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Passport Services

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Literary Pub Crawl October 16
Registration is open for our fourth annual Literary Pub Crawl. We'll start at the Library and “crawl” to several downtown restaurants, including Bar Rosso, Cask Republic and Hudson Grille. Tickets are $15. You’ll enjoy entertainment at each location. Sign up early — we always sell out! Register online.

Book Shop News
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THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

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Staff Recommends:

STEM Titles for Kids

MAKE LAB

Maker Lab Outdoors: 25 Super Cool Projects by Jack Challoner
Prototyping Your Inventions by Kristin Fontichiaro
Building Squishy Circuits by Ann Marie P. Thomas
How Could We Harness a Hurricane? by Vicki Cobb
Kids Get Coding: Coding in the Real World by Heather Lyons

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Adult Programs
ML Main Library, DiMatta Building
HB Harry Bennett Branch
SE South End Branch
WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
RR Registration Required

Alphabet Soup Discussions
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m. (Please note date change)
Less by Andrew Sean Greer

Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m.
Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Spanish Book Club
Saturday, September 22 at 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center

South End Branch
Monday, September 24 at 27 p.m.
Orange Mint & Honey by Carleen Brice

Main Library, DiMatta Building
Third Floor Rotaty Room
Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.
Frucht des Lichtentree by Ingrid Rozic, Cartographic Production

French Book Discussion
Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Fourth Floor
La beauté des jours by Claudie Gallay

Makerspace
ML, Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise indicated)
Online registration at fergusonlibrary.org/event/

Folk and Tribal Arts of India
Saturday, September 15 at 3 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Makerspace
Learn about tribal arts forms of India and work on a small piece of art. RR. Online register at fergusonlibrary.org/event/

Introduction to Knitting
Saturday, September 29 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Learn how to make a scarf with knitting and crocheting basics. Needles and yarn provided. RR. Call 203 351-8221.

Computers

Ferguson Library

Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners (ELL)
Practice English at these free drop-in conversation groups.
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Second Saturday of every month at 2 p.m.

Microsoft Word
Beginning Intermediate Word
Saturday, September 13 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Mouse and keyboard skills required.

Intermediate Excel
Saturday, September 29 from 2 to 3 p.m.
Must be familiar with basic Excel, keyboard, and Windows.

Microsoft Excel
Advanced Excel
Saturday, September 29 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Intermediate English: Employment Success for Adult English Language Learners
Mondays, September 17 & 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12 at 6 p.m.

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Saturday, September 29 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Planning required for each session.

Wednesday, September 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Children’s Programs

for more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org

Rookie Readers
Thursdays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

Read aloud and discuss the book, followed by a craft/activity. Snacks. Ages 5 to 7.

Kids’ Book Discussion
Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story
by Nora Raleigh Baskin
On September 9, 2001, four kids from different parts of the country cross paths for an instant. They have no idea that two days later their lives will change forever. Refreshments and gift books. Grades 3 and up. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

M.A.C.H. Room
Makerspace
OPEN HOURS
ML Lower Level Makerspace
Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, 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.

Ferguson Library MakeFest 2018
Saturday, September 15 from noon to 4:30 p.m.
ML, Library Plaza and Library
Experience virtual reality, 3D printing, an escape room, as well as traditional arts & crafts families can enjoy.

Crafternoon
Wednesday, September 26 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Story and art project. Grades K to 3.

Zumba® for Kids
Saturday, September 29 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Latin-inspired Zumba® Kids class. Ages 5 and up. Grown-ups feel free to join in the fun! Don’t forget to wear sneakers and bring water.

Picture Us Reading Book Club
Thursdays at 4 p.m. at SE
Read aloud and discuss. Ages 7 and up.

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Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure
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September 20
Ada’s Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay
by Susan Hood

Family Art Day
Saturday, September 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. at WMH
Bring the family to create a unique piece of art using a variety of supplies and mediums. Ages 3 and up.

Read to Skylar
Saturday, September 8 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.

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Teen Programs
T-MAD
Wednesday, September 12 at 4 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Rotary Room
Library’s teen advisory program. Grades 6 to 12. Call 203 351-8245

Mother Goose
Rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement for walking babies up to two years with an adult. Every Child Ready to Read

Step Ahead
A preschool program with stories, music and movement using puppets, flannel boards and videos. Ages 3 to 5. 

ArtsKids Workshop: Drumming
Saturday, September 22
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Kids in grades 2 and 3.
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Kids in grades 4 and 5.
The Palace Theatre – 61 Atlantic Street, Stamford
Drumming with teaching artist Dave Lewitt. Hand drumming (on djembes), stick drumming (on buckets) and clapping. No experience necessary. RR. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event. ArtsKids is generously underwritten by the Palace Theatre.

Teen Book Discussion
Tuesday, September 18 from 7 to 8 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
OCDaniel by Wesley King
Daniel has some strange habits that he hopes no one notices. When someone does, he’s swept up in a friendship and mystery that will change his life. Grades 6 to 12. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Budding Bookworms
Books, songs and movement at this participatory storytime. Ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult. Supported by The Ferguson Library Foundation’s Harvey Fund. Ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

Baby Time
Traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. Pre-walking babies with an adult.

Two’s Company
A special toddler program that features picture books, rhymes, fingerplays, music and movement. Two-year-olds with an adult.

Family Storytime
The whole family can drop in for this week-end storytime. Families with children ages 5 and under.

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- **Harry Bennett** 203 351-8294
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- **Registration Required**

Online registration at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

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