The Ferguson Library's Major Fundraiser, A Novel Affair; April 11

Don't miss A Novel Affair, April 11, when The Ferguson opens its doors for an evening of food and fun to benefit the Library. You can purchase tickets at fergusonlibrary.org or by phone at 203 351-8205.

This year, we are delighted to honor Jay Sandak and Mary Sommerville for their longstanding support of the Library and the Stamford community.

You can support the event through a sponsorship or ad in our program. Please contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8205 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org for information.

Many thanks to our major sponsors to date: Cervantes: Stephen Corman; Friends of The Ferguson Library: St. Green Realty; Corp. Hemingways; Pitney Bowes; Ann & Michael Zucker; Dickinson: Albzia Group; Cacace Tusch & Santagata; G-1; Godfrey: Leandro P. Rizzuto Foundation; Stamford Health; Thomson Reuters; Wolsey, Roses, Kweskin & Kuriansky.

The Big Read: Book of Hours by Kevin Young

Stamford will come together to read Kevin Young's Book of Hours this spring as the community participates in the NEA Big Read. Kevin Young is the Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and poetry editor for The New Yorker. He is widely regarded as one of the leading poets of his generation. He will speak at the Library, Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m.

The Big Read kicks off March 28 at 7:15 p.m. with local poet Ira Joe Fisher. Register for each event at fergusonlibrary.org/events.

The NEA Big Read is a national initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. It broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Stamford's Big Read is co-sponsored by the Friends of The Ferguson Library, UConn-Stamford and Stamford High School.

Friends Authors Series Bestselling Author Gretchen Rubin, April 22 Registration is open

Bring your friends for an evening of food, wine and conversation with Gretchen Rubin, the bestselling author of The Happiness Project, Monday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. Rubin’s bestselling books about human nature, happiness, and good habits have sold more than three million copies worldwide, and her award-winning podcast, Happier with Gretchen Rubin, boasts more than 42 million downloads. Her new book, Outer Order, Inner Calm: Declutter and Organize to Make More Room for Happiness, tackles the challenges of clearing clutter to create order and to make our lives happier, healthier and more productive.

Tickets are $15 to benefit the Library. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

CrimeCONN, May 18 Lawyers, Guns and Money!

Registration opens March 18 for CrimeCONN 2019. It’s an all-day mystery-lovers’ conference that will be held at the Library Saturday, May 18. It’s hosted by the Friends of The Ferguson Library and the Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter. The theme this year is Lawyers, Guns and Money! Early bird registration is $40 until April 19. After that, registration will be $50. $45 for MWA members, Friends members and students.
Children's Programs

for more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org

Performance: Island of Hope
Harry Bloch Children's History Program
Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

One family experiences oppression in the old country and sails to a new life in the New World. But what happens to those stranded at Ellis Island during its busiest years? Presented by Living Voices. Grades K and up. This program made possible through a generous donation by Louise Stern.

Fun with Fine Art for Kids FULL
Saturday, March 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
ML, Lower Level Program Room

This month we will focus on storytelling in art and examine folk artists such as Clementine Hunter and Winifred Rembert. Led by Laura McGowan of Soul Haven Arts. Ages 7 to 10.

Fort Storytime
Mondays, March 4 & 25 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

A preschool program w ith stories, music and movement with Dr. Eu. Ages 5 and under with an adult.

Books for Kids

Rookie Readers
Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at HB
Reading aloud and book discussion, followed by a craft activity. Snacks. Ages 5 to 7.

ArtKids: Circus Arts at the Palace Theatre
Saturday, March 9 & 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
HB – Saturday, March 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
ML, Low er Level Program Room

Join us for our third annual Ferguson Fan Festival. A participatory storytime for a wider age-range of toddlers that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities.

ArtKids: Circus Arts at the Palace Theatre
Saturday, March 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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We'll share some of our favorite stories and finish by making a juggling ball you can take home. Wear your favorite team's colors if you like. Ages 3½ to 8. Families welcome.

Baby Time
Monday, March 4 & 11 from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.
WMH – Monday, March 4 from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A 30-minute program designed for babies and parents. In-Between Book Discussion
Thursday, March 28 from 7 to 8 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room

Enjoy 15 minutes of picture book movies based on beloved children's books. For ages 18 months to 5 years with adult.

Children's Storytimes

NEW OPEN HOURS
ML, Lower Level Makerspace
Mondays 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.

Our March Storytime programs are drop-in. Registration for the Spring session begins Monday, April 1.

Spring storytimes will begin the week of Monday, April 22.

No storytime programs are held when Stamford schools are closed or delayed, except where noted.

Budding Bookworms
Books, songs and movement at this participatory storytime. Ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult.
SE – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
ML, 5, 12, 19 & 26

Sing & Stomp
A song and dance party! Walking toddlers up to age 3 with adult.
ML – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.
March 6, 13, 20 & 27
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Step Ahead
A preschool program w ith stories, music and movement using puppets, flannel boards and videos. Ages 3 to 5.
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NEW! Preschool Movie Matinee
Enjoy 30 minutes of picture book movies based on beloved children's books. For ages 18 months to 5 years with adult.
ML – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
March 7, 14, 21 & 28

Save the Dates! FAN FEST 2019
Monday, April 15 through Thursday, April 18
Join us for our third annual Ferguson Fan Fest, which will include gaming, face paint- ing, special drop-in storytimes, superhero movie screenings, tween/teen programs, and more! Full schedule coming soon.

Win a chance to create a design for The Ferguson Library’s 2019 Teen Summer Reading Club! Submit a design based on this year’s theme, A Universe of Stories. Entries are due March 6. Contact teen librarian Steve Zampino at zampino@fergusonlibrary.org, 203-351-8245 for more information.

YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR & PROGRAMS
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