STAMFORD, April 15, 2019 - The Friends of The Ferguson Library and the Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter are teaming up to host CrimeCONN 2019, a one-day mystery lovers’ conference, Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Building of The Ferguson Library. The event is aimed at readers and writers at all levels, and this year, the conference focuses on everything crime.

Early Bird registration is $40 per person before April 19. After April 19, registration will be $50 per person; $45 for MWA members, Friends members, seniors and students. (Light breakfast and lunch included.) Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

The theme of CrimeCONN 2019 is Lawyers, Guns and Money! and will feature lawyers who write, fight crime and defend the innocent, a ballistics and firearms specialist, and prosecutors and defense attorneys in the world of white collar crime. There will also be a panel on the craft of writing from some of the most admired instructors in the country. Peter Blauner, author of eight novels and a past staff writer and co-executive producer for Law & Order: SVU and Blue Bloods, is the keynote speaker.

The conference title and all the panel titles are tributes to the late Warren Zevon, who some consider one of the most literate of rock and roll song writers, and who had a special love of mysteries and thrillers. Speakers include Hallie Ephron, Chris Knopf, Peter Blauner, Jane Cleland, Norman Bloch, Anthony Franze, Judge John Leventhal, and Michael Sears. Also, forensics experts, Michelle Clark, Medicolegal Death Investigator for the Office of the Chief
Medical Examiner’s in Connecticut, and Lieutenant Joseph Rainone, the Forensic Division Commander at the Waterbury Police Department, will talk all things lethal weapons.

Panel discussions, interviews with celebrity authors and legal experts, book signings and audience participation are included in this action-packed day.

For more information, call 203 351-8231.

The Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Building of The Ferguson Library is located at the corner of Bedford and Broad Streets, Stamford.

(pictured: Hallie Ephron)