From the President’s Desk

If you take a peek at our website, you can view the Library’s Annual Report. It is a snapshot of this past year and illustrates how much libraries have changed—everything from hosting a Start Up Weekend to a visit by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. We are lucky to live in a community that values education: formal, informal and continuing. We receive strong support from the city of Stamford, but it is not enough to provide exceptional service. That is why we need to seek additional funding for books, job skills classes, homework help, English language instruction and other important services. There are so many ways that you can help—become a Friend, buy a book in our bookshop, or volunteer your time.

I’m also asking you to consider a gift to our Annual Appeal. This month, you will receive a letter in the mail asking for your support. Our goal is to raise $150,000 by December 31. With your help, I’m positive that we can get there! Thank you in advance for supporting our public library.

Alice Knapp, President

Fine Forgiveness Week Through November 5

Fine Forgiveness Week continues through November 5. Bring in your overdue items and your fines will be waived. Fines cannot be cleared by phone; you must visit a Ferguson Library location. The amnesty does not include lost items.

Support the Library’s Annual Appeal

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We are grateful to Eileen for her commitment to the Library.

HOME PAGE: Ferguson’s Internet and Online Resources

RBdigital

Read your favorite magazines for free! Download the RBdigital app on your phone or mobile device to enjoy magazines such as Vogue, National Geographic, The Economist, and The New Yorker.

For more information, visit our Digital Media page off Books & Music now open at the Main Library. The shop features Counter Culture coffee and has a great selection of fresh sandwiches, bowls and baked goods. The door from Winfield’s to the Friends Book Shop is open during library hours. Grab a coffee and stop in and browse.

Long-time Library Donor Grateful for The Ferguson

When Eileen Swerdlick moved to Stamford 33 years ago, she had young children and didn’t know anyone. “I felt dislocated,” she says, “so I would drop the kids off at school and come to the Library every single day. This became a place I could trust, my safe space.”

Winfield Street Coffee is Open

From the President’s Desk

Focus on Ferguson

The Heart of the Community

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Business & Career
SCORE: IT Business Plan for 2020
Monday, Nov. 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at HB
Build and refine your 2020 business plan and budget. Linda Kuppersmith, RR.
Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Co-
sponsored by United Rentals.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series
ML, Third Floor Board Room
Registration required for each session.
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Innovations in Workplace English and career development for
multilingual professionals. Call 203-351-8221 or register online at
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Entrepreneurs-in-
Residence
Monday, Nov. 4, 18 & 25 from 12 to 3 p.m.
Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14 & 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.
Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14 & 21 from 11 a.m. to 1
p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to
1 p.m. Main Library, DiMattia Building.
Sponsor: Connecticut College.

STARTING NOVEMBER
2020: How to Build a Solid Sales Act
Enrollment Monday – Friday from 10:30 a.m.
to 12:30 p.m. (not Nov. 11, 27 & 28)
ML, Second Floor Study Room
November – December 20. Presentations from
Access Health CT enroll employees in the health
coverage marketplace. Plans sold during Open
Enrollment start January 1, 2020.

Adult Book Discussions

Adult Programs
ML Main Library, DiMattia Building
HB Harry Bennett Branch
SE South End
WMN Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
RR Registration Required

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday, Nov. 4 at 11:30 a.m.
Circ by Madeleine Siegel

Dyan L. Krueger, PhD, a registered dietitian and
registered nutritionist, will facilitate a 6-week
challenge to teach participants how to eat
healthier and exercise more. A healthy snack
will be served. Meet in the ML, Fourth Floor
Tech Department.

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Main Library

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Microsoft Office Suite Integrated
Thursday, Nov. 7 from 10 to 11 a.m.
Learn how to combine Excel, Word, and
PowerPoint to be more productive.

Old Folks
Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at MHM
Join us for an exhibition of tone tapper,
frog-music, and for some singing and
singing duets.

A literary salon with a focus on Latin American
dramaturgy and contemporary literature. Call
203-517-1029 or Yelena at 203-351-8221.

Lighting and Pottery
Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Dr. Tony Spakowski will cover the basics of
tcare, maintenance, and design.

Knit & Needles
Monday, Nov. 4 & 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.
The group, led by the Community
Mindfulness Project, meets every Monday from
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group is
for people of all ages and abilities.

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Transitions to Success: How to Create
and Maintain a Budget that Works
Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Dr. Danielle Greenman, author of
The Financial Health Report: A
Guide to Thriving in the 21st Century,
will present a 6-step plan.

Career Moves: Getting Hired
Thursday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Led by a certified career coach,
we will cover the basics of
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**Homework Cafe**
- Tuesdays, Nov. 12, 19 & 26 and Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 & 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at SE
- Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.

**Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev**
- Monday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. at ML
- Themed musical and movement with Dr. Ev. Ages 5 and under with an adult.

**Wow! S.T.E.M. Class**
- Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB
- Discovery and critical thinking activities using the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and the Arts) method. A hands-on class using the scientific method and observation skills. Ages 5 to 8.

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party**
- Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. at SE
- Celebrate the release of Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball, the 14th adventure. Play games and compete in challenges to win a copy of the new book. Ages 6 and up. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**Rookie Readers**
- Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 & 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

**Picture Us Reading Book Club**
- Thursdays at 4 p.m. at SE
- Read aloud and discuss. Ages 7 and up.

**Nov. 7: The Hole Story of the Doughnut by Pat Miller**
- Nov. 21: Quickest Kid In Clarksville by Pat Zeltow

**The Little Studio**
- Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to noon at ML
- Lower Level Program Room
- Practice basic drawing techniques in a fun, low-pressure studio session. Grades K to 2. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**A Giving Thanks Book Giveaway**
- Saturday, Nov. 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at ML
- Third Floor Auditorium
- Book giveaway, stories on gratitude, crafts, music, raffle, snacks and more! For kids in grades Pre-K to 5. Co-sponsored by Stamford Public Education Foundation (SPEF).

**The Bookworm Society**
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 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/.

**Thanksgiving Program**
- Thursday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. at SE
- Join us as we read a classic Thanksgiving story, and make a craft to take home. Ages 6 and up.

**Candy Science**
- Thursday, Nov. 14 from 7 to 8 p.m. at ML
- Lower Level Program Room
- Explore the scientific method with candy. We will test various candies for density, color saturation, and fluorescence using everyday household products like vinegar, baking soda, and milk. Kids are welcome to donate their own Halloween candies. Ages 6 to 10. FULL. Register for the waiting list at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**Note:** If your child has a food allergy, please notify us before the start of the program.

**ArtKids Interactive Performance Arts Workshop: Circus Arts**
- Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at The Palace Theatre – 61 Atlantic Street, Stamford
- Circus arts with teaching artists Liz Bolik and Theresa Schorr from The Big Apple Circus. Feather balancing, rope twirling, ribbon dancing, juggling, mime, clowning, slaptstick comedy and more. No experience necessary. Grades 3 to 5. RR. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**ArtKids is generously underwritten by the Palace Theatre.**

**Crafternoon**
- Saturday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML
- Lower Level Program Room
- Story and art project. Grades K to 5. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**Special Holiday Book Bunch Club**
- Monday, Nov. 18 from 4 to 5:15 p.m. at ML
- Third Floor Board Room
- No matter what holiday you celebrate, be the best behaved guest at the table! Join us for a selection of stories and fun discussion and activity. Refreshments. Grades 2 to 3. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**Kids’ Book Discussion**
- Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at ML
- Lower Level Program Room
- The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste
- Corrine LaMer is smart, fast and fearless. It’s no surprise that despite warnings, she entered the nearby forest to retrieve a cherished item. Soon a stranger appears in her loving and close knit community, changing her life forever. Refreshments and gift books. Grades 4 to 6. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**Budding Bookworms**
- Books, songs and movement at this participatory storytime. Ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult.

**Save the Date!**
- Jeanne Rinehart Family Program: Meet Tracey Baptiste
- Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m. at ML
- Third Floor Auditorium
- Tracey Baptiste is the author of the acclaimed middle grade fantasy series which includes The Jumbies, The Rise of the Jumbies, and The Jumbie God’s Revenge, numerous nonfiction books, as well as the New York Times bestselling adventure Minecrafter’s The Crash. For ages 7 and up. Kids will have a chance to meet Ms. Baptiste.

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- HB – Harry Bennett Branch
- SE – South End Branch
- WMN – Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

**Registration Required**
- Register at the Main Library in person or call 203 351-8242.

**Baby Time**
- Traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, and more.
- Pre-walking babies with an adult.
- ML – Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

**Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 22 and Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10:30 a.m.**
- HB – Fridays at 11:15 a.m.

**WMN – Monday, Nov. 18 at 11:15 a.m. and Saturday, Nov. 16 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Sing & Stomp**
- A song and dance party! Walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult.
- ML – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

**Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27**
- HB – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

**Step Ahead**
- A preschool program with stories, music and movement using puppets, funnel boards and videos. Ages 3 to 6.
- ML – Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.

**Nov. 6, 13 & 20**

**Toddler Time**
- A participatory storytime for a wider age-range of toddlers that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Walking babies up to age 3 with an adult.
- SE – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**Every Child Ready to Read**
- Before children can learn how to read, they must develop a range of skills. 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.
- ML – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

**Nov. 7, 14 & 21**

**Family Storytime**
- The whole family can drop in for this weekend storytime. Families with children ages 5 and under.
- WMN – Saturdays at noon

**Nov. 2 & 16**
- HB – Saturday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m.

**Mother Goose**
- Rhymes, picture books, funnel boards, music and movement for walking babies. For independently walking babies under two years with an adult.
- RR. ML – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

**Nov. 12, 19 & 26**

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**Children’s Storytimes**

**Teen Programs**

**T-MAD**
- Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at ML
- Third Floor Auditorium

**In-Between Book Discussion**
- Thursday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at ML
- Lower Level Program Room
- The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson.
- Jackson Greene swears he’s given up scheming. Then corrupt school bully Keith Sinclair announces he’s running for student council president. Grades 5 to 9. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**Write a Novel**
- Saturdays, Nov. 9 & 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at ML
- Lower Level Program Room
- National Novel Writing Month challenges you to pen a novel during the month of November. Grades 6 to 10. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

**Teen Book Discussion**
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. at ML
- Lower Level Program Room
- Girls Made of Snow and Glass by Melissa Bashford
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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
# The Ferguson Library Youth Services NOVEMBER 2019 Calendar

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**Open Hours**

Mondays, 3 to 5 p.m.
Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Learn, play and discover with cutting edge technology in our M.A.C.H. Room.

**Libraries Closed for Thanksgiving**

Library closed for Thanksgiving at 5 p.m.

**ML, HB, SE – 10 am to 5 pm**

WMH is closed on Wednesdays.

**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

For storytime programs that require registration, register in person at the Main Library or call 203 351-8242.

For all other registrations, register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

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**Write a Novel!** grades 6 to 10, 1 pm ML, RR

**Read a Novel!** grades 6 to 10, 1 pm ML, RR

**ArtsKids: Circus Arts** grades 3 to 5, 10 am at The Palace Theatre RR

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

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**Family Storytime**, up to age 5 with an adult, noon WMH

**Crafternoon**, grades K to 5, 2 pm ML, RR

**Family Storytime**, families with children ages 5 and under, 11 am HB

**A Giving Thanks Book Giveaway**, Pre-K to grade 5, 1 pm ML, RR

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