Friends of The Ferguson Library

**Friends Book Shop Collectible Sale**
Don’t miss the Book Shop’s Collectible sale Saturday, February 10 from 11 – 4 and Sunday, February 11 from 1 – 4 at the Harry Bennett Branch. Featuring vintage and nostalgic books and beautifully illustrated children’s books, art books, local history collections, and hard-to-find nonfiction at bargain basement prices. The snow date is Saturday, February 17.

**Literary Competition Entries Due February 9**
Entries are due February 9 for the annual Stamford Literary Competition. The contest is open to students in grades 3 – 12 who attend public or private school in Stamford, or who live in Stamford and attend school elsewhere. Entry forms are available at the Main Library and branches, through the schools and on the Friends page of the Library’s website.

**Friends Author Series: Bestselling Author Lisa Genova, March 21**
Mark your calendar for March 21 for an evening of food, wine, and conversation with Lisa Genova, the best-selling author of Still Alice. Lisa will talk about her new book, Every Note Played, a powerful story about ALS, that explores regret, forgiveness, letting go, and redemption. Tickets are $15 to benefit the Library. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

**Entrepreneur-in-Residence**
The Ferguson Library has launched a new effort to support entrepreneurs. An Entrepreneur-in-Residence is now available on a drop-in basis and by appointment to help early stage entrepreneurs conceptualize and grow their ideas into companies. Business people will also be able to get help with team formation and advice on resources such as legal and bookkeeping.

**From the President’s Desk**
Are you a Harry Bennett Branch user? We’re trying to raise money to replace the worn out carpet in the branch with a durable, washable flooring that will also help reduce noise. This beloved branch is nearly twenty years old, and has seen almost 3 million visitors in that time! We need to raise all the funds for this project, but thanks to generous donors and a grant from the Herbert & Nell Singer Foundation, we are well on our way. Your donation of any amount to our Go Fund Me campaign will help. And please spread the word. A lot of small donations can make a difference! – Alice Knapp, President

**A Novel Affair April 18**
It’s just two months away! Mark your calendar for A Novel Affair, Wednesday, April 18, when The Ferguson opens its doors for an evening of food and festivities to benefit the Library. We’re delighted to honor Sandy Goldstein for her community involvement and long-time contribution to the Library. We are pleased to acknowledge our sponsors to date:

- **Cervantes:** Friends of The Ferguson Library;
- **SL Green:** Hemingway; Stephen Corman; OdysseyRe;
- **Pitney Bowes, Purdue Pharma**
- **Dickinson:** Altria Group; First County Bank
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Reservations available by phone at 203 351-8225 or online at fergusonlibrary.org. You can support the event through a sponsorship or ad in our program. Please contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org for information.

**Teen Art Contest**
Win the chance to create a design for The Ferguson’s 2018 Teen Summer Reading Club. Submit a drawing based on this year’s theme, Libraries Rock! Entries are due March 5. For more information call Steve Zampino at 203 351-8245.

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**Staff Recommends: Relationships**
- **Stay or Go:** Dr. Ruth’s Rules for Real Relationships by Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer
- **Beyond Mars and Venus:** Relationship Skills for Today’s Complex World by John Gray
- **The Genius of Opposites:** How Introsverts and Extroverts Achieve Extraordinary Results Together by Jennifer B. Kahnweiler, PhD
- **Negotiating the Nonnegotiable:** How to Resolve Your Most Emotionally Charged Conflicts by Daniel Shapiro
- **Build Your Dream Network:**Forging Powerful Relationships in a Hyper-Connected World by J. Kelly Hoey

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**HOLIDAY HOURS**
The Library will be closed Monday, February 19 for Presidents’ Day.

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**THE FERGUSON LIBRARY**
FEBRUARY 2018
Registration Required

Adult Book Discussions
Wednesday, February 28 at 6 p.m., ML, Fourth Floor
Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners (ELL)
Practice your English at these free drop-in conversation groups.

Thursday, February 8 at 6 p.m., Main Library,

SE – Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
WMH – Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.
ML – Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Beginning English for Adult Learners
Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
12-week course for adult students. Registration required. Register in person at the second floor Reference Desk at the Main Library, DiMatta Building.

Knit & Needles
Monday, February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at HB
Work on your project in a social setting.

Mindfulness and Meditation
Mondays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 1 to 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Mindfulness meditation with a group. Led by the Community Mindfulness Project. Supported by Bankwell.

Stamford 1 Million Cups
Wednesday, February 7 at 8 a.m., ML, First Floor Lobby
Presenters: David Michonkos, CEO of Quigle Inc. and Vihakhar Ravat, Director of Business Development at easyME. 1 Million Cups is a free, national program designed to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Virtual Reality: Exploring the Smallest in the World
Wednesday, February 1 at 4:45 p.m., ML, Third Floor Board Room
Pre-planning for college for 8th to 11th graders and their parents, facilitated by Claire Friedlan of ReferenceUSA. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

JFS Workshop – Race to College
Monday, February 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., HB
Pre-planning for college for 8th to 11th graders and their parents, facilitated by Claire Friedlan, Jewish Family Service College Consultant.

Drop-in Virtual Reality
Thursday, February 15 from 3 to 5 p.m., HB
Experience the world of virtual reality. Paint with light in three dimensions in HTC Vive, walk around inside distant locales with Google Earth VR, or jam with invisible instruments.

CONNECTICUT INCOME TAX RETURN TO QUALIFIED AARP TAX-AID
Call 203-351-8221 or 8222.
April 8 (except February 25 and April 1)
return and social security cards. (except Presidents’ Day). Bring all 2017 tax documents.

Social Security cards or other official documentation required.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
6 p.m.
Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Films
ML, Third Floor Auditorium (unless otherwise noted)
Thursday Night Talking Pictures
Thursday, February 8 at 6 p.m., Main Library, DiMatta Building

Hunt for the Wilderpeople
With Julian Dennison, Sam Neill, Rima Te Wiata, Rachel House. Directed by Taika Waititi. Not rated. 2016. USA. 101 minutes. Registration required. Call 203 351-8258 or email caucella@fergusonlibrary.org to reserve a copy of the DVD, or watch the film using the Library’s Kanopy video streaming service, and come ready to discuss.

Hollander Branch
6 p.m.
TJ Pridell of ReferenceUSA hosts an interactive demonstration on using the various databases. Call to register.

Meditate with a group. Led by the Community Mindfulness Project. Supported by Bankwell.

Harm onica Virtuoso Concert
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The Literary Hour of La Tertulia/ La Literaria de La Tertulia
Sundays, February 4 & 18 from 1 to 3 p.m., ML, Third Floor Board Room
An literary salon with a focus on Latin American authors. In SPANISH.

Tea & Gifts
Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m., Hollander Branch
Enjoy an evening of romantic music with classical guitarist Marc Strauss, To Go Media.

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Wednesday, February 1 at 4:45 p.m., ML, Third Floor Board Room
Scientists have mapped the human body in 3D. Here’s your chance to explore everything that pulses and tingles under your skin. No registration required.

Palm Leaf Art
Saturday, February 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Palm leaves were the original medium of ancient manuscripts in coastal parts of India. Try this traditional art form. Register at the library or call 203 351-8222.

Civility in America: Civility and the Future of Race Relations
Wednesday, February 21 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
No experience required. Call to register.

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Moose and keyboard skills required. Call to register.

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Wednesday, February 7 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at HB  
Calm: Mindfulness for Teens  
Wednesdays, February 14, 21 & 28 at 3:30 p.m. at HB  
A mindfulness program for teens to come and take a breath and create. Grades 6 to 12.  
Teen Film  
Tuesday, February 20 at 2 p.m.  
ML, Third Floor Auditorium  
Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children. Rated PG –13. 127 minutes. Grades 5 and up.  
Drop in and Draw  
Saturday, February 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.  
ML, Lower Level Program Room  
Learn about drawing and digital illustration from local artist Syid Massiah, then work on a piece to enter in the 2018 Teen Art Contest. (Deadline for entries is March 5.) The theme is Libraries Rock! Grades 6 to 12.  
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| **HB** Harry Bennett Branch | **SE** South End Branch | **WMH** Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch | **RR** Registration Required |
| **T-MAD**  
Wednesday, February 7 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at HB  
| **W M H** Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch | **R R** Registration Required | **M L** Main Library, DiMattia Building | **H B** Harry Bennett Branch |

- **No storytime programs are held when Stamford schools are closed or delayed.**

#### Sing and Stomp

A song and dance party. Ages 18 months to 3 years old.
- **ML** – Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.  
  February 7, 14, 21 & 28  
- **H B** – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
  February 7, 14, 21 & 28

#### Toddler Time

- **W M H** – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
  **FULL**  
  February 6 & 13

#### Family Storytime

- **M L** – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
  February 6 & 13

- **H B** – Saturday, February 3 at noon

#### Drop-in Storytime

- Songs, movement, and stories for walking babies up to age 3.
  - **Tuesday, January 9 at 10:15 a.m. at W M H**

#### Budding Bookworms

- Ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult. Books, songs and movement.
  - **S E** – Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
    February 6, 13, 20 & 27

#### Every Child Ready to Read

- Ages 3 to 5 with an adult. Sponsored by The Ferguson Library Foundation’s Harvey Fund. The five skills necessary to become readers. RR.
  - **M L** – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
    **FULL**  
    February 6 & 13

#### Step Ahead

- Ages 3 to 5. No registration required for individuals. Groups must call ahead to reserve a space.
  - **M L**—Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
    February 7, 14, 21 & 28

#### Baby Time

- Pre-walking babies with an adult. Traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more.
  - **M L** – Fridays at 10:15 a.m.  
    February 2, 9 & 23 and Saturday, February 3 at 10:30 a.m.  
    **H B** – Fridays at 11:15 a.m.  
    February 2, 9 & 23  
    **W M H** – Mondays at 11:15 a.m.  
    **February 12**

#### Preschool Storytime

- Ages 3 to 5 years old. Listen, sing and create at this storytime and craft program. RR.
  - **H B** – Fridays at 3:30 p.m.  
    **FULL**  
    February 2, 9 & 23

#### Mother Goose

- Walking babies under two years with an adult. Rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement. RR.
  - **M L** – Mondays at 10:15 a.m.  
    **FULL at M L**  
    February 5, 12 & 26  
    **H B** – Mondays at 10:15 a.m.  
    **FULL at H B**  
    February 5, 12 & 26

#### Intro to Every Child Ready to Read

- Ages 2 to 3½ with a participating adult. Early literacy activities. Sponsored by The Ferguson Library Foundation’s Harvey Fund. RR.
  - **H B** – Mondays at 11:15 a.m.  
    **FULL**  
    February 5, 12 & 26

#### Drop-In Toddler Time

- Songs, fingerplays, movement activities, and stories for walking babies up to age 3.
  - **Tuesday, February 27 at 10:15 a.m. at W M H**

#### Two’s Company

- Age 2 with an adult. Picture books, rhymes, music and movement. RR.
  - **M L** – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.  
    **FULL**  
    February 1, 8 & 22

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### Makerspace

- **NEW OPEN HOURS**  
  **M L** Lower Level Makerspace  
  Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.  
  Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m.  
  Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m.  
  Learn, play and discover with cutting edge technology in our M.A.C.H. Room.

### Homework Café

- **February 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 27 & 28 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at S E**  
  Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.
**Children’s Programs**

**Kindergarten Information Night for Parents**
*Thursday, February 1 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.*
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Stamford Public Schools early childhood specialists discuss preparing your preschooler for kindergarten. Babysitting services available. Sponsored by Stamford Public Schools.

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**
*Saturday, February 3*
Celebrate the 7th Annual National Take Your Child to the Library Day!

**Baby Time at 10:30 a.m. at ML**
*Third Floor Auditorium*
Traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. For pre-walking babies with participating adult.

**Family Storytime at Noon at HB**
The whole family can drop in for this weekend storytime. For families with children 5 and under.

**Peter Rabbit Tea at 2 p.m. at ML**
*Third Floor Auditorium*

**Enter our raffle at the Main Library Youth Services Desk. Stickers at all library locations!**

**Picture Us Reading Book Club**
*Thursdays at 4 p.m. at SE*
Read aloud and discuss. Ages 7 and up.
*February 8 – Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport (postponed from an earlier date)
*February 22 – Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton

**Sing Along with Dr. Ev**
*Monday, February 5 at 1 p.m.*
*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*
Music-making and movement with Dr. Ev. Age 5 and under with an adult.

**Calm: Mindfulness for Kids**
*Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26 at 4:15 p.m. at HB*
A mindfulness program for kids. Grades 1 to 5.

**Crayon Creations**
*Thursday, February 8 at 4 p.m. at WMH*
Ages 10 to 12. *RR.* Call 203 351-8287.

**February Storycraft**
*Saturday, February 10 at 11 a.m.*
*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*
Celebrate love and friendship with stories and a craft you can take home. Ages 3½ to 8. Families welcome.

**Friday Flick**
*Friday, February 16 at 2 p.m.*
*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*
*Wonder.* Based on the novel by R.J. Palacio. Rated PG. 113 minutes. Ages 6 and up.

**Little Studio Art Program: Kindness Crafts**
*Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m.*
*ML, Lower Level Program Room*

**Black History Month: Open Mic Performance**
*Sunday, February 18 at 1 p.m.*
*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*
Participants, ages 11 to 18, share their talents, ranging from spoken word, song, poetry, or instrumentation. (Registration to participate closes February 1.) Co-sponsored by the Mayor’s Multicultural Council.

**Library Olympics**
*Tuesday, February 20 at 1 p.m. at WMH*
Create your country and compete in challenges for a medal. Ages 5 to 12. Families welcome. *RR.* Call 203 351-8287.

**Fort Storytime**
*Wednesday, February 21 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at HB*
Storytime for families with children 5 and under.

**Kids’ Book Discussion**
*Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m.*
*ML, Lower Level Program Room*

**Bookends Book Group**
*Thursday, February 22 at 4:15 p.m. at HB*
Book group for 1st and 2nd graders. Snacks.

**ArtsKids: Interactive Performance Workshop – DRUMMING**
*Saturday, February 24 from 10:30 a.m. to noon*
*Palace Theatre, 61 Atlantic Street, Stamford*
Have fun with West African drumming, hip hop, drumline and street drumming. No previous drumming experience necessary. Grades 2 to 4. *RR.* Call 203 351-8242. ArtsKids is generously underwritten by The Palace Theatre.

**Indoor Camping Storytime**
*Saturday, February 24 at 3:30 p.m. at WMH*
Songs and stories around the campfire. Ages 18 months to 5 years with caregiver. Blankets and camping equipment encouraged.

**Black History Month Celebration: Come Rock with Us**
*Wednesday, February 28 at 4 p.m. at SE*
Create your own “Black History Month Rock” with expert rock painter Ms. Rita. Family program. All ages.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Our Revolution: A Multi-Media Performance**
*Thursday, February 1 at 4 p.m.*
*(Doors open at 3:30 p.m.)*
*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*
The story of an African American soldier in the Continental Army as he struggles to find a place for himself during the birth of a new country and a new people. Written by Rachel Atkins and performed by Living Voices Theatre Company. Presented by The American Connection. All ages. Co-sponsored by the Mayor’s Multicultural Council.

**Chinese New Year Celebration**
*Sunday, February 11 at 2 p.m.*
*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*
Celebrate the Year of the Dog and enjoy a performance by a Chinese acrobat, a Taekwondo demonstration, dragon dance and more. Ages 5 and up.

**Curiosity Concerts: I Go On Singing**
*Saturday, February 24 from 3 to 4 p.m.*
*ML, Third Floor Auditorium*
A rousing musical tribute to Paul Robeson – an all-American athlete, scholar and recording artist. Draws on Robeson’s original arrangements from spirituals to Broadway. Generously underwritten by Curiosity Concerts. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

For more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org