Friends of The Ferguson Library

Summer Sales in the Book Shop
Come check out the summer deals in the Book Shop. All cooking and gardening books are 50% off through August 12. Then, the Shop’s Back-to-School sale begins August 21 to September 5.

The Friends are reinstating their teacher discount program too. As of August 21, Stamford teachers who sign up can get five free books for their classrooms every month. Details in the Book Shop.

Library User Finds Much to Enjoy
Marjorie Leecev has been a member of the South End Branch book discussion group for nine years and also takes advantage of computer classes and cultural programs at the Library. In fact, there isn’t much she doesn’t do here. “The Library is a reflection of the community” she says, “I love that you can attend an Indian cultural celebration, Chinese New Year, the Haitian book fair, and the South End Branch book discussion program too. As of August 21, Stamford teachers who sign up can get five free books for their classrooms every month. Details in the Book Shop.

Please remember us in your planned giving.
For information please call Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org

Staff Recommends: Social Justice

Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America by James Forman Jr.

Writings on the Wall: Searching for a New Equality Beyond Black and White by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

The Fractured Republic: Renewing America’s Social Contract in the Age of Individualism by Yuval Levin

The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do About Them by Joseph E. Stiglitz

We Too Sing America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multicultural Future by Deepa Iyer

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From the President’s Desk

Stamford has received a $2 million grant from CTNext to establish the city as one of several hubs for innovation, entrepreneurship and business growth around the state. The Ferguson Library is thrilled to be part of Innovate Stamford as one of the anchor institutions here in our city.

Innovation districts are areas within cities where anchor institutions connect with start-ups, business incubators and accelerators. As an anchor institution, The Ferguson has played an integral role. Through our Small Business Resource Center we have direct involvement with start-ups, and entrepreneurs. And our partnership with SCORE provides an opportunity for small business owners to grow all aspects of their business.

With the addition of our Makerspace and Virtual Reality Lab, we are increasingly engaged with tech entrepreneurs. We are now hosting 1 Million Cups—a monthly program for entrepreneurs to pitch their new business—and with a grant from First County Bank we will create a Tech and Entrepreneur Zone in the Library. We look forward to being part of Innovate Stamford and helping create an exciting place to work, play, learn and live.

– Alice Knapp, President

Focus on Ferguson

The Heart of the Community

Save the Date – October 24 Literary Pub Crawl

The Friends annual Literary Pub Crawl is October 24. Registration will open in early September. We’ll be “crawling” to some great restaurants again this year, with entertainment at each location. Details to come!

Mayor’s Youth Employment Program

Jhean Rodriguez, Anaila Pareja and Micah Anyenate (left to right) are rising high school seniors working at the library this summer as part of the Mayor’s Youth Employment Program. We’re thrilled to have their help with special projects and summer reading.

Find out about Library Events on Amazon Alexa

We’ve adopted a new way of sharing information via Amazon Alexa, the voice that powers the Amazon Echo, Dot and associated devices. If you own any of these devices, you can use “Alexa” what is happening at the Library and receive a summary of all the activities going on each day. If you don’t have an Alexa-enabled device, you can still subscribe to The Ferguson Library feed on Tether.com or download the Tether iOS App and follow the Ferguson Library calendar to receive customized updates over email.

New App for eAudio, eBooks and Magazines

You can now get digital audio books, magazines and eBooks from one app. RB Digital is an easy-to-use app that offers bestselling content in all three formats. Just register on our website (through the Digital Media page) then download the app on your device, and you are set to go. RB Digital replaces Zinio for magazine content.

Ferguson Wins Grant for Stamford Big Read

The Ferguson Library has received a $14,000 grant to host the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read in Stamford. The Big Read, which will take place in October, will feature the award-winning memoir, Brother, I’m Dying by Edwidge Danticat.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts MidWest. Stamford’s Big Read will involve other community partners, including UCONN Stamford. Brother, I’m Dying will be the incoming read for all freshens this fall. Author Edwidge Danticat and musician Emeline Michel will part take in a kick-off program at the Library October 1.

Thank you! Annual Appeal Raises $145,000

A big thank you to everyone who supported our 2016-2017 Annual Appeal. With your help we raised a record $145,000. The funds will help us buy books and other materials and offer programs like computer classes, job workshops and children’s storytimes. Thank you for supporting your public library!

Not Too Late to Join a Summer Reading Club

There’s still plenty of time to join one of our summer reading clubs. We have incentives and prizes for children, teens and adults. Make reading a family activity this summer!

Storytime Registration Starts Sept. 5

Registration for children’s storytimes begins Tuesday, September 5 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library, and September 6 at the Harry Bennett Branch. Registration is in person only the first day. Not all storytime programs require registration. Check our calendar or ask in the Youth Services Department.

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### Adult Programs

**ML** Main Library, DiMattia Building  
**HB** Harry Bennett Branch  
**SE** South End Branch  
**WMH** Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch  
**R** Registration Required

#### Films
**ML, Third Floor Auditorium** (unless otherwise noted)

**Thursday Night Talking Pictures**  
**Thursdays, August 10 at 6 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Board Room** A Quiet Passion The story of poet Emily Dickinson. With Cynthia Nixon, Jennifer Ehle and Keith Carradine. Directed by Terence Davies. Rated PG-13. 2017. UK. 126 minutes. Registration required. Call 203 351-8258 or email caucella@fergusonlibrary.org to reserve a copy of the DVD. Pick up at lower level desk, watch the film and come ready to discuss.

**Second Saturday Cinema**  
**August 12 at 2 p.m.**  
**Main Library, DiMattia Building**  
*Men by the Sea* A handmaiden returns to his hometown after the death of his brother to care for his nephew, Casey Affleck, Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler, Lucas Hedges, and Gretchen Mol. Directed by Kenneth Lonergan. Rated R. 2016. USA. 137 minutes.

**Third Thursday @ One**  
**August 17 at 1 p.m.**  
**Main Library, DiMattia Building**  
Allied. Two spies fall in love while posting a married couple for a mission in Casablanca during WWII. With Brad Pitt, Marion Cotillard, Jared Harris, Gary Oldman, and Lizzy Caplan. Directed by Robert Zemeckis. Rated R. 2016. USA. 124 minutes.

**Introduction to Bibliotherapy**  
**Saturday, August 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Board Room** Bibliotherapy is the practice of using literature as a form of therapy to improve one’s mental health and happiness. With author and publishing instructor Jamie Watters. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

**Introduction to Raspberry Pi**  
**Saturday, August 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.**  
You’ll be challenged to play on a palm-sized computer more powerful than the ones NASA used to put men on the moon. Register online.

**Save the Date**

**Julie Jason, Author of The AARP Retirement Survival Guide: How to Make Smart Financial Decisions in Good Times and Bad**  
**Wednesday, September 6 at 6 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**  
Investment advice Julie Jason offers retirement advice for people of every income level. Her award-winning weekly column is published in the Sunday business sections of the Stamford Advocate.

### Makerspace

**Main Library, DiMattia Building**  
**Third Floor Technology Center** (unless otherwise indicated)

**Registration required for all classes. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.**

**Time Management for Business People**  
**Who Don’t Have Time to Manage Their Time**  
**Monday, August 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at HB**  
Time management is everyone’s biggest challenge. In this fast-paced, entertaining program you will learn practical, real-world strategies for managing and getting control of your time.

### Computer Programs

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**  
**Registration required for all classes.**

**Call 203 351-8221 or 8222 for phone registration. For online registration, register at fergusonlibrary.org/event.**

**Introduction to WordPress**  
**Saturday, August 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Learn how to build a basic website and set up a free account at www.wordpress.com will be required before the first class. Register online.

**Budgeting in Excel**  
**Saturday, August 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Structure your finances and control your budget. Register online.

### ESL Programs

**Beginner ESL Literacy Skills for Adult Students**  
**Monday, August 7 from 6 to 9 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**  
8-week summer course. Register in person at the Second Floor Reference Desk. Supported by the American Library Association and Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

**Virtual Reality Free Play**  
**Saturday, August 5 from 2 to 5 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Wonder Lab**  
Enter the immersive world of the HTC Vive, where you can paint with light in three dimensions, explore distant locales with Google Earth VR and jam with invisible instruments.

### Adult Book Discussions

**Main Library, DiMattia Building**  
**Third Floor Board Room**  
**Tuesday, August 1 at 7 p.m.**  
Communewave by Ann Patchett

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
**Monday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m.**  
News of the World by Françoise Chandernagor

**La Hijia de la Chuparrosa**  
**Saturday, August 26 at 3 p.m. at ML, Fourth Floor**

**French Book Discussion**  
**Thursday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Spanish Book Club**  
**Saturday, August 26 at 2 p.m.**

**Introduction to Bibliotherapy**  
**Tuesday, August 1 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**  
Uncover the lesser-known aspects of resume writing such as considering your transferable skills, and formatting your resume for online applicant tracking systems. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

**Franklin Street Films Workshop**  
**Introduction to Bibliotherapy**  
**Saturday, August 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

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**Saturday, August 5 at 11 a.m.**  
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### Immersive Tech Lab

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### Registration

Register for Adult Summer Reading online or at any library location.

**Community Art Project**  
**Through August 17**  
**ML, First Floor Information Desk**  
Engrave your wish for a better world on a colorful butterfly, which will be displayed in the Library.

**Tell Your Story – How Can We Make this World a Better Place?**  
**Monday through Friday, by appointment**  
**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**  
**Stamford residents – Share your memories and dreams for a better Stamford.**

**Friends of The Ferguson Library**  
**Special programming at Commons Park, Harbor Point**  
**Walk & Talk with Books**  
**Tuesday, August 8 at 7 p.m.**

**Book Discussion**  
**Monday August 21 at 7 p.m.**

**Lumina String Quartet Saturday Summer Concert**  
**Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**  
Music of Hayes (String Quartet in G major Op. 17 #5), Almaz Z. Monassypov (Vocalis for Clarinet and String Quartet – featuring guest artist Philip Bashor), and Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky (String Quartet in E flat major Op. 30).**

**Stamford Artscape**  
**July 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday, August 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.**  
**ML, First Floor Lobby**  
Let the city be your canvas, as you create your own Augmented Reality, using a free app called Blippar.

**Summer Reading Club**  
**Final Party with Airborne Trio**  
**Thursday, August 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**ML, First Floor Auditorium**  
**Public member reception at 6:30 p.m. at WMH**

**Enjoy island sounds from this contemporary jazz group.**

**Concert, at 7 p.m.**

**“Rain location:** Harry Bennett Branch.

**Check our website by 12 noon.”**