Bookshop Bag Sale

Get a bag of books for just $5! The Friends Bookshop is holding a Bag Sale at the Main Library Friday, October 25 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. We’re pulling books from both shops, so there will be a great selection of children’s and adult titles. We supply the bags, you select the books. All proceeds support the Library.

Coffee with the Editor October 24

Have questions for the Stamford Advocate? Advocate Managing Editor Tom Melliana is starting Coffee with the Editor once a month at the Library. He’ll be on the third floor of the Main Library Thursday, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your cup of coffee and come ask questions or share ideas. Everyone is welcome!

Bookmobile Grand Opening

We’re celebrating our new Bookmobile with a grand opening Friday, October 11. We’ll be at one of our regular stops, Childcare Learning Center at 90 Maple Avenue, at 11 a.m. Come take a peek at our new traveling branch. Everyone is welcome!

Staff Recommends: Hispanic Heritage Month

El Norte: The Epic and Forgotten Story of Hispanic North America
by Carrie Gibson
An African American and Latinx History of the United States
by Paul Ortiz
Latinos: The 500-year Legacy that Shaped a Nation

The Norton Anthology of Latina Literature
by Ilan Stavans
Our America: The Latino Presence in American Art
by E. Carmen Ramos

Fine Forgiveness Week October 27 – November 5

Here’s a Halloween treat: we’re waiving fines on overdue items October 27 – November 5. Fines cannot be cleared by phone; you must visit a Ferguson Library location. The amnesty does not include lost items.

From the President’s Desk

For the second year in a row, we are hosting a special Halloween treat: From October 27 to November 5, when you stop by the Library and return your overdue material, your fines will be forgiven. You may ask why we are holding yet another fine forgiveness week; fines were forgiven in June when you signed up for summer reading. First and foremost, we want to remove barriers for you to use The Ferguson Library. We also want to get materials back so others can borrow them.

We also believe there is an equity issue around fines. In looking at overdue fines for children and teens, we found that most fines occur in areas of Stamford where you need to drive to get to a local branch. Many of these young ones are reliant on someone else for transportation! Here is your chance to return overdue items and have the fines waived or stop the Library and take out more material without worrying about what is in your wallet.

Alice Knapp, President

Lemonade for the Library

Tommy Nanos and his sister Julia decided to donate part of the proceeds from their lemonade stand this summer. Tommy, who says he loves reading, chose The Ferguson Library and Julia contributed to the Food Bank. So great to see young people supporting our community!

Support for Sunday Hours

Thank you to the Long Ridge School for sponsoring Sunday hours at the Main Library in September. Long Ridge School’s generous donation of $2,500 underwrote one Sunday at the Main Library, DiMattia Building. Sundays are one of our busiest days of the week and we are grateful for their support. If you would like to support library hours at the Main Library or branches, please contact Linda Avellaz, 203 351-8208/ linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

Literary Pub Crawl October 22

Don’t miss Stamford’s fifth annual Literary Pub Crawl, Tuesday, October 22. We’ll meet at the Library at 6:15 p.m., then break up into groups to “crawl” to Bar Rosso, Cask Republic, Hudson Social and La Perle, with entertainment at each location. New this year: all participants will be welcomed into the Library for dessert and a comedy finale at the last stop of the evening. Tickets are $20 to benefit the Library. Register at fergusonlibrary.org. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Civility in America Series

October 15: Scott Pelley

CBS News veteran Scott Pelley will speak on Civility, Democracy and Journalism, Tuesday, October 15 at 6 p.m. as part of the Library’s ongoing Civility in America series. Book sale and signing.

October 23: Ellen Easton

The series continues Wednesday, October 23 at 6 p.m. with Ellen Easton, author of Afternoon Tea – Tips, Terms and Traditions, who will speak on Why Civility Still Matters.

Register online for each individual event at fergusonlibrary.org/event. Co-sponsored by The Dilschneider Group and Hearst Media Group in Connecticut.
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Fun with Fine Art for Kids
Saturday, October 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
ML, Lower Level Program Room
A beginner’s book discussion for early readers looks at autumnal favorites. No need to read the books beforehand. Grades K to 2. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Kids’ Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 22 at 7 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Fuzzy by Tom Angleberger & Paul Dellinger

Family Program for Hispanic Heritage Month: A History of Serving Our Nation
Saturday, October 5 at 11 a.m. at SE
Celebrating Hispanic and Latino American heritage, highlighting individuals who have contributed to the history of this nation. Potluck lunch, arts & crafts, music and dance performances. All ages.

Children’s Storytimes

Barney’s Children’s Library

Preschool Movie Matinee
Thursdays, October 17 & 24 at 10:15 a.m. and Thursday, October 31 at noon
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Thirty minutes of picture book movies based on our most beloved fall and Halloween-themed children’s books. Ages 18 months to 5 years with an adult.

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Children’s Programs

for more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org

HOMEWORK CAFE
Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22 & 29 and
Wednesdays, October 2, 16 & 23 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at SE
Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.

ROOKIE READERS
Wednesdays, October 2, 16, 23 & 30 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

SING A LONG WITH DR. EV
Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Music-making and movement with Dr. Ev. Ages with an adult.

ROOKIE READERS

POTLUCK LUNCH, ARTS & CRAFTS, MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES

ARTKIDS INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE ARTS WORKSHOP: HIP HOP
Saturday, October 19
10:30 to 11:15 a.m. – Grades 2 and 3
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – Grades 4 and 5
The Palace Theatre – 61 Atlantic Street, Stamford
Hip-hop with teaching artist Gina Giordano. Combines the fun and funky nature of hip-hop with the structured format of a traditional dance class. No experience necessary. RR. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

ArtKids is generously underwritten by the Palace Theatre.

DRAUGHT STORYTIME
Saturday, October 19 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Halloween-themed drag queen event co-sponsored by Norwalk’s LGBTIQ+ safe space Trupo429. Stories, mask-making, costume parade and more. All ages. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

THE BOOKWORM SOCIETY
Tuesday, October 22 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
A beginner’s book discussion for early readers looks at autumnal favorites. No need to read the books beforehand. Grades K to 2. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

BABY TIME

SING & STOMP

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

MOTHER GOOSE

BUNDEL BOXWORKS

PUMPKINS ON THE PORCH

Halloween Storytime
Thursday, October 10 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room

Halloween parade and more. All ages. (Children must be under.

THE GRAVEYARD BOOK
Thursday, October 10 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room

WHERE THE CASTLES ARE

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Teen Programs

T-MAD
Wednesday, October 2 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

IN-BETWEEN BOOK DISCUSSION
Thursday, October 10 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Bod has been raised and educated by ghosts in a graveyard, but can he face the wonders and terrors of the worlds both of the living and the dead? Grades 5 to 9. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Halloween String Art
Tuesday, October 15 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room
Create spooky art with nails and string. Grades 5 to 10. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

COFFEE, TEA AND POETRY
Wednesday, October 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
Poetry potpurri! Read a favorite poem or share your own poetry; listen to famous poems and add a poem to a poet-teat. Coffee and tea provided. Grades 6 to 12. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION
Tuesday, October 29 from 7 to 8 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Program Room

Frostblood by Elly Blake.
Ruby, imprisoned by the Frostblood King, vows to use her illegal power to manipulate fire to destroy him. For teens in grades 6 to 12. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

HOLIDAY HOURS
The Library will operate on a holiday schedule: Columbus Day, Monday, October 14. The Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch will be open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The South End Branch will be open 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The West Haven Branch and Holland Branch will be open 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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