

Message from the CEO



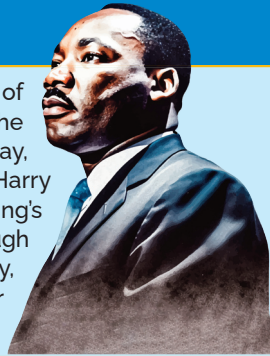
As we begin 2024, I always enjoy discussing priorities or resolutions for the next 12 months. In this new year, I can't think of anything more important than a robust discussion around intellectual freedom: freedom of expression, speech, the press and the companion right to privacy. At a recent listening session held by Connecticut state representatives, we learned that Connecticut is one of 11 states that have seen challenges of more than 100 book titles this year.

This problem is not far away. It is here. The impacts are chilling for those of us working on the front lines, and even more so for members of the public who find these challenged titles relevant to their lives. As a book sanctuary library, this year we resolve to do everything we can to protect challenged books and promote vigorous discussion about your right to read.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.

The library will celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with screenings of the award-winning biopic *Selma* on Monday, January 15 at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. The film chronicles Dr. King's campaign to secure equal voting rights through an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965. Check our calendar for details and other MLK programs.



Support for Sunday Hours

Many thanks to Judy Block for her generous gift to support Sunday hours. Her contribution will help underwrite the cost of providing service at the Main Library Sunday, January 7. Sundays are one of our busiest and most important days of the week and we are grateful for her donation.

If you would like to help us provide Sunday hours at the library, please contact Linda Avellar at linda@fergusonlibrary.org, 203 351-8208.

There's Still Time to Give to Our Annual Appeal

If you've already donated to the Library's Annual Appeal, **Thank You!** If not, there is still time to help. Your donation of any amount helps keep books and vital services like technology training, English-language learning and children's early literacy programs free and available to all. You can make a secure online donation at fergusonlibrary.org. Thank you for supporting your public library.

Save the Date: April 11 A Novel Affair



The Ferguson Library will hold its major fundraiser, *A Novel Affair*, Thursday, April 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The library will honor Steven Frederick and Wofsey, Rosen, Kveskin & Kuriansky for their service to the library and the Stamford community.

A Novel Affair is the Ferguson Library's signature benefit, raising funds to help support Stamford's public library. Early registration opens February 12.

Thank you to our major sponsors to date: **Morrison:** Friends of the Ferguson Library; **Du Bois:** George Family; Pitney Bowes; **Lahiri:** Judith Block; Garden Homes Management; Silver Golub & Teitell; The Herbert And Sarah M. Gibor Charitable Foundation; **Baldwin:** Abate & Abate, LLC; Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey; Andrea & David Cohen; KPMG; Stamford Health.

For sponsorship information, contact Linda Avellar linda@fergusonlibrary.org 203 351-8208.

Save the Date: February 8 Dr. Tanisha C. Ford

Don't miss the award-winning author Dr. Tanisha C. Ford at the Main Library February 8 at 6:30 p.m. She will discuss her book, *Our Secret Society: Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement*, the definitive story of Mollie Moon, the stylish founder of the National Urban League Guild.



Dr. Ford is a professor of history at The Graduate Center, CUNY, and author of *Dressed in Dreams: A Black Girl's Love Letter to the Power of Fashion* and *Liberated Threads: Black Women, Style, and the Global Politics of Soul*, winner of the 2016 Organization of American Historians' Liberty Legacy Foundation Award for best book on civil rights history.

Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. This event is free but registration is required at fergusonlibrary.org/events.


All library facilities will be closed Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day. On Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Main Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The branches will operate on their regular schedules.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: Kanopy

Calling all film lovers! Did you know that your Ferguson Library card gives you free access to thousands of critically acclaimed documentaries, independent and foreign films, the Great Courses, classic cinema and children's movies? The Kanopy streaming service can be used on all your favorite devices. Each month you'll receive 15 tickets to redeem for great content of your choice plus unlimited streaming from the Kanopy Kids collection. To start watching, sign up at kanopy.com/en/fergusonlibrary.

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Book Discussions

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

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Book Discussion

Monday, January 8 from 11:30 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

These Precious Days by Ann Patchett

Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, January 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room

La luz negra de María Gainza

Silent Book Club

Saturday, January 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.

at HB

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

Social Justice Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 17 from 5:30 to

6:30 p.m. at HB and via Microsoft Teams

Born a Crime: Stories of a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 17 from 6 to 7 p.m.

via Zoom

Neuromancer by William Gibson. Teens and adults.

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

Monday, January 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

via Zoom

All the Lonely People by Mike Gayle

Short Story Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 24 from 5:30 to

6:30 p.m. at HB and via Microsoft Teams

White Dancing Elephants by Chaya

Family Program: Three Kings Day Celebration & Singalong

Friday, January 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE

A celebration featuring musical performances by neighborhood youth and a singalong with friends and neighbors. Snacks will be served. All ages.

Presented in partnership with Nosotras.

Mental Health & Wellness Series

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



Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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.

Suicide Prevention Workshops: Question, Persuade, Refer

Tuesday, January 16 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

and Monday, January 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Presentation of Question, Persuade, Refer, a bystander intervention training program designed to teach how to step in and help someone who may be experiencing suicidal thoughts. Participants will learn to recognize early warning signs, identify if someone needs help and how to take action. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Department of Health and Human Services.

Ballroom Dance Workshop

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31 &

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

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

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

Teen Yoga

Saturday, January 20 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Instructor Ngan Nguyen will lead a yoga class exclusively for teens in the Hatha style. **RR.**

Opera Lecture: Giuseppe Verdi and Il Risorgimento

Wednesday, January 10 from 6 to

6:45 p.m. at HB

Educator Jeffrey Lowen will give a lecture about Italian opera composer Giuseppe Verdi and his influence on the Risorgimento movement, the 19th century campaign that led to the unification of Italy. Lowen will play clips of Verdi's music as part of his presentation. **RR.**

Harry Bennett Branch

Local Author Series: Gregg Sulzer

Saturday, January 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB

Gregg Sulzer, author of *27 Questions to Make You Sweat: A Workout Guide for the Soul*, will deliver his lecture *Finding Your Inner Yogi*. **RR.**

National Federation for the Blind Outreach Sessions

Thursdays, January 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and January 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room

Bring your lunch to hear from members of the Stamford-based National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut (NFBC), an affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. They will talk about their work on improving the lives of blind and visually impaired people in the state. The January 25 session will also include a workshop by the Connecticut Library for Accessible Books on accessing materials for the blind and visually impaired. **RR.**

Documentary Screening: *Owned: A Tale of Two Americas*

Saturday, January 13 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at SE

Directed by Giorgio Angelini, this PBS documentary exposes how the American housing policy market has been manipulated for years in discriminatory ways.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford MLK Committee.

Screening Commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.: *Selma*

Monday, January 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at HB

Monday, January 15 from 3 to 5:15 p.m.

and 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.

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Selma, the 2014 award-winning biopic, chronicles Dr. King's campaign to secure equal voting rights through an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965. Starring David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo and Oprah Winfrey. Rated PG-13. Teens and adults.

Friday Matinee: *Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves*

Friday, January 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB

A charming thief and a band of unlikely adventurers embark on an epic quest to retrieve a lost relic but things go dangerously awry when they run afoul of the wrong people. Starring Chris Pine, Michelle Rodriguez, Regé-Jean Page, Justice Smith and Sophia Lillis. Rated PG-13. Teens and adults.

Art at the Ferguson:

Connecting Nature and People

On display through January 25.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Juried show of works by local and regional artists.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.

A Year in Kimono Presentation & Japanese New Year Celebration

Saturday, January 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at HB

Sono Kimono presents *A Year in Kimono*, a lecture about the history of kimono from its origins to modern-day fashion. It will include a workshop where participants will dress in yukata, the cotton summer kimono popular for festivals and celebrations. The event will be followed by a celebration of Oshogatsu, Japanese New Year, with green tea, a mochi tasting and origami crafts.

Access Health CT Insurance Enrollment **Mondays to Fridays, January 2 to 12 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. Presented in partnership with Access Health CT.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry **Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Canasta Club

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB
All levels welcome.

Find Your Next Read with NoveList

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB

Learn how to use this free database to get book recommendations based on reading preferences. Bring a smartphone or tablet, and a library card.

Mah-Jongg Club

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB
Beginners welcome.

Death Café

Thursday, January 4 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Google Meet
A discussion about the awareness of death.

Knit & Needles Knitting Group

Mondays, January 8 & 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at HB
All levels welcome.

Open Game Nights

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

Winter Semester Sessions via Zoom

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30

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, January 10, 17, 24 & 31

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, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Thursdays, January 11, 18 & 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

Healing Drum Circle

Monday, January 8 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SE

A meditative gathering dedicated to healing the wounds of racism.

Game Night: Ticket to Ride

Tuesday, January 9 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 Ticket to Ride. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Make a Will for Free

Thursday, January 11 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 address. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Just In Case Estates.

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays, January 11 & 25 from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Join an imaginary band of heroes who brave dangerous situations. January 13 session for beginners only. Ages 18 and older. **RR.**

Personal Finance & Budgeting

Thursday, January 18 from 4 to 5 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to make informed and effective decisions regarding personal finances and money management. **RR.**

Lawyers in Libraries

Thursday, January 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Discuss your case with an attorney.

Business & Career

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

Thursdays, January 11, 18 & 25 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.

January 11 Leadership & Team Building

David Lyons, Principal, Den Corporate Advisors

January 18 Patents & Trademarks

Wesley W. Whitmyer Jr., Founder, Whitmyer IP Group

January 25 Business Formation & Contracts

Russell Anderson, Esq., Pullman & Comley

Maximizing LinkedIn

Thursday, January 25 from 3 to 4 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to create a profile, connect with business professionals, search for jobs, and gather referrals and endorsements from co-workers and supervisors. **RR.** Presented in partnership with Goodwill Careers.

To book a required appointment, call 203 351-8221.

Presented in partnership with the Connecticut Bar Association.

Using a Sewing Machine 101

Saturday, January 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn the basic parts of a lockstitch sewing machine and how to sew a variety of stitches. No experience necessary. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Save the Dates

Art at the Ferguson Opening Reception: Symphony of Colors

Thursday, February 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Juried show of works by local and regional artists of color. Reception will include a reading of excerpts by author Kelly Walters from her book *Black, Brown + Latinx Design Educators: Conversations on Design and Race*. On display through March 21.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.

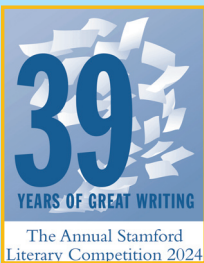
Lunar New Year

Sunday, February 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

The commemoration of the year of the dragon will include dance, music and a drumming performance. Snacks will be served. **RA.**

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2024 Literary Competition is Open

Entries for the Stamford Literary Competition are due February 9. The Literary Competition celebrates excellence in student writing and is open to Stamford students in grades 3 to 12. You can find the entry link at fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events.



Mini-Golf February 10 and 11

Fun for the whole family! Mini-golf returns to the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$5 per person, per round. Ages 3 and younger play for free. Refreshments at the "19th hole." Many thanks to all our sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor, First County Bank. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/events.

Book Shop News



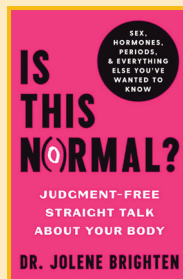
Don't miss the Friends' winter sale! Everything in both shops is 40% off through January 21. Friends members take an additional 10% off. All proceeds support the library.

Passport Day at Your Organization

We can bring passport services to your company or organization. Our passport team is available Monday through Friday to come to your location for the day. We offer photo and photocopy services along with the U.S. passport application process, and can provide instructions for your website. If you're interested contact Leida Lugo at llugo@fergusonlibrary.org.

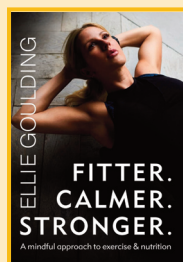
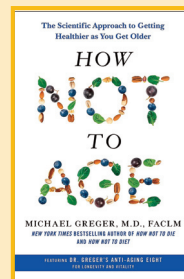
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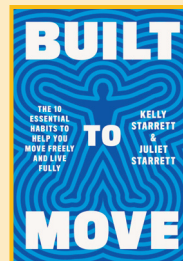
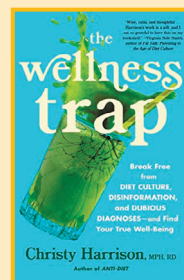
Is This Normal? Judgment-Free Straight Talk about Your Body by Jolene Brighten

How Not to Age: Scientific Approach to Getting Healthier as You Get Older by Michael Greger



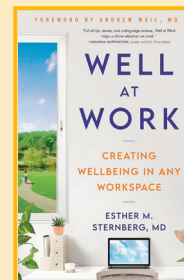
Fitter. Calmer. Stronger: A Mindful Approach to Exercise & Nutrition by Ellie Goulding

The Wellness Trap: Break Free from Diet Culture, Disinformation, and Dubious Diagnoses—and Find Your True Well-Being by Christy Harrison



Built to Move: The 10 Essential Habits to Help You Move Freely and Live Fully by Kelly Starrett

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Main Library
Monday through Thursday 11 to 6
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Check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile

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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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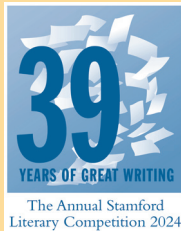
South End Branch: 203 351-8280

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

West Side Branch: 203 351-8242

2024 Literary Competition Now Accepting Entries

The Stamford Literary Competition celebrates excellence in student writing and is open to students who live and attend school in Stamford, and are in grades 3 to 12. Entries are due no later than Friday, February 9. Visit fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events for guidelines, categories, requirements and the entry form.



Action Movies

Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

Friday, January 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB

Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for adventure has taken its toll. He has burned through eight of his nine lives. He sets out on epic journey to restore them by finding the mythical Last Wish. Starring Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, Harvey Guillén and Florence Pugh. Rated PG. All ages.



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Commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.

Family Craft

Saturday, January 13 from

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at SE

Help us celebrate Dr. King by creating a scroll depicting his six principles of nonviolence. All ages.

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S 6 PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

PRINCIPLE ONE: Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people. **PRINCIPLE TWO:** Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding. **PRINCIPLE THREE:** Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice not people. **PRINCIPLE FOUR:** Nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform. **PRINCIPLE FIVE:** Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate. **PRINCIPLE SIX:** Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice.

Screening of Selma

Monday, January 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at HB

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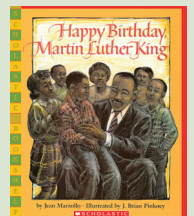


Book Bunch Club: Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King

Saturday, January 20 from 2 to 3:15 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Book Bunch Club is back! We will read and discuss the picture book by Jean Marzollo and do an activity based on the book. Snacks will be served. Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**



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

FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES JANUARY 2024

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CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

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

Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 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.

Family Storytime

Saturday, January 6 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, January 17 & 31 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Wednesday, January 24 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

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

Wee Ones @ Weed Storytime

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH

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

¿Como Se Dice? How Do You Say That? Bilingual Storytime

Thursday, January 11 from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. at WMH

Join Señora Addy and Librarian Mari for stories, songs and movement activities in Spanish and English. Ages 2 to 5. **RR.**

Picture Book Club

Wednesday, January 17 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Reading and discussion of *Nacho's Nachos: The Story Behind the World's Favorite Snack* by Sandra Nickel. Snacks will be served. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Babytime

Fridays, January 19 & 26 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.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Paint & Sip Jr.

Saturday, January 6 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

A relaxing afternoon of juice-sipping and painting winter scenes. Ages 5 and older; ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. **RR.**

Crafternoon: Cardinal Handprint Art

Tuesday, January 9 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Use paint and glue to create winter scenes featuring cardinals made with handprints. Grades 3 to 8. **RR.**

DIY Winter Terrariums

Friday, January 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

Use mason jars, tiny trees and small figurines to create a wintertime terrarium. Ages 10 and older. **RR.**

Preschool Movie Matinees

Tuesdays, January 16, 23 & 30 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.

Chess Club

Saturday, January 20 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Saturday, January 27 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Learn everything there is to know about this game of skill and strategy from instructor Alex Eydelman. Beginners welcome. Ages 7 and older. **RR.** Presented in partnership with the National Education Chess Teachers Association.

Make Paper Lanterns

Tuesday, January 23 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

Help us create paper lanterns to decorate the auditorium for the Japanese New Year celebration January 27. Lanterns may be collected the following week. Grades K to 6.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Open Game Nights

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 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. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Interpersonal Communication Workshop

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6 & 13 from 4 and 5:30 p.m. at WS

A six session workshop that will help teens build effective listening and speaking skills while understanding their personal communication styles. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.** Presented in partnership with Greater Stamford Toastmasters.

Game Night: Ticket to Ride

Tuesday, January 9 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 Ticket to Ride. Teens and adults. **RR.**

TinkerCAD Workshop

Saturday, January 13 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

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

Paint & Sip

Monday, January 15 from 12 to 2:30 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

An afternoon of painting and soda-sipping with our friends from Pinot's Palette. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion: *Neuromancer*

Thursday, January 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom

In this cyberpunk novel by William Gibson, we meet Case, the sharpest data thief in the matrix until he crossed the wrong people, who banished him from cyberspace. Now a mysterious new employer has recruited him for a last-chance run at a powerful artificial intelligence. Teens and adults.

Ballroom Dance Workshop

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31 & February 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

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

Hatha Yoga

Saturday, January 20 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Instructor Ngan Nguyen will lead a yoga class exclusively for teens in the Hatha style. Part of the Mental Health & Wellness Series. **RR.**

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

T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, January 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Rotary 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 will be served. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Using a Sewing Machine 101

Saturday, January 27 from 1 to 2 p.m.

or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn about the lockstitch sewing machine and how to sew a variety of stitches. No experience necessary. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Banned Book Discussion: *Ana on the Edge* by A. J. Sass

Wednesday, January 31 from 4 to 5 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room

Twelve-year-old figure skating champion Ana isn't a frilly dress kid, and has doubts about the princess theme for next season's program. Then Ana meets Haydn, a transgender boy, and their thoughts about the princess program and gender identity soon take center stage. *Ana on the Edge* was challenged by the Texas Legislature and a number of school districts. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**