**Focus on Ferguson**

**The Heart of the Community**

**From the President’s Desk**

I doubt that John Day Ferguson, arguing in 1868 that fiction books should be available in public libraries, ever said Libraries Rock. His passion for reading and self-improvement indicates he might have used the 19th century equivalent, “Libraries Benjo” (sailor slang for a riotous holiday, a noisy day in the streets.) But he instinctively knew what scientists proved in the early 21st century – that reading fiction encourages empathy.

I was reminded of this fact when Lisa Genova (Still Alice), at a recent Friends’ Author Series event, discussed how fiction triggers empathy and improves social behavior. As we read about a character we feel what that person is feeling. And this summer, once again, we have an opportunity to read together as a community and, hopefully, feel a little more empathy for one another.

Whether you read to improve your social skills, prevent the summer slide, socialize, or for pure enjoyment, The Ferguson Library has robust summer reading programs and our librarians can find the right book for you.

—Alice Knapp, President

**CrimeCONN June 23 Mystery Lovers’ Conference**

The friends of The Ferguson Library is teaming up with the Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter to host CrimeCONN, a one-day mystery lovers’ conference. June 23. The event is aimed at readers and writers of all levels, and will include panels on forensics and law enforcement, mystery writing for the big and small screen, and a behind-the-scenes look into craft and publishing.

The day-long conference includes a light breakfast and lunch. Tickets are $45 for general admission. $35 for MMW members, friends, members, and students. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

**Summer Reading @ The Ferguson Libraries Rock!**

Libraries Rock! That’s the theme for our adult, children’s and teen summer reading clubs this year. The children’s summer reading program kicks off Saturday, June 16 with fun activities at all locations. Kids are rewarded throughout the summer for minutes read, with a grand finale in August at the Palace Theatre. The adult summer reading club begins Friday, June 22. We’ll have engaging programs all summer, including a painting class with Pinot’s Palette. We’ll also be raffling off some great prizes this year.

Sign up online and check the calendar for details on all our summer reading events.

**Join us for Stamford’s ARTWALK June 22**

Be sure to stop by the Library when you enjoy Stamford Downtown’s ARTWALK Friday, June 22. The Ferguson Library, featuring the exhibition, “Memory of Stories,” is one of seven galleries that will be hosting wine and cheese receptions that evening. The Library will be open until 8 p.m. on the 22nd with music on the plaza and in the auditorium. And dance lessons too!

Join us for music, art, wine and cheese and a great time.

**Harry Bennett Flooring Project**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the campaign for new flooring at the Harry Bennett Branch. Through our Go Fund Me site and other donations, we have raised $183,000, enough to do a large part of the branch.

The new flooring will replace the building’s aging and hazardous carpet with a “green,” acoustical flooring product that will also absorb sound. We plan to go to bid on the project later this summer.
Adult Programs
ML Main Library, DiMattia Building
HB Harry Bennett Branch
SE South End Branch
WMH Weehawken Memorial & Hollander Branch
RR Registration Required

Adult Book Discussions
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m.
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Less by Andrew Sean Greer

South End Branch
Monday, June 25 at 7 p.m.
Buy Me a Drink and I’ll Tell You Everything by John Keefe

French Book Discussion
Saturday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.
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Spanish Book Club
Saturday, June 30 at 3 p.m.
Tesoros de la tierra de la mitología: un viaje de la cultura andina

Summer Reading Clubs – Libraries Rock!
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**Children’s Programs**

*for more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org*

**Fun with Fine Art for Kids**
Saturday, June 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
ML, Lower Level Program Room
We'll create colorful hanging mobiles inspired by the kinetic sculptures of Alexander Calder. Led by Laura McGowan, former Education Coordinator at the Morgan Library & Museum. Ages 7 to 10. RR Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

**Family Program: INTEMPO Children’s Recital**
Sunday, June 3 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
INTEMPO intercultural music presents their summer recital, featuring youth, ages 6 to 15, playing the violin, viola, guitar, chimes, and percussion, and singing in multiple languages. Reception.

**Sing Along with Dr. Ev**
Monday, June 4 at 1 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Music-making and movement with Dr. Ev. Ages 7 and under with adult.

**Homework Café**
June 5, 6 & 7 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at SE
Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.

**Picture Us Reading Book Club**
Thursday, June 7 at 4 p.m. at SE
Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed. Read aloud and discuss. Ages 7 and up. Read to Skylar
Saturday, June 9 at 11 a.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Practice reading with Skylar, a certified therapy dog. Ages 6 to 8. RR Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

**Father’s Day Craft**
Thursday, June 14 at 4 p.m. at SE
Create a keepsake for the father, grandfather, uncle or special person in your life. Ages 6 and up.

**A Midsummer Night’s Dream**
Sunday, June 17 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Shakespeare on the Sound’s Apprentice Players introduce you to the characters and themes of this summer’s production, A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Ages 5 and up.

**Kids’ Book Discussion**
Thursday, June 28 at 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar
Marshall and Tamaya take a shortcut through the woods and encounter a mysterious, bubbling puddle, which could put them in more danger than the bully they were trying to avoid. Refreshments and gift books. For kids entering grades 4 to 6. RR Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event, then drop in and pick up a copy of the book.

**Brown Bag Lunch**
Thursday, June 28 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB
Book discussion for 1st to 3rd graders. Bring your own lunch.

**MA/C/ROOM**

**Makerspace: Felted Soap**
Saturday, June 30 from 1 to 3 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Work with natural wool fibers and a bar of soap to create a unique and artistic bath product. Ages 8 to 12. RR Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

**Summer Reading Pre-Kickoff Craft**
Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
It’s the final countdown to our summer reading club, Libraries Rock!, and we need your help to make some music-themed mobiles for our main event. Ages 5 and up.

**DIY Instruments**
Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m. at WMH
Drop in to sign up for summer reading and create your own instrument. All ages.

**Ice Cream Social and Face Painting**
Saturday, June 16 at Noon at SE
Join the team, enjoy an ice cream social, and have your face painted.

**Kick-Off: Bach2Rock**
The Science of Sound
Saturday, June 16 at 2 p.m. at ML
Ever rocked out to the electric violin? Caryn Lin will take you on a journey from the classical days of Bach to today, using modern techniques, including looping and other effects to produce unique soundscapes. Ages 5 and up.

**Music Tape Resist Art**
Friday, June 29 at 4 p.m. at HB
For families with children 5 and up.

**Summer Reading**
Saturday, June 16 at Noon at SE
Join the team, enjoy an ice cream social, and have your face painted.

**Sing & Stomp**
A song and dance party! Walking toddlers to 3 years with adult.
ML and HB – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.
June 6, 13, 20 & 27

**Ferguson Outdoors**

**Lawn Chair Stories**
Mondays, June 4 & 18 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at HB
Bring your blankets and chairs and join us on the lawn for stories. Ages 3 to 5. Families welcome. Rain location: Harry Bennett story circle

**Storystyle at Commons Park, Harbor Point**
Mondays, June 4, 11 & 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Stories for children ages 12 months to 4 years. (Weather permitting)

**Picture Book Putt Putt**
Saturday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at WMH
Putt your way through your favorite book covers on our mini golf course. Ages 4 to 10.

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**YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR & PROGRAMS**

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**Children’s Storytimes**

**MA/C/ROOM**

**Makerspace**

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**Teen Programs**

**Teen Summer Reading Volunteer Training**
Teen volunteers help run the children’s and teen summer reading clubs, help kids with computers, and assist with special projects. Ages 12 to 18. Applications are available at the Library and online and must be submitted at least one day before training. Volunteers must attend training. Limited openings at Harry Bennett and Weed branches. ML, Third Floor Auditorium and HB Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, June 13 at 4 p.m.

**Teen Summer Reading Club Kick-off Play Just Dance 2018**
Saturday, June 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Teen Room
 Shake what you’ve got! Challenge other teens or just have a good time dancing. Grades 6 to 12.

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

All our programs are generously supported by the Friends of The Ferguson Library
# The Ferguson Library Youth Services JUNE 2018 Calendar

All programs are drop-in unless indicated otherwise.

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

**Recital, all ages, 2 pm**

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**M.A.C.H. Room OPEN HOURS:**

- **ML Lower Level Makerspace**
  - Sundays, 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.

**Makerspace:**

**Homework Café**

- **June 5, 6, and 7 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at SE**
  - Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.

**Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE**

**Picture Us Reading Book Club, Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed, age 7 and up, 4 pm SE**

**Join the 2018 Summer Reading Clubs this month!**

- **Hands On Storytime, ages 3 to 5 with an adult, 3:30 pm HB**
- **Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:30 am ML**
- **Fun with Fine Art for Kids, ages 7 to 10, 10:30 am ML, RR**
- **Summer Reading Club Kick-off, Play Just Dance 2018, grades 6 to 12, 2 pm, ML**
- **Picture Book Putt Putt, ages 4 to 10, 10 am WMM**
- **Family Storytime, ages 5 and under, 12 pm HB**
- **Teen Summer Reading Club Kick-off, Play Just Dance 2018, grades 6 to 12, 2 pm, ML**
- **Picture Book Putt Putt, ages 4 to 10, 10 am WMM**
- **Family Storytime, ages 5 and under, 12 pm HB**

### LIBRARIES ROCK!

**Registration begins for the Children’s and Teen Summer Reading Clubs ALL LOCATIONS:**

- **DIY Instruments, 10 am WMM**
- **Ice Cream Social and Face Painting, Noon SE**
- **Back2Rock: The Science of Sound, ages 5 and up, 2 pm ML**
- **Family Storytime, ages 5 and under, 12 pm HB**
- **Teen Storytime, ages 12 to 18, 10:30 am ML and HB**
- **Read to Skylar, ages 6 to 8, 11 am ML, RR**
- **Summer Reading Pre-Kickoff Craft ages 5 and up, 2 pm ML**
- **Father’s Day Craft, ages 6 and up, 4 pm SE**

### LOCATION S

- **HB Harry Bennett 203 351-8294**
- **SE South End 203 351-8823**
- **WMM Weed Memorial & Hollander 203 351-8287**
- **ML Main Library, DiMattia Building 203 351-8242**
- **RR Registration Required**

### M L Lower Level Makerspace

- **Budding Bookworms, ages 18 months to 4 years, 10 am SE**
- **Toddler Time, ages up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am WMM**
- **Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE**
- **Sing and Stomp, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am ML and HB**
- **Father’s Day Craft, ages 6 and up, 4 pm SE**
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### WMM Weed Memorial & Hollander

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### Makerspace: Felted Soap, ages 8 to 12, 1 pm ML, RR

- **Fun w ith Fine Art for Kids, ages 5 and under, 10 am HB**
- **Family Storytime, ages 5 and under, 12 pm ML**
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