Summer in the Book Shop
Be sure to stop by the Book Shop at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch for some great summer reads. The shops are featuring beach reads, books on gardening and grilling and more. All proceeds support the Library.

Literary Pub Crawl October 24
Mark your calendars. The third annual Literary Pub Crawl is October 24, 2017. Tickets go on sale soon. Great restaurants and entertainment. Details to come!

Bookmobile Visits Commons Park
Come on out and say hello when the Bookmobile visits Commons Park in Harbor Point July 12 and August 9. We’ll be there from 6 to 8 p.m. both days, in addition to our regular schedule visits through downtown Stamford. See the Locations page of our website for the complete Bookmobile schedule. Hope to see you on the Bookmobile this summer!

Focus on Ferguson
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From the President’s Desk
Welcome to summer and two months of reading, viewing, making, and crafting. For me, the summer months started with our June 1 Million Cups event (a program for local entrepreneurs to present their ideas). One of the companies that presented was Burbio.

What is Burbio? It offers a platform, which The Ferguson Library has adopted, for sharing information about community events. Daily library programs are now available via Amazon Alexa, the voice that powers the Amazon Echo, Dot and associated devices.

If you own any of these devices, you can “ask 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 Burbio.com or download the Burbio iOS App and follow the Ferguson Library calendar. You can also add events to your Apple or Google calendars.

Another way to find out about events at the Library!

– Alice Knapp, President

Women’s Fiction Night July 11
Hot Summer Suspense
It doesn’t get hotter than this – three bestselling authors for the Friends annual Women’s Fiction Night – Fiona Barton, author of the smash debut, THE DOMINION, out with her new book THE CHILD; Hallie Ephron (YOU’LL NEVER KNOW, DEAR) and Kate White (THE SECRETS YOU KEEP).

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 and include a wine reception with appetizers generously provided by Kona Grill, California Pizza Kitchen and The Cheesecake Factory. Register at fergusonlibrary.org. Proceeds benefit the Library.

Book Buddies Available to Read with Children
Let a Ferguson Library Book Buddy read to your young child this summer. College interns with the Stamford office of accounting firm KPMG are available in the Main Library Children’s Room Monday through Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

An adult caregiver must remain nearby. Look for the Book Buddy table in the First Floor Youth Services Department.

Join a Summer Reading Club
Summer reading is in full swing. Be sure to join one of our clubs for children, teens and adults as we Build a Better World. Make reading a family activity this summer! We have prizes and end of summer events for all our reading clubs.
Adult summer reading club: Build a better world

Register for adult summer reading club online or at any library location.

From July 9 to 23, we will be collecting story supplies for Book School Shop, a program sponsored by United Jewish Federation. When you donate a much-needed item for a kid’s book bag, you will receive a raffle ticket for prize drawing at the finale concert on Thursday, July 27. Donations accepted at all library locations.

Community art project
Through August 17 at ML
First floor information desk
Engrave your wish for a better world on a colorful butterfly to be displayed in the library.

Tell your story – how can we make this world a better place?
Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. at ML, Third floor Technology Center
Share your memories and wishes for a better world. Bring your memorabilia, record your story and receive a digital copy of your memories and memories on a CD. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Stamford ARTSCAPES
Saturday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday, August 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.
ML, First floor library

Wednesday, July 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Third floor technology center
Explore a virtual world. Drop-in and try on a virtual reality headset. Experience the world of virtual reality.

Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at HB

Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m.
Weed memorial & Hollander branch
Walk & Talk with books
Local artists from Pinot's Palette will guide you step by step to create your own masterpiece. Refreshments served. Registration required. Online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Swan cove
Thursday, July 13 at 2 p.m. at ML
Third floor auditorium
The magic hour
Thursday, July 18 at 2 p.m. at HB
Community dinner: Together at the Table
Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m at HB
Enjoy a light dinner with other members of the community. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

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Drop-in and try on a virtual reality headset. Experience the world of virtual reality.

How to make a better world – I start with myself – a MOY type event
Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m.
ML, First floor new materials room
Pitch/poetry/spoken word on the theme: How to Make a Better World – I Start with Myself. No notes. Up to 10 minutes.

Building a better world through art & culture: Find beauty and treasure at your local museum
Wednesday, July 19 at 2 p.m.
Films
La tortilla literary hour
Saturday, July 1, 15 at 2 p.m.
ML, Second floor study room
A literary salon with a focus on Latin American authors. In spanish.

Old folkies
Saturday, July 1 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH join Dr. Ev for an afternoon of toe tapping, finger snappin', acoustic delights.

Knitting circle
Mondays, July 10 & 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. at HB
Work on your project in a social setting.

STMAMFORD SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER
Registration required for all classes. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

How to use internet-based on-demand services to lower costs, increase productivity & deliver faster
Thursday, July 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.
ML, Third floor auditorium
With Matthew Krieger.

50 ways to get more customers
Wednesday, July 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at HB
With Simon Silverleaf and Bob Trinka.

Can you run your business from a $300 Chromebook?
Monday, July 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
With Bud Freund.

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ML, First floor library
Let the city be your canvas.

Mindfulness and meditation
Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Third floor auditorium

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ML, Third floor technology center
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Book discussion
Monday July 17 at 7 p.m.
Before the fall by Noah Hawley
Friends author series: Women’s fiction night – Wine & Speaker Suspense
Tuesday, July 11 from 6:30 to 8:00
ML, Third floor auditorium
Food, wine and conversation with Fiona Barton (The Child), Hallie Ephron (You’ll Never Know, Dear) and Gail J. White (The Secrets You Keep). Tickets are $15 and include a wine and appetizer reception. Appetizers generously donated by Kona Grill, California Pizza Kitchen, and The Cheese which. All proceeds benefit the library. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

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Family Squares
Saturday, July 29 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third floor auditorium
Mariana Medrana, published poet and activist, will share her thoughts on Haiti along with others from the Co-sponsored by the Mayor’s Multicultural Council.

Meet the author: Catie Marron
Author of City squares
Monday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third floor auditorium
The first of a series of community catalyst conversations on innovative solutions required for planning. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/resource.

The andrew gale film series
Monday at 3 p.m.
Main library, DiMattia building
Building a Better world
July 17
Planetary nation

July 24
The lost city of Z

July 31
The untamed