Focus on Ferguson

The Heart of the Community

From the President's Desk

We all think of resolutions come January, but I’m going to recommend a different type of resolution this year: consider joining a book club. There are many in Stamford, but you can also belong to a virtual book club. It started with Oprah, but now there are many national book clubs, from Andrew Luck to Emma Watson. Andrew Luck, quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts, is very interesting; his book club reads classic authors such as Alexander Dumas as well as contemporary writers like John Green. Sarah Jessica Parker’s book club has a rich selection of literary fiction, including Ayademi Debayo’s Stay With Me and Mohsin Hamid’s Exit West. My choice for this year was the PBS News Hour and as a result I have virtually traveled to Oklahoma during the 1920s (Killers of the Flower Moon), Osaka Japan in the 1940s (Pachinko), and have followed a wolf pack in the Absaroka mountains (Black Leopard Red Wolf). Whether you join a physical or virtual book club, register with The Ferguson Library so we can supply your titles.

Alice Knup, President

A Novel Affair, April 11

The Library’s spring fundraiser, is April 11! It’s a festive evening of entertainment and fun, with delicious food donated by local restaurants. This year, we’re delighted to honor Jay Sandak and Mary Somer for their long-standing service to the Library and the Stamford community. Many thanks to our sponsors to date: Friends of The Ferguson Library, S.L. Green; Altria Group; Caudle Torrance Sandak and Hennessey; First County Bank; Judith Voek; Cassac Tusche & Santagata; Garden Homes Management; Leandro P. Rizzuto Foundation; Wolsey Rosen Kewskir & Kuriansky; The Ashforth Company; A.P. Construction; William & Melvina Callon; Amy & Tony Downer; Juanita James & Dudley Williams; Ann Sexton; Steven Wise Associates; Blока Literary Society; The Long Ridge School; Selkowski Family Foundation: and Van Bunt, Dullago & Company. Tickets will be available in early February, but we are accepting sponsorships now. For information contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

Mini-Golf at the Harry Bennett Branch February 9 & 10

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Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments from 6 to 6:30 to 9 p.m.

library.org/event. With support and in conjunction with the DOLFIN Tank – Register by January 15
fergusonlibrary.org or Layne Rodney at 203 424-9332/lrodney51@gmail.com. Open to students ages 15 – 18 in a Stamford public school. Sign up at the Library or call 203 351-8221.

The Sunshine Sisters
Monday, January 27 at 7 p.m.
South End Branch

M onday, January 14 at 7 p.m.
Harry Bennett Branch

M onday, January 7 at 11:30 a.m.
Main Library. Prizes for winning pitches. For an appointment, call 203 655-0048.

Ask a Librarian
Monday, January 27 from 3 to 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room

Learn to Knit a Scarf
Saturday, January 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Bring your own favorite needles and choice of yarn (weight 4). Ages to adult. RR. Sign up at the Library or call 203 351-8221.

Makerspace
ML, Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise indicated)
Virtual Reality: Out of This World Saturday January 5 & 19 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Wonder Lab
Experience the wonders of space. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required.

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Children’s Programs

for more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org

Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev
Monday, January 7 at 1 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Music making and movement with Dr. Ev.
Ages 5 and under with an adult.

Chess Club for Kids
Saturday, January 12 from 10:15 a.m. to noon
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Learn the moves in just two classes (2nd class Saturday, February 9). Register for one or both sessions. Grades K to 5. Preference given to Stamford residents. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Fun with Fine Art for Kids
Saturday, January 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
ML, Lower Level Program Room
This month we will be creating found objects. We will be looking at a variety of artists that work with found objects to build sculptures and wearable art. Led by Laura McGowan of Soul Haven Arts. Ages 7 to 10. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Winter Storycraft
Saturday, January 19 at 11 a.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Stay warm with some of our favorite cozy winter stories, and finish by making a snowy craft you can take home. Ages 3½ to 8.

Kids’ Book Discussion
Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Seven Dead Pirates by Linda Bailey
With Dr. Ev’s family, his great-grandfather’s seaside mansion, he finds seven dead pirates living in his bedroom! Readings and gift books. Grades 4 to 6. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/, then pick up a copy of the book in the Children’s Dept.

The Bookworm Society
Tuesday, January 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room

Makerspace

NEW OPEN HOURS
ML, Lower Level Makerspace
Mondays (not January 21), 3 to 5 p.m.
Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m.
Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Learn about cutting edge technology in our M.A.C.H. Room.

Makerspace: Banana Tattoos
Thursday, January 31 from 7 to 8 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Turn an ordinary piece of fruit into art. Learn about the oxidation process which turns bananas brown, and use a push pin to imprint a design onto a banana. Ages 7 to 10. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Game Your Heart Out
Saturday, January 26 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Computer Area
Stop in and challenge your friends and family to an afternoon of video games. Grades 3 and up.

January 5: Retro Nintendo Games
January 12: Music & Dance Games
January 19: Action & Adventure Games
January 26: You Choose!

Family Programs Honoring the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Saturday, January 19 at SE

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Program
Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday by creating a mural with artist and storyteller Yabba Ibo Mandingo. All ages.

2 p.m.
Film Screening: King in the Wilderness
An illuminating look at the final years in the life of civil-rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Taylor Branch, Trey Ellis, Clifford Alexander, Joan Baez. Directed by Peter Kunhardt. Not rated. 2018 USA. 115 minutes. Co-sponsored by MLK Planning Committee, NAACP and Jackie Robinson Park of Fame, Inc. (JRPO).

Save the Dates

Black History Celebration
Saturday, February 2 at 1 p.m. at SE
Celebrating Black History Month through books, songs, crafts and music. All ages.

Drop in and Draw
Friday, February 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Learn about drawing and digital illustration with local artist Syd Mazzahil, then work on a piece to enter in the 2019 Teen Art Contest which is based on this year’s Summer Reading One Book, One Universe of Stories®. Grades 6 to 12. RR. Call 203 351-8243.

Makerspace

Makerspace: Earmuffs
This month we will be creating earmuffs you can take home. Ages 3½ to 8.

Makerspace: LED Lipstick
This month we will be creating LED lipstick. Ages 7 to 10.

Makerspace: Friendship Bracelets
Join us for a fun activity and friendship bracelet making. Ages 7 to 10.

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Makerspace: 3D Printed Jewelry
Join us to create 3D printed jewelry. Ages 10 to adult.

Makerspace: Making Music
Join us to make music. Ages 10 to adult.

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Winter Sing-A-Long
Saturday, February 9 at 11 a.m.
SE, Main Library
Join us to sing along with Dr. Ev. Grades 2 to 5. Registration limited to one program per child/person per session at each branch.

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Baby Time
Traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. Pre-walking babies with an adult.
ML – Fridays at 10:15 a.m.
January 18 & 25
WMH – Monday, January 28 at 11:15 a.m.

Mother Goose
Rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement for walking babies up to two years with an adult.
ML – Mondays at 10:15 a.m.
January 14 & 28

Every Child Reads to Read
In this research-based early literacy initiative, kids and parents will have fun practicing the five skills necessary to become readers. Supported by The Ferguson Library Foundation’s Harvey Fund. Ages 3 to 5 with an adult. RR. ML – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.
January 15, 22 & 29

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Teen Programs

Global Game Jam 2019
Friday, January 25 from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, January 26 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, January 27 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
B e a part of the 2019 Global Game Jam – the world’s largest game creation event. Free to game. Meals provided. For gamers over 16. (Guardians required for participants under 18, according to Global Game Jam policy.) Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.
Co-sponsored by Fairfield University, Norwalk Community College, Sacred Heart University, UCONN-Stamford, DM Connecticut.

Homework Café
Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29 and Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at SE
Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.

The Ferguson Library Foundation’s Focus on Ferguson

T-MAD
Wednesday, January 9 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Library’s teen advisory program. Grades 6 to 12.

Teen Book Discussion
Tuesday, January 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. (postponed from an earlier date)
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Outliers by Stacey Lee. Grades 6 to 12. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Teen Rock Painting
Saturday, January 19 at 10 a.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Rocks will be provided or bring your own favorite rock. Rocks should be small enough to fit in your hand. Ages 6 to 12. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

In Between Book Discussion
Thursday, January 24 from 6 to 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Miles Morales: Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds. Grades 5 to 8. RR. Online register at fergusonlibrary.org/event/ and pick up your copy of the book at the Lower Level Desk.

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Happy New Year!
### The Ferguson Library Youth Services JANUARY 2019 Calendar

**All programs are drop-in unless indicated otherwise.**

- **ML** Main Library, DiMattia Building 203 351-8242
- **HB** Harry Bennett 203 351-8294
- **SE** South End 203 351-8283
- **WMH** Weed Memorial & Hollander 203 351-8287

**RR** Registration Required

**Online registration at fergusonlibrary.org/event.**

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#### Sunday, January 6
- **Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev**, ages 5 and under 1 pm ML

#### Monday, January 7
- **Mother Goose**, independently walking babies up to two years with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR

#### Tuesday, January 8
- **Sing and Stomp**, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Wednesday, January 9
- **Sing and Stomp**, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Thursday, January 10
- **Two’s Company**, two-year olds with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Friday, January 11
- **Baby Time**, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Saturday, January 12
- **Chess Club for Kids**, grades 2 to 5, 10:15 am ML

#### Sunday, January 13
- **Global Game Jam**, ages 16 and up (guardians required for participants under 18), 8 am ML, RR

#### Monday, January 14
- **Mother Goose**, independently walking babies up to two years with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR

#### Tuesday, January 15
- **Sing and Stomp**, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Wednesday, January 16
- **Sing and Stomp**, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Thursday, January 17
- **Two’s Company**, two-year olds with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Friday, January 18
- **Baby Time**, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Saturday, January 19
- **Global Game Jam**, ages 16 and up (guardians required for participants under 18), 8 am ML, RR

#### Sunday, January 20
- **Mother Goose**, independently walking babies up to two years with an adult, 11:15 am WMH

#### Monday, January 21
- **Every Child Ready to Read**, ages 3 to 5 with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR
- **Budding Bookworms**, ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult, 10:15 am WMH, RR

#### Tuesday, January 22
- **Sing and Stomp**, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Wednesday, January 23
- **Sing and Stomp**, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Thursday, January 24
- **Two’s Company**, two-year olds with an adult, 10:15 am ML

#### Friday, January 25
- **Game Your Heart Out: Retro Nintendo Games**, grades 3 and up, noon ML

#### Saturday, January 26
- **Family Makerspace Program: Virtual Reality: Out of This World**, ages 10 to adult 2 pm ML

#### Sunday, January 27
- **Global Game Jam**, ages 16 and up (guardians required for participants under 18), 8 am ML, RR
- **Toddler Time**, walking babies up to age 3 with an adult, 10:30 am ML

#### Monday, January 28
- **Mother Goose**, independently walking babies up to two years with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR
- **Baby Time**, pre-walking babies with an adult, 11:15 am WMH

#### Tuesday, January 29
- **Budding Bookworms**, ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult, 10:15 am SE

#### Wednesday, January 30
- **Sing and Stomp**, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am SE

#### Thursday, January 31
- **Winter 2019 Storytime Registration Begins at 10 a.m.

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