Literary Competition Awards April 28

Winners of the 2019 Stamford Literary Competition will be honored Sunday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library, DiMattia Building. Winners will be notified by mail and the results posted on our website. Congratulations to all the talented student writers who entered this year’s contest!

Author Series: Thriller Panel May 23

Featuring Lyne Constantine, co-author of The Last Time I Saw You, Wendy Walkes, author of The Night Before and Kate White, author of Such a Perfection. Tickets are $15 and include a wine and appetizer reception. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Book sale and signing. Register online.

American Creed Community Photo Project

Do you have photos that represent the best of America? We’re looking for photos that signify freedom, equality, justice and humanity as seen through the eyes of Stamford residents. We will put them together in a digital and print collage that will be finished in June. If you’d like to share a photo, please send it to redesign@fergusonlibrary.org.

Passport Services

You can apply for a passport at the Library. We have passport offices at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch at appointment needed and we take photos too. We can renew for children under age 16. Check our website for hours and information, or call 203-964-1000.

Book Shop News

Fill a bag with books at the Harry Bennett Branch Shop Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. Just $5 a bag! We supply the bags, you select the books. We’ll have a great selection of children’s and adult books from both shop locations. We are also featuring books on Passover and Easter this month. The Book Shop will be open for A Novel Affair on April 11.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be closed Sunday, April 21 to observance of Easter.

The Big Read

Book of Hours by Kevin Young Keynote with the author April 7

Stamford will come together to read Kevin Young’s Book of Hours this month 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 will speak at the Library, Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m.

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.

A Novel Affair, April 11

Great restaurants, craft beer and wine tastings! Don’t miss A Novel Affair on April 11, when we transform The Ferguson into a festive venue for an evening of food and fun to benefit The Ferguson Library. The fun will close at 4:30 p.m. that day!

We’re delighted to honor Jay Sandak and Mary Sommert with The Ferguson Award for their longstanding support of the Library and the Stamford community. Reservations are available at fergusonlibrary.org or by phone at 203-351-8250.


Don’t miss Early Bird registration for CrimeConn 2019. It’s an all-day mystery-lovers’ conference Saturday, May 18, 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! Featuring forensics experts, prosecutors and defense attorneys in the world of white collar crime and more. Registration is $40 until April 19. After that, $50/ $45 for MWA members, Friends members and students.

Save the Date: May 30

Jazz Great Wynton Marsalis

Legendary jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis will speak at the Library as part of the Civility in America series Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org. Sponsored by the Dileschneider Group, Hearst Media Group in Connecticut and The Ferguson Library. *Note – this is not a concert.

Stay Connected to The Ferguson

• Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
• Sign up for our weekly emails at fergusonlibrary.org

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

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Main Library, DiMattia Building
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road, Stamford, CT 06901
203-351-8291

Monday – Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday 1 to 6 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

South End Branch
14 Woodland Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902
203-351-8280

Tuesday – Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bookmobile

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library

Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch
Open during Library hours

The Passport Offices in the Library

For information call 203-964-1000

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ML Third Floor Auditorium (unless otherwise noted)

The Andrew Gale Film Series, Wednesdays at Noon

April 10: Ex Libris: The New York Public Library (see details in The Big Read box)
April 17: Merry about the Law (screening)
April 24: Portrait of actor/singer Brenna Spray with artist Janice Bellamy.
April 31: Portrait of writer/accessibility advocate Louis Lowery with guest editor Gloria N. K. Adeyemo.

Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m., 3rd Floor, Board Room

Free to attend. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

W M H Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

Knit & Needles

For an appointment, call 203 655-0048.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The return. Main Library, Dimattia Building

Third Floor Rotary Room

Wednesday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Third Floor Technology Center

For more information, call 203 351-8428 or email yelena@fergusonlibrary.org.

English-Russian Language Exchange Group

Third Floor Collaborative Work Area

Wednesday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

To register online at gersa.org/calendar.

U.S. Citizenship Course

ML, Third Floor Board Room

Meditation and Mindfulness

Meditate with a group. Led by the Community Mindfulness Project, Supported by Bankwell.

Stamford 1 Million Cups

Wednesday, April 3 at 8 a.m.

First Floor Lobby

Two new entrepreneurs will share their stories of immigration and entrepreneurship. 1 Million Cups is a free, non-competitive program designed to expose and connect entrepreneurs. Register online at gersa.org/calendar.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series: Advancing Entrepreneurship and Governance

Wednesday, April 3 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Third Floor, Board Room

With Ed Cesare, Managing Director, Plead Capital Management Financial Risk. Register online at gersa.org/calendar.

Game of Thrones Series Final Discussion Saturday, April 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Third Floor Board Room

See the trailers, the spoilers and theories and share your thoughts with other fans about all. Book sale and signing.

ML Third Floor Technology Center Registration required for all classes. Call 203 351-8221 or 822.

Microsoft Word

Thursday, April 4 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Intermediate Word

Thursday, April 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Advanced Word

Thursday, April 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Transitions to Success: Literacy Volunteers at Family Centers The Ferguson Library Workshop on English and career development for qualified students. For more information, contact Yelena at 203 517-7029 or Yelena@ 203 351-8228.

Introduction to PHP (2-part class)

Saturday, April 13 & 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn to make dynamic and interactive Web pages using PHP, a server scripting language.

Intermediate Web Designing

Saturday, April 13 & 20 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Third Floor Wonder Lab

A team with light and build unique structures out of basic shapes with w ax of your hand. No registration required.

Travel Tips and Tricks

Thursday, April 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Meet travel enthusiasts who use technology to travel smarter in the 21st century.

Civility in America: Civility in a Growing Economy

Tuesday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

With One Can, Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow. Register online at gersa.org/calendar. Sponsored by The Dilerhanger Group, Heart Media Group.

The Literary Hour of La Terza/La hora literaria de La Terluta

Sundays, April 7 & 14 at 1 to 2 p.m.

Third Floor, Board Room

Library salon with a focus on Latin American authors. In SPANISH.

Retire Restart: New Approach to Making Your Retirement Financially Sustainable

Wednesday, April 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at HB.

International best-selling author and local Certified Financial Planner Niamh Daniels introduces a new mindset when it comes to retirement investing. Register online at gersa.org/calendar. Financial Advisor May Not Be Telling You how to invest your retirement and insurance to guarantee you won’t run out of money in retirement. Book sale and signing.

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Meet Kevin Young. Author of Book of Hours Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Book of Hours book signing. Register online at gersa.org/calendar.

Book of Hours Discussion Bookweed Memorial & Hollander Branch Monday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m.

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The Big Read

Poetry Writing
April 1 through April 29 during library hours at HB
Drop in to write your favorite verse or original poem on a leaf to hang on our Poetic Tree to celebrate our Big Read and National Poetry Month. All ages.

Teen Book Discussion
Tuesday, April 9 from 7 to 8 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
All the Broken Pieces, By Ann E. Barr. Grades 6 to 12. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Picture Us Reading Book Club
Thursday, April 11 at 4 p.m. at SE
Poetry for Young Poets by Langston Hughes. Read aloud and discuss poetry. Ages 7 and up.

Black-Out Poetry
Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Teen Area
Create your own original poetry by blacking out words on a printed page. Ages 10 and up.

Family Poetry Party
April 13 from 3 to 4 p.m. at WMH
Share favorite poems, vote to the library’s clotheline poem and create your own magickic poetry to take home. All ages welcome.

Mad Lib Poetry
Wednesday, April 17 from 11 to 3 p.m. at HB
Write wacky poems with a twist using Mad Lib fill-in-the-blank templates. Ages 6 and up.

Kids’ Book Discussion
Tuesday, April 23 from 7 to 7:50 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai. 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.

In Between Book Discussion
Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander. Grades 5 to 8. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

The Bookworm Society
Tuesday, April 30 from 3:40 to 3:50 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
The Bookworm Society looks at poetry this month. Practice critical thinking skills with beautiful books. Grades K to 2. RR. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event.

Budding Bookworms
Books, songs and movement at this participatory storytime for a wider age-range of children that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Walking babies up to age 3 with an adult.

Teen Book Discussion
Wednesday, April 3 at noon
ML, Low Level Teen Makerspace
Teen advisory program. Grades 6 to 12.

Focus on Ferguson
April 12 & 26 and Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m.

For more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org
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