programs and services to help students go from learning to read to reading to learn. Most are familiar with our summer reading program, which is designed to help avoid the "summer slide." But not as many know about the work we do with Stamford Public Schools during the school year. For example, the Friends Book

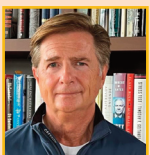
Shop offers teachers five free books each month for their classroom libraries. We also provide teacher cards with extended loans and can help teachers find materials for a subject unit.

Parents with elementary school students may know about our Purple Bus program that brings students to the DiMattia Building for an introduction to the library. And through our Linked Libraries service students can place a hold on a book and we will deliver it right to their school. Knowing that a home library is important, we offer book giveaways during the year in partnership with the Stamford Public Education Foundation. The Ferguson Library is here to support Stamford's youth.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

**All library locations will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, and will remain closed November 23 for Thanksgiving. We will return to our regular schedule the rest of the holiday weekend. Have a very happy holiday.**

## Harry Bennett Branch Spotlights Local Authors



Whitworth

We're delighted to welcome a number of local authors to the Harry Bennett Branch this month. On November 1 at 6 p.m. Anthony R. Whitworth will speak about his non-fiction book, *The Saltwater Highway, One Man's Journey Through the International Dry Bulk Maritime Market*. On November 7, also at 6 p.m., Elise Hart Kipness will discuss her debut novel, *Lights Out*, a thriller that follows a sports reporter's journey off the court into a world of murder and deception. The conversation will be moderated by bestselling author Wendy Walker. And on November 29 at 6:30 p.m., we'll have a lively panel discussion on books that are "ripped from the headlines" with authors T. M. Dunn, Wendy Whitman and Deborah Levison. You can register for all these events at [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events).

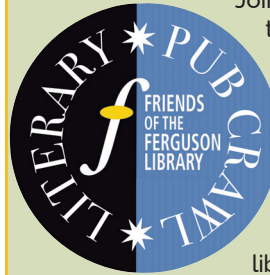


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## Friends Pub Crawl



Join us Wednesday, November 15 at 6 p.m. for the Friends Literary Pub Crawl. It's a fun evening of food, conversation and literary-themed entertainment at downtown restaurants. We're delighted to partner once again with Bar Rosso, Hudson Social, Towne Parlor and ZAZA Italian Gastrobar. We'll break into groups, head out to our assigned restaurants, and return to the library for coffee, dessert and more entertainment. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events). Tickets are \$40; \$30 for Friends members. If you want to be grouped with someone or need a special accommodation, please contact us at [pubcrawl@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:pubcrawl@fergusonlibrary.org).

## Howard Kaplan Memorial Lecture on Law and Society

Richard Freedman, President of Garden Homes Management, and Anika Singh Lemar, Clinical Professor of Law at Yale Law School, will debate affordable housing and whether current statutes and litigation are the best way to meet the housing crisis confronting Stamford and neighboring communities. The annual Howard Kaplan Memorial Lecture on Law and Society will be held Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org).



*This lecture is supported by the Stamford law firm Wofsey, Rosen,*

## Support Your Library with a Year-End Gift and Make a Difference!

Please remember the Ferguson Library in your year-end giving. Your donation of any amount to the Ferguson Library Foundation (the fundraising arm of the library) helps keep books and all the things you love at the library free and available to everyone in the community. Donate securely at [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org) or pick up a donation envelope at any library location. Thank you for investing in your public library.

## DIGITAL LIBRARY: Learning Express Workforce Solutions

Filled with vocational guidance tools, tips for resume writing, and the best interviewing techniques to achieve career success, this large collection of test prep guides covers real estate, law enforcement, nursing, teaching, post office, military, commercial driver's license (CDL), social worker, plumbing and other professional categories. Visit the High School Equivalency Center section for help on studying for your GED. To learn more and register, visit the library's A-Z Resources page.



**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 or **RA** Registration  
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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, November 6 from 11:30 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m. via Zoom**

*Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

### Spanish Book Discussion

**Thursday, November 9 from 5 to 6 p.m.**

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

*Arrancame la vida* de Ángeles Mastretta

### Short Story Book Discussion

**Wednesday, November 15 from 5:30 to  
6:30 p.m. at HB**

*White Dancing Elephants* by Chaya  
Bhuvanesar

### Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion

**Thursday, November 16 from 6 to 7 p.m.  
via Zoom**

*The Last Unicorn* by Peter S. Beagle

### Silent Book Club

**Saturday, November 18 from 2 to 3 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, November 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
via Zoom**

*The Great Mrs. Elias* by Barbara  
Chase-Riboud

### Access Health CT Insurance Enrollment

**Mondays to Fridays, November 1 to 30 from  
10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**ML, Second Floor Study Room**

Representatives from Access Health CT will  
enroll members for 2024 individual and family  
health insurance plans. Enroll by December 15  
to have coverage that begins January 1.

Presented in partnership with Access Health CT.

### Friends of the Ferguson Library Literary Pub Crawl

**Wednesday, November 15 from 6 to 9:45 p.m.**

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

See cover for details. **RR.**

## NEW! Harry Bennett Branch Local Author Series

**RR** for all programs. See cover for details.

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### Elise Hart Kipness, Author of *Lights Out*, in Conversation with Wendy Walker

**Tuesday, November 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
at HB**

## Mental Health & Wellness Series

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



### Zumba Dance Party

**Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 from**

**11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at HB**

**Saturdays, November 18 & 25**

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

Dance into fitness with instructor Pamela  
Arenas. **RR**

### Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

**Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 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.

### Documentary Screening: *Wine, Women, & Dementia*

**Wednesday, November 8 from 5:30 to  
8:30 p.m.**

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

Screening of *Wine, Women, & Dementia*, a film  
directed and produced by Kitty Norton that  
highlights the isolation, financial stress and  
physical and emotional toll that family  
members shoulder caring for loved ones  
with dementia. Connect with other caregivers,  
Norton and local professionals. SilverSource  
social workers will share information about  
community support service providers and  
resources. Refreshments will be served. **RA.**  
Presented in partnership with SilverSource.

### Afternoon Jazz with Joe Corsello

**Sunday, November 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

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

Drummer Joe Corsello returns for an afternoon  
of jazz, featuring saxophonist George Garzone,  
pianist Robert Marullo and bassist Peter Slavov. **RR.**  
Presented in partnership with the Italian Center  
of Stamford.

### Lung Health Talk: A Breath of Unfresh Air

**Monday, November 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at HB**

Dr. Michael A. Bernstein, Director for  
Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep  
Medicine at Stamford Health, will discuss  
wildfire smoke, other air pollutants and lung  
health in a presentation moderated  
by State Rep. Matt Blumenthal. **RA.**

Presented in partnership with Stamford Health.

### Art at the Ferguson:

#### Connecting Nature and People

**On display through January 18.**

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

Juried shows of works by local and regional  
artists.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art  
Association.

## Family Programs

### Day of the Dead Celebration

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A festival featuring traditional dance  
performances and a rangoli exhibition. Diwali,  
symbolizing the victory of light over darkness,  
is one of the most important holidays in India.  
All ages. **RA.**

Presented in partnership with GOPIO-CT and the  
Stamford Mayor's Multicultural Council.

### Holiday Movie: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*

**Friday, November 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**

Bring the family to see this animated 2009  
feature, which tells the tale of a wily fox who  
cannot resist returning to his farm-raiding ways  
after years of bucolic peace. Now he must help  
his community survive the farmers' retaliation.  
Starring George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Jason  
Schwartzman and Bill Murray. Rated PG. All ages.

### Howard C. Kaplan Memorial Lecture on Law and Society: Affordable Housing: What's Law Got to Do with It?

**Tuesday, November 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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

See cover for details.

### Author Panel Discussion: Ripped from the Headlines

**Wednesday, November 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
at HB**

Deborah Levison, Wendy Whitman and T. M.  
Dunn, authors of page-turning thrillers, will  
discuss their books, each inspired by shocking  
headlines that grip the nation. The discussion,  
to be moderated by Dunn, will include shared  
key elements of the authors' writing lives and  
tips about getting published. Reception at  
6 p.m.; program to follow at 6:30 p.m. **RR.**

### Public Library Tour

**Wednesday, November 1 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**ML, First Floor Lobby**

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

### Canasta Club

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

All levels welcome.

### Mah-Jongg Club

**Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 from 11 a.m.  
to 1 p.m. at HB**

Beginners welcome.



## English Language Learners

### Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

### Fall Semester Sessions via Zoom

**Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15 & 29**

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

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

**Tuesdays, November 7, 14 & 28**

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.

### Evening Sessions in Person

Practice your conversational skills in a group.

**Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB**

**Tuesdays, November 7, 14 & 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

ML, Lower Level Community Area

### Easy English for Beginners:

#### Side by Side Part 2

**Mondays and Thursdays, November 2, 6, 9, 13,**

**16, 20 & 27 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.**



### Death Cafe

**Thursday, November 2 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom**

A discussion about the awareness of death.

### Classic Movie Matinees

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

Screenings of films that celebrate friends and family

**November 3: *Soul Food* (1997)**

**November 10: *Grumpy Old Men* (1993)**

**November 17: *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (1987)**

### Friday Film Fest

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

Screenings of award-winning movies with memorable fall scenes

**November 3: *Good Will Hunting* (1997)**

**November 10: *When Harry Met Sally* (1989)**

**November 17: *Dead Poets Society* (1989)**

### Open Game Nights

**Mondays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.**

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Teens and adults.

### Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

### Dungeons & Dragons

**Thursdays, November 9 & 30 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.**

### Community Diaper Distribution

**Saturday, November 11 from 12 to 4:30 p.m.**

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Register to receive one week's worth of free diapers. Please indicate what size diapers you

## 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*

■ *Basic experience with MS Excel necessary*

● *No experience with HTML or CSS necessary*

◆ *Basic experience with the internet and using email necessary*

✦ *Basic experience with MS Word and PowerPoint necessary*

### Microsoft Excel for Business: Project Management

**Part One ▲■**

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

**Part Two ▲■**

**Thursday, November 9 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

### Introduction to Web Building: HTML and CSS ▲●

**Saturday, November 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

### Internet Self-Defense ▲◆

**Saturday, November 18 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Teens and adults.

### Microsoft Office Suite Integrated ▲■✦

**Saturday, November 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

### Tech Tips for Older Adults

**Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at SE**

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

need: from newborn to size 6, from 2T to 5T for pull-ups. Limited to two children per family. Supplies are limited but guaranteed for those who register. **RR.**

### Knit & Needles Knitting Group

**Mondays, November 13 & 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at HB**

All levels welcome.

### Health Check: Know Your Numbers

**Monday, November 13 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 and Human Services.

### Healing Drum Circle

**Monday, November 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SE**

A meditative gathering dedicated to healing the wounds of racism.

### Game Night: Forbidden Island

**Tuesday, November 14 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 Forbidden Island.

Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Harvest for Hope Turkey Giveaway

**Saturday, November 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

A giveaway of turkeys and bags of fixings to families in need to make sure no one in Stamford goes hungry this Thanksgiving.

Food will be distributed while supplies last.

Presented in partnership with *Inspirica* and the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut.

## Business & Career

### TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

**Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 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.

**November 2: Advisory Boards & Governance**

Ed Cesare, Managing Director, Pleaid Capital Management

**November 9: Term Sheets**

Frank Eucalitto, Attorney, Lowenstein Sandler

**November 16: Capital Tables & Valuation**

Charlotte Walker, Venture Investor

**November 30: Financial Modeling**

Ted Stone, Tech CXO

## Financial Literacy: Planning for the Future

Presented in partnership with Wealth Bridge Advisory Services, LLC.

### Understanding Social Security

**Wednesday, November 8 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, November 9 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 future healthcare expenses. **RR.**

### Understanding IRAs & Tax Planning

**Wednesday, November 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Learn how and when to tap assets like IRAs to supplement income and minimize taxes during retirement. **RR.**

### Understanding Housing Wealth & Reverse Mortgages

**Thursday, November 16 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.**

### Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong

**Saturday, November 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH**

at WMH

Afternoon of acoustic delights with Dr. Ev.

### La Tertulia de Stamford: Como el Primer Día

**Sunday, November 26 from 2:30 to 3 p.m.**

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Staging of *Como el Primer Día*, by César Sánchez Beras, a one-act drama about two people in a relationship that becomes toxic. **RA.**

### Lawyers in Libraries

**Thursday, November 30 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.

Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.



## FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



Please consider becoming a member of the Friends. The Friends of the Ferguson Library advocates for the library in the community and provides funding for many library programs, including summer reading, author events and children's storytimes. It's a great way to support the library and get involved in your community. Visit [fergusonlibrary.org/friends](http://fergusonlibrary.org/friends) to join for more information.

### Book Shop News



Shop small and local this holiday season. The Friends Book Shop, with locations at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch, is Stamford's only independent bookstore. All books are donated by the community and proceeds benefit the library.

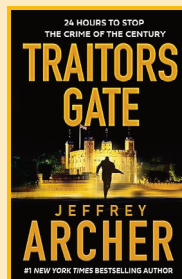
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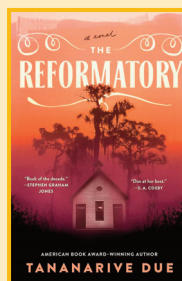
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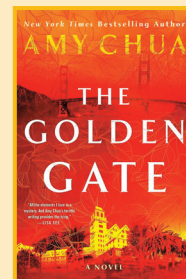
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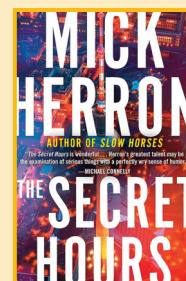
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by Jeffrey Archer



*The Golden Gate*  
by Amy Chua



*The Reformatory*  
by Tananarive Due



*The Secret Hours*  
by Mick Herron



*Whalefall*  
by Daniel Kraus



*My Darling Girl*  
by Jennifer McMahon

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1143 Hope Street  
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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)

**Friends Book Shops at the Ferguson Library**

**Main Library**  
Monday through Thursday 11 to 6  
Friday & Saturday 11 to 5  
Sunday 1 to 5

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

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**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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### How to Contact and Follow Us



Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261

Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk:

203 351-8221

Youth Services:

Main Library: 203 351-8242

Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294

South End Branch: 203 351-8280

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

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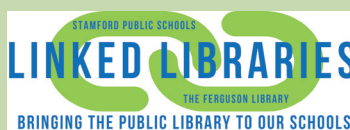


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# FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES NOVEMBER 2023

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](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events)

## CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

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

### Family Storytime

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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, November 2, 9, 16 & 30 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, November 3 & 17 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, November 3, 10 & 17 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.**

### Wee Ones @ Weed Storytime

Mondays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH

Songs, stories, rhymes and movement activities. Ages 2 and younger with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

### Bennett Babies

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.**

### Afternoon Storytime

Wednesday, November 8 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Wear your best jammies and settle in for "bedtime" stories while building early literacy skills. Ages 2 to 6 with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

### Picture Book Club

From 4 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Snacks will be served. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Wednesday, November 1

Reading and discussion of *Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora.

Wednesday, November 15

Reading and discussion of *Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando* by Andrea Wang.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Baby & Toddler Playgroup

Thursday, November 2 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.

### Cookies and a Canvas

Saturday, November 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB

Enjoy an afternoon of art by learning how to create a painting while snacking on cookies. All supplies will be provided. Ages 10 and older. **RR.**

### Preschool Movie Matinees

Tuesdays, November 14 & 21 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.

### Crafternoon: Tissue Paper Fall Leaves

Wednesday, November 15 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Celebrate the season's colors by creating a hanging leaf decoration using tissue paper. Grades 3 to 8. **RR.**



## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Play Nintendo Wii U

Saturday, November 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Program Room

Play popular Nintendo Wii U games like Mario Kart 8, Super Smash Bros. and ESPN Sports Connection. **RR.**

### Open Game Nights

Mondays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27 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.

### Create Henna Designs

Friday, November 10 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Learn how to mix and create designs with henna, a special dye used in South Asia, North Africa and the Middle East as adornment for holidays, weddings and special occasions. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

### Game Night: Forbidden Island

Tuesday, November 14 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 Forbidden Island. Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion: The Last Unicorn

Thursday, November 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom

In this fantasy book by Peter S. Beagle, a lone unicorn embarks on a journey to find out why other unicorns have vanished. Along her way, she encounters humans who don't recognize her as a unicorn, making it evident that unicorns have not been present in a long time. Teens and adults.

### Internet Self-Defense

Saturday, November 18 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn the tools that will protect you while you navigate the internet. Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard and have basic experience with the internet and using email. Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Film Club: Twilight

Saturday, November 18 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Screening and discussion of the 2008 film about Bella Swan, who moves to a small town in the Pacific Northwest and falls in love with a mysterious classmate who is a 108-year-old vampire. Starring Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Billy Burke, Sarah Clarke and Taylor Lautner. Rated PG-13.

### TinkerCAD Workshop

Saturday, November 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Find out about TinkerCAD, the perfect software for learning the basics of 3D modeling. All levels welcome. Grades 5 to 12. **RR.**

### T-MAD Meeting

Wednesday, November 29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton 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, chips and drinks will be served. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**