Happy Holidays, from all of us at The Ferguson Library

Staff Recommends:
From Our Book Discussion Series

- Pachinko
  by Min Jin Lee
- Exit West
  by Mohsin Hamid
- Manhattan Beach
  by Jennifer Egan
- Less
  by Andrew Sean Greer
- Water in the Shade
  by Tracy K. Smith
- Fruit of the Drunken Tree
  by Ingrid Rojas Contreras
- Home Fire
  by Kamila Shamsie
- Small, Great Things
  by Jodi Picoult
- ZAMI: A New Spelling of My Name
  by Audre Lorde
- Lincoln in the Bardo
  by George Saunders

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For information, call Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208/linda@fergusonlibrary.org

Support for Sunday Hours
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Her gift helps underwrite the cost of providing service at the Main Library Sunday, December 9. Sundays are one of our busiest days of the week and we are grateful for her support.

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Give to our 2018 Annual Appeal
Support Your Public Library

A Novel Affair, April 11
Mark your calendars! A Novel Affair, the Library’s spring fundraiser, is April 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Main Library. It’s a festive evening of entertainment and fun, with delicious food donated by local restaurants and caterers. We’re proud to honor Jay Sommer and Jay Sandak with the Ferguson Award for their community involvement and long-standing support of the Library.

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Storytime Registration Begins January 3
Registration for storytime programs will begin Thursday, January 3. Check our calendar or ask in the Youth Services Department for more information.

The Ferguson Library, Elm Street Books and Stamford Public Schools Welcome U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor
December 8 (FULL)
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will speak at Tun of River Middle School in Stamford Saturday, December 8 at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. We are at capacity, but will be handling wait-list numbers on a first-come, first-serve basis at the school.
The Justice’s children’s books, Turning Pages (available in English and Spanish) and The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor, a middle-grade adaptation of her bestselling adult memoir, will be for sale at the event. Justice Sotomayor will sign books following the presentation.
The program is co-sponsored by The Ferguson Library, Elm Street Books and the Stamford Public Schools. The event has no political affiliation and is not a fundraiser. For more information call 203 964-1000.

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Harry Bennett Flooring Project Begins in December
Work is expected to get underway in December to replace the worn out carpet at the Harry Bennett Branch. The branch will stay open during the project, which should take about six weeks.
The new flooring is washable and made from recycled content and will absorb sound. Please bear with us while collections are temporarily relocated. We’re happy to help you find whatever you are looking for.
The project is made possible through your contributions. Thank you for your support and your patience while we raise funds for this renovation.

The Friends Book Shop is offering 20% off all inven-
books for children and adults. It’s the perfect place to
do your holiday shopping, and best of all, all proceeds
support the Library. The Book Shop has locations at
the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch and is open during library hours.

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Films
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Second Saturday Cinema
Saturday, December 8 at 2 p.m.
Book Club

Thursday Night Talking Pictures
Thursday, December 13 at 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Last Men in Aleppo
Documentary follows the efforts of the internationally recognized White Helmets: ordinary citizens who are the first to respond after military strikes in the hope of saving lives. Directed by Feras Fayyad and Steen Johan-Nesnes. Not rated. 2017. Denmark/Syria. 105 minutes. Registration required. Call 203 351-8250 or email caucella@fergusonlibrary.org to reserve a copy of the DVD, or borrow the film by using the Library’s Kanopy service, and come ready to discuss.

Third Thursday @ One
Thursday, December 20 at 1 p.m.
Lovelace
A couple going through a divorce must team up to find their son who has disappeared during one of their bitter arguments. With Maryna Spivak, Aleksey Rozin, Matvey Novikov. Directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev. Rated R. 2017. Russia. 128 minutes. (In Russian with English subtitles.)

Documentary Screening and Discussion: DAKOTA 31
Thursday, December 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
The documentary follows native riders on a 330 mile journey across South Dakota to Minnesota, to honor the 38 Dakota warriors who were hanged from a single scaffold in Mankato at the end of the Dakota War of 1862. Not rated. 2012. USA. 78 minutes. Discussion to follow. Co-sponsored by CT Undoing Racism and DOMUS.

ELL Programs

Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners (ELL)
Practice English at these free drop-in conversation groups.
Main Library, Dimattia Building

First Floor Board Room

Second Floor Board Room

Third Floor Board Room

English-Russian Language Exchange Group
Sunday, December 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Collaborative Work Area
Language practice for Russian and English speakers and learners at the intermediate and advanced levels. Participants should install the Duolingo app, create a free account and register for the program on Duolingo prior to each meeting. They will receive free “tickets” from Duolingo. Co-sponsored by Duolingo. RR. Register online at ferguson-library.org/event/.

Technology Programs

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Registration required for all classes.
Call 203 351-8252 or 8222 or register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

New Social Media
Thursday, December 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Move beyond Facebook and Twitter and learn how you can use new social media tools for personal and professional use.

Basic Microsoft Word
Thursday, December 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn basic features of Microsoft Word. Mouse and keyboard skills required.

Basic Microsoft Excel
Saturday, December 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Name worksheets, enter data and write formulas. Must be familiar with Windows.

Design Thinking Session for the Future of the Harry Bennett Branch
Wednesday, December 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at HB
Begin planning a vision for the future of the Harry Bennett Branch. Participants will use craft materials to model an object which represents their vision for the library. We’ll talk about what work would need to happen in order for that vision to come to life. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Family Program: Elm Street Books, The Ferguson Library and Stamford Public Schools welcome U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Saturday, December 8 at 2 p.m.
Turn of River School, 117 Vine Road, Stamford
FULL
A conversation celebrating her two children’s books, Tuesday Pages: My Life Story and The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series
Goverance/Advisory Board
Wednesday, December 5 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Ed Cesare – President, Plush Capital Management. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

TechXel Graduation/Pitch Party
Wednesday, December 12 at the WHIP Group, 600 Summer Street, Stamford. Speaker to be announced.

Celebrating Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa: A Family Affair
Thursday, December 6 from 4 to 5 p.m. at SE
Get ready to celebrate this special holiday with stories, songs, crafts and treats. All ages.

Old Folks
Saturday, December 1 at 3 p.m. at WMH
Join Dr. Ev for an afternoon of toe tapping, finger snapping, acoustic delights.

World Affairs Forum: China’s Motivation on the World Stage
Wednesday, December 12 at 6 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium
With Andrew R. Wilson, the John A. van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies at the Naval War College. Free for Forum members, faculty and students. All others, $20. RR. To reserve a seat, call 203 356-0340.

TechXel Stamford
Makerspace
ML, Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise indicated)

Introduction to Drupal
Saturday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The fundamentals of the popular Drupal web software, with instruction on building a basic website. RR. Online registration at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. 

Podcasting: A Primer
Saturday, December 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, First Floor Lobby
Broadcast/educator Scott Schulte takes you through the process of making a podcast—from conception to production to promotion. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Career Moves: Career Achieving and Success
Wednesday, December 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Third Floor Board Room
Discover and maintain your ideal career. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Knit & Needles
(Note location change for December)
Monday, December 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at WMH
Work on your project in a social setting.
The Bookworm Society
Tuesday, December 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ML, Lower Level Program Room
Over and Under the Snow by Kate Messner. A beginner's book discussion for early readers. Practice critical thinking skills with beautiful books. Grades K and 1. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Holiday Storycraft
Saturday, December 15 at 11 a.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium
'Tis the season for stories to put you in a holiday mood, and we'll finish by making a jingle bell necklace you can wear throughout the season or give to someone special. Ages 3½ to 8.

Fort Storytime
Monday, December 17 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at HB
Storytime for families with children 5 and under. Bring a blanket or sheet.

Kids' Book Discussion
Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. ML, Lower Level Program Room
The Best Man by Richard Peck. Refreshments and gift books. Grades 4 to 6. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/; then drop in and pick up a copy of the book.

Celebrate KWANZAA!
Kwanzaa: A Family Affair
Thursday, December 6 from 4 to 5 p.m. at SE
Get ready to celebrate this special holiday with stories, songs, crafts and treats. All ages.

Picture Us Reading Book Club
Thursday, December 20 at 4 p.m. SE
Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story by Angela McDonald. Read aloud and discuss. Ages 7 and up.

Popcorn and a Movie
Wednesday, December 26 at 1:30 p.m. at ML
The Black Candle — A landmark documentary that uses Kwanzaa as a vehicle to celebrate the African-American experience. Narrated by world-renowned poet Maya Angelou and directed by award-winning author and filmmaker MK Asante. Not rated. 71 minutes. All ages.

Noon Year’s Eve Party
Thursday, December 27 from noon to 1 p.m. at SE
Children and their families are invited to count down to the New Year without staying up late! Enjoy stories, crafts, music, and dancing, concluding with a balloon drop.

Winter Break Crafternoon
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Story and an art project. Grades K to 5. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Storytime for families with children 5 and under. Bring a blanket or sheet.

Cultural Celebrations

Investigate @ the Library
Thursday, December 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. ML
ML, Third Floor Program Room
Outrun the Moon by Stacey Lee. Grades 6 to 12. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

In-Between Book Discussion
Thursday, December 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. ML
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova. Grades 5 to 8 RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/ and pick up your copy of the book at the Low Level Desk.

Celebrate ML

Teen Programs

T-MAD
Wednesday, December 5 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Library’s teen advisory program. Grades 6 to 12.

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STORYTIME REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 3. Registration for storytime programs will begin Thursday, January 3. Check our calendar or ask in the Youth Services Department for more information.

Jeanne Rinehart Family Program: Meet Award-winning Illustrator, Paul O. Zelinsky
Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Paul Zelinsky, winner of the Caldecott Medal for his illustrated retelling of Rapunzel, as well as Caldecott Honor for three of his books (Hansel and Gretel, Rumplestiltskin, and Swamp Angel), will speak (and doodle!) about his many books for children. For kids in grades K and up and their families.

Premise

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**Mother Goose**, independently walking babies up to two years with an adult, 10:15 am ML, FULL

**Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev**, ages 5 and under, 1 pm ML

**Toddler Time**, children under 5 with their family, 6:30 pm HB

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**Noon Year’s Eve Party**, ages 3 to 8 and their families, 11:30 am ML, RR

**Main Library, DiMattia Building and Harry Bennett Branch closing at 5 p.m.**

**Learn, play and discover with cutting edge technology in our M.A.C.H. Room.**

**Every Child Ready to Read**, ages 3 to 5 with an adult, 10:15 am ML, FULL

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**Meet Jerry Pia**, grades K to 2, 3:30 p.m. WMM

**Be Your Child’s Best Advocate**: The ABCs of IEPs, for parents, 7 pm ML. Co-sponsored by Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities.

**Teen Book Discussion**, Outrun the Moon by Stacy Lee grades 6 to 12, 7 pm ML, RR

**Toddler Time**, walking babies up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am WMM, FULL

**Budding Bookworms**, ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult, 10:30 am SE

**Homew ork 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

**Step Ahead**, ages 3 to 5, 11:15 am ML

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