

## From the President's Desk



Last month, the Ferguson Library lost two of its biggest supporters: Dudley N. Williams, Jr. and Gail Malloy. Not in terms of dollars (although both gave generously) but in terms of passion for and commitment to the library. They were both leaders in Stamford, but we claimed them as our own. Gail Malloy was a Friend of the Ferguson Library before inaugurating *A Novel Affair*, our fundraising gala. Her passion and vision helped make the event a

community favorite each spring. She also served as a Citizen Advisor to the library's Board of Trustees.

Dudley joined the Board of Trustees in 2002 and was just concluding his third five-year term. He also served as a Citizen Advisor and as a member of the library's Foundation Board. Dudley chaired the library's board in 2019–20, and helped guide us through tough decisions about staffing and services during the pandemic.

Gail and Dudley both had the ability to make you feel like you were the most important person in the room (or your organization was the most important). Each mentored me but they also mentored many others in this community. I am a better person for having known them, the Ferguson Library is a better organization because of them, and I believe that Stamford is a better community because of them.

I'll miss them tremendously.

–Alice Knapp, President

## Ferguson Launches New Website

If you've visited us online in the last few weeks, you've probably noticed things look a little different. We have a new logo and website! While we loved our iconic Ferguson logo, we wanted a brand that would reflect the entire library system, not only the Main Library building. We love our dynamic new logo and hope you do too.

Our redesigned website makes it easy to find the information you need. The site is mobile responsive to support users on any size device and features an integrated search that lets you toggle between searching the library's catalog for books and the website for information and events. It is organized with a single top menu that contains navigation for the whole site, and integrated with a new calendar system so users can easily find programs and events. There is also a chat feature, which offers the ability to connect directly with a librarian.

Let us know what you think!

## We've Gone Fine Free

With the goal of reducing barriers to access, the Ferguson Library has eliminated charging fines for overdue materials. Research shows that library fines disadvantage those who are least able to pay, but most in need of library services. Library users will still be responsible for lost or damaged materials, and will be billed for items if they are 30 days overdue or returned in a condition that requires their replacement.

## Friends Author Series June 29

*New York Times* bestselling author Alka Joshi returns to the Friends Author Series in a virtual event Tuesday, June 29 at 6 p.m. Joshi will talk about her newest book, *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur*, the richly evocative sequel to her blockbuster hit, *The Henna Artist*. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org).



## SUMMER LEARNING for Kids & Teens

Keep the kids engaged and learning this summer. Our Kids' and Teen Summer Learning Clubs begin June 12. We're making it easy to read with lots of incentives and fun activities. Reading can mean reading with someone else, listening to an audiobook or reading a newspaper, comic book or graphic novel.

Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org) or on the ReadSquared app from the

Apple Store or Google Play. Kids and teens are also welcome to come into the library to register.



## Make Music Day is June 21

Come on out to the Main Library Plaza Monday, June 21 for a day of music. Stamford is participating in Make Music Day, joining hundreds of cities around the world for a free celebration of music. Launched in 1982 in France, it is now held on the same day in more than 1,000 cities in 120 countries. Every kind of musician—young and old, amateur and professional, of every musical persuasion—will perform in parks and sidewalk cafes to share their music with friends, neighbors, and strangers.

We have some great performers signed up here at the library from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stop by and enjoy the concert!

## DIGITAL LIBRARY: GALE BUSINESS: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Looking to finance your startup or develop a new business plan? The Gale Business Entrepreneurship database has a wealth of information to support prospective and current entrepreneurs. It covers all aspects of starting and operating a business, including accounting, finance, human resources, management, taxes, and more. You can also access hundreds of sample business plans created by real-life entrepreneurs. You can find Gale Business Entrepreneurship on the A to Z database page of our website, under Research and Learn.



### RR Registration Required

Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events/). Zoom details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the program.



Please check our online calendar at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events/) for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at <https://www.fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters>.



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Follow us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary/>.



Check out the Library's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary>.

Everyone age 2 and up is required to wear a mask during their visit.

## ZOOM Book Discussions

Book discussions are presented live on Zoom. Registration is not required. Zoom details for each discussion are on our online calendar. Book discussions are open to all.

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
**Monday, June 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
*The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway



**Harry Bennett Branch**  
**Monday, June 14 from 7 to 8 p.m.**  
*Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson



**South End Branch African and African American Authors Book Discussion**  
**Monday, June 28 at 7 p.m.**  
*Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

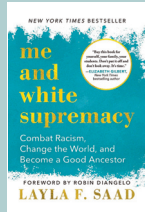


## Community Mindfulness Project Meditation

**Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at noon via Zoom**

A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, then a chance to share and reflect. Appropriate for people who are new to meditation and those who have long-standing practices. Please log on at least 5 minutes early. Zoom details are on our online calendar.

**Book Discussion Series: Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla Saad FULL**  
**Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom**



A six-week reflection group to facilitate the journey to anti-racism. Co-sponsored by First Congregational Church

Stamford, Ferguson Library South End Branch, Friends of the Ferguson Library, Stamford Stands Against Racism, Domus and Everyday Democracy.  
**Registration is closed.**

## Friends Book Shop Bag Sale

Purchase a Friends tote bag for \$10 and fill it with anything from the sale. All proceeds support the library.



**Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Visit us at Arts & Crafts on Bedford (on Bedford Street next to the Main Library)**

**Sunday, June 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Main Library, First Floor Lobby**



All our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library

## An Evening with Broadway's Daniel C. Levine and Bryan Perri

**Monday, June 7 at 7 p.m. via Zoom**



Learn how high school students can best prepare for a career on the stage and in the arts. Discussion about straight characters playing LGBTQ roles, and about the challenges theaters will face post pandemic. With Broadway veterans and husbands, Artistic Director, Daniel C. Levine and Music Director, Bryan Perri. We'll also be getting the dish on some exciting projects that Daniel and Bryan are working on! Moderated by Joe Belisle from the Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group at Kids In Crisis. For teens and adults. No registration required. Zoom details are on our online calendar. Co-sponsored by Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis.

## Remote Book-A-Librarian

Reserve up to one hour with a librarian for information or technology assistance, including help with our virtual resources like e-books, e-audiobooks, and movie streaming. To make an appointment, visit <https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/>.





## Business & Career

**Stamford 1 Million Cups**  
**Wednesday, June 2 at 9 a.m.**  
**via Zoom**

Spotlighting local entrepreneurs on their journey to success. **RR.**



**CrimeCONN Express 2:**  
**Break Out of the (COVID) Box**  
**Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17 at**  
**7 p.m. via Zoom**

**RR.** Registration required for each separate session. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/crimeconn](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events/crimeconn).

This series is focused on the writing craft, the reading adventure, and how to expand your creative minds, loosen those writing muscles and discover new horizons. Books available for purchase at Elm Street Books. Call 203 966-4545 or visit [elmstreetbooks.com](http://elmstreetbooks.com).

**June 3: It's My Life (Or Not). Writing Outside Yourself.**

*Panelists:* Caroline Kepnes, Brad Parks, Kate White  
*Moderator:* Ross Klavan  
*MC:* Tom Straw

**June 10: Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood. Breaking Out of Genre Tropes.**

*Panelists:* Charles Coe, Juliet Games, Luanne Rice  
*Moderator:* Sari Rosenblatt  
*MC:* Tom Straw

**June 17: We Gotta Get Out of This Place. How Changing Up Settings Can Free Your Imagination.**

*Panelists:* Cara Black, Timothy Hallinan, Johnny Temple  
*Moderator:* Scott Adlerberg  
*MC:* Tom Straw



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## Technology



Live-streaming classes will resume soon but you can catch up on our technology classes by visiting our YouTube channel. Many classes are available, including Microsoft Office, an Intro to Web Building: HTML & CSS, and more.

## Family Program

**Celebrate Immigrant Heritage Month**

**Sunday, June 6 from 1:30 to 7 p.m.**

**Main Library, Outside Plaza**

**1:30 p.m. Chinese Dance Group: Performances by Connecticut Chinese Dance Group**

(Dance Teacher: Alison Wang)  
*Sun of the Morning Melody in Shanghai* (Chinese Classic Dance)  
*Dao La* (Mongolian Dance)

**3 p.m. Polish Dance: Performances by Słowianie Polish Folklore Dance Group**

*The Krakowiak* (also known as the *Cracovienne*)  
*Trojak* (dances done in groups of three)  
*Tance Lubelskie*

**4 p.m. Taller Portal Norteño: Traditional Dances of Peru**

**5 p.m. Vigil of Light in Times of Pandemic**



In memory of victims of COVID-19. Co-sponsored by the Mayor's Multicultural Council, Intempo, City of Stamford, Ecuadorian Civic Committee of Fairfield County, Inc., and La Tertulia.

## English Language Learners



**Let's Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners Spring Session via Zoom**

Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit <https://www.fergusonlibrary.org/services/multicultural-center/lets-talk>

**Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15**

**New students: 11 a.m.**

**Basic: 12:30 p.m.**

**Low intermediate: 3 p.m.**

**Advanced: 6 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16**

**Virtual vocabulary games: 2:30 p.m.**

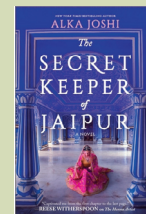
**Beginner: 4 p.m.**

**High intermediate: 5:30 p.m.**

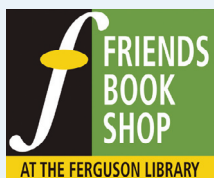
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**Tuesday, June 29 at 6 p.m. via Zoom**

The author will be talking about *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur*, the sequel to the NYT bestselling book, *The Henna Artist*. In the new novel, henna artist Lakshmi arranges for her protégé, Malik, to intern at the Jaipur Palace in this tale rich in character, atmosphere, and lavish storytelling. **RR.**



## FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



### Book Shop News

Fill a bag with books for just \$10! The Friends Book Shop is holding its signature Bag Sale June 12 and 13 as part of Arts & Crafts on Bedford. The sale starts on Bedford Street Saturday and continues in the library lobby on Sunday. Ten dollars gets you a bright yellow Friends

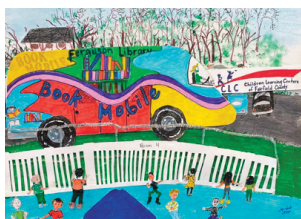
bag that you can fill with all the sale books you can carry.

Find a great beach read through the Friends' new online book shop, <https://www.stamfordfriendsbookshop.org/>. You can see what's available in the shop and have it ready for pick up.



### Teen Art Contest Winner

Congratulations to Hailey Archer, winner of The Ferguson Library 2021 Teen Art Contest. Hailey is a seventh grader at Cloonan Middle School. Her drawing for the Teen Summer Learning Club, *Tails and Tales*, will appear on all Teen Summer Learning Club materials.



### Bookmobile Drawing Contest Winner

The winner of our Bookmobile art contest is the Children's Learning Centers. Miss Margaret's Room 4 drew this winning picture of the stop at CLC. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped us celebrate National Bookmobile Day in April.

**Missed one of our programs? Not to worry – catch up whenever you have a chance. We are recording most of our virtual programs. You can find them on our YouTube channel.**

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**Main Library, DiMattia Building**  
One Public Library Plaza,  
Stamford, CT 06904  
203 964-1000  
Monday through Wednesday 10 – 6  
Thursday 10 – 8  
Friday & Saturday 10 – 5  
Sunday 1 – 5

**Harry Bennett Branch**  
115 Vine Road 06905  
203 351-8291  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &  
Friday 10 – 5  
Wednesday 10 – 7  
Saturday 10 – 5

**South End Branch**  
34 Woodland Avenue 06902  
203 351-8280  
Monday through Thursday 10 – 5:30  
Saturday 10 – 2

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
1143 Hope Street 06907  
203 351-8285  
Monday & Thursday 10 – 6  
Tuesday 12 – 7  
Saturday 10 – 5

**Bookmobile**  
Check our online calendar at  
<https://www.fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile>

**The Friends Book Shops at the Ferguson Library**

**Main Library Book Shop**  
Monday through Thursday 11 – 6  
Friday & Saturday 11 – 5  
Sunday 1 – 5

**Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop**  
Monday through Friday 12 – 5  
Saturday 1 – 5

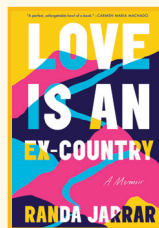
**Passport Services**  
Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298.

**Main Library Passport Office**  
Monday through Wednesday 10 – 5  
Thursday 10 – 7  
Friday 10 – 4  
Saturday 10 – 4  
Sunday 1 – 4

**Harry Bennett Passport Office**  
Saturday 1 – 4 (WALK-IN ONLY)

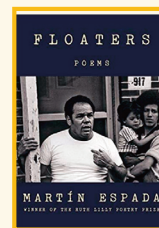
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## STAFF RECOMMENDS: The Immigrant Experience



**Love is An Ex-Country:  
A Memoir**  
by Randa Jarrar

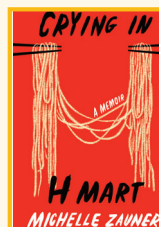
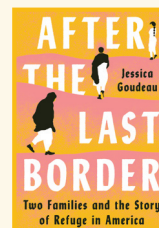
**Floaters: Poems**  
by Martin Espada



**Conditional Citizens:  
On Belonging in America**  
by Laila Lalami

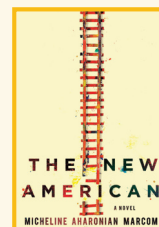


**After the Last Border:  
Two Families and the Story  
of Refuge in America**  
by Jessica Goudeau



**Crying in H Mart: A Memoir**  
by Michelle Zauner

**The New American**  
by Micheline Aharonian Marcom



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