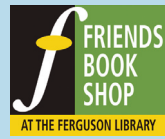


Friends of The Ferguson Library



Book Shop News

Don't miss the Book Shop's big January sale. Everything in the store is 40% off through January 19. Stop in and browse our locations at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. All proceeds support the Library.



Literary Competition is Open

Entries are now being accepted for the 35th annual Stamford Literary Competition. The contest is open to Stamford students in grades 3 to 12. Entry forms are available at the Main Library and branches, through the Stamford schools, and on the Friends program page of the Library's website, fergusonlibrary.org/friends-of-the-ferguson/programs-events/. Entries are due February 7.

Art at The Ferguson

Join us for a wine and cheese reception as we launch our winter exhibit, *Winter Wonderland*, Thursday, January 23 at 6 p.m. in the Ferguson's Third Floor Auditorium Gallery. The juried show is curated by the Stamford Art Association. It will run through May. Shown: *Winter Serenity* by Maria Friscia



Passport Services

You can apply for a passport at the Library. We have passport offices at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. No 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.



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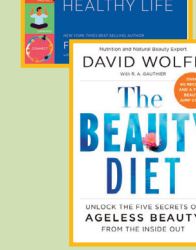
Self-Care in the New Year



The 6 Keys: Unlock Your Genetic Potential for Ageless Strength, Health, and Beauty by Jillian Michaels



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From the President's Desk



It's hard to believe the South End Branch is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

It all started in 1970, when former Stamford Mayor Julius Wilensky announced the formation of a new community center in the city's South End that would include a collection of books from The Ferguson Library. The original collection began with a federal grant of \$28,898, and in the branch's early years, an outreach librarian tended to the collection and offered programs. The community center was later renamed after community activist Lathon Wider and the simple collection became our South End Branch, providing a full range of programs and services from Homework Help Café to the popular jazz and poetry nights. From the beginning, the South End Branch has provided services to the local community as well as drawing residents from throughout Stamford who enjoy the storytimes, book discussions, and special events.



We are hosting programs throughout this year to mark South End's 50th anniversary. Please join us in celebrating this small branch with a big heart.

Alice Knapp, President

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be closed Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day. On Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch will be open 10 to 6. The South End Branch will be open 10 to 5:30 and the Weed Branch will be open 11 to 4.

Save the Date: February 8 & 9 Mini-Golf at Harry Bennett Branch

Mini-Golf is back! The Friends are hosting miniature golf at the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds to support the Library. Bring the whole family for a fun outing! Many thanks to our presenting sponsor, First County Bank.



Your Faves from the Last Decade

Last month, we asked you to share some of your favorite books from the last decade. Here are a few that you loved: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders; *Educated* by Tara Westover; *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr; *The Refugees* by Viet Thanh Nguyen; *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan; *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

There's Still Time to Give to the Library's Annual Appeal!

Your gift helps us buy books and provide vital library services like homework help and job skills training. Donate securely at fergusonlibrary.org or any library location.



A Novel Affair April 23

A Novel Affair, the Library's spring fundraiser, is April 23! It's a festive evening of entertainment and fun, with delicious food donated by local restaurants. This year, we're delighted to honor Tom Cassone for his longstanding service to the Library and the Stamford community. Many thanks to our sponsors to date: Friends of The Ferguson Library; SL Green Realty Corp; OdysseyRe; Judith Block; Jane Carlin & Benjamin Gifford; Garden Homes Management; Thomson Reuters; Bankwell; David and Andrea Cohen; Amy & Tony Downer; Harman; Stamford Town Center; Melvina Callion; Mimi Cohen; General Assembly; Sam and Emily Gordon; Stephen Perry and Susan Toliver. Tickets will be available in early February, but we are accepting sponsorships now. For information contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208/ linda@fergusonlibrary.org.



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The Ferguson Library Youth Services **JANUARY** 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>All programs are drop-in unless indicated otherwise.</p> <p>ML Main Library, DiMattia Building 203 351-8242</p> <p>HB Harry Bennett 203 351-8294</p> <p>SE South End 203 351-8283</p> <p>WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander 203 351-8287</p> <p>RR Registration Required</p>		<p>M.A.C/H ROOM MAKERSPACE OPEN HOURS</p> <p><i>ML, LL Makerspace</i> Mondays, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. (not Jan. 1) Saturdays, 3 to 5 p.m. Learn, play and discover with cutting edge technology in our M.A.C.H. Room.</p>	Library closed for New Year's Day				<p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:30 am ML</p> <p>Play & Watch: Jumanji, grades 6 and up, noon ML</p>
	<p>Winter Storytime registration begins, in person only, 10 am ML</p> <p>Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev, ages 5 and under, 1 pm ML</p> <p>WOW! S.T.E.A.M. Class, ages 5 to 8, 4:15 pm HB</p> <p>Pajama Storytime, ages 5 and under with their family, 6:30 pm HB</p>	<p>Winter Storytime phone registration begins, 10 am ML</p> <p>Toddler Time, walking babies up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am WMH</p> <p>Budding Bookworms, ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult, 10:30 am SE</p> <p>Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE</p> <p>Bookworm Society, grades K to 2, 4:30 pm ML, RR</p>	<p>Sing & Stomp, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult. 10:15 am ML</p> <p>Step Ahead, ages 3 to 5, 11:15 am ML</p> <p>Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE</p> <p>Rookie Readers, ages 5 to 7, 4 pm HB</p> <p>T-MAD, Perky Pairing: Coffee and Fine Chocolate, grades 6 to 12, 4 pm ML</p>	<p>Picture Us Reading Book Club, Martin Luther King, Jr. book and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s <i>I Have a Dream</i> speech, ages 7 and up, 4 pm SE</p> <p>Fact or Fiction: Finding Bigfoot, Searching for Sea Monsters & Other Mythical Beasts, grades 4 to 7, 7 pm ML, RR</p>	<p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am ML</p>	<p>Chess Club for Kids, grades 2 to 5, 10:15 am ML, RR</p> <p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:30 am WMH</p> <p>Family Storytime, up to age 5 with an adult, noon WMH</p>	
	<p>Toddler Time, walking babies up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am, HB</p> <p>Two's Company, two-year-olds with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR</p> <p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 11:15 am WMH</p> <p>WOW! S.T.E.A.M. Class, ages 5 to 8, 4:15 pm HB</p> <p>Pajama Storytime, ages 5 and under with their family, 6:30 pm HB</p>	<p>Mother Goose, for independently walking babies under two years with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR</p> <p>Toddler Time, walking babies up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am WMH</p> <p>Budding Bookworms, ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult, 10:30 am SE</p> <p>Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE</p>	<p>Sing & Stomp, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult. 10:15 am ML, HB</p> <p>Step Ahead, ages 3 to 5, 11:15 am ML</p> <p>Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE</p> <p>Rookie Readers, ages 5 to 7, 4 pm HB</p>	<p>Every Child Ready to Read, ages 3 to 5 with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR</p> <p>In-Between Book Discussion, <i>The Witch Boy</i> by Molly Knox Ostertag, grades 5 to 9, 7 pm ML, RR</p>	<p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am ML</p> <p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 11:15 am HB</p>	<p>Chess Club for Kids, grades 2 to 5, 10:15 am ML, RR</p> <p>The Little Studio, grades K to 2, 11 am ML, RR</p>	
<p>Family Program: Lunar New Year Celebration, Celebrate the Year of the Rat, ages 5 and up and their families, 1:30 pm ML</p>	<p>Holiday Hours for MLK Day ML: 10 to 6 HB: 10 to 6 SE: 10 to 5:30 WMH: 11 to 4</p>	<p>Mother Goose, for independently walking babies under two years with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR</p> <p>Toddler Time, walking babies up to age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am WMH</p> <p>Budding Bookworms, ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult, 10:30 am SE</p> <p>Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE</p> <p>Teen Book Discussion, <i>Posted</i> by John David Anderson, grades 6 to 12, 7 pm ML, RR</p>	<p>Sing & Stomp, walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult. 10:15 am ML, HB</p> <p>Step Ahead, ages 3 to 5, 11:15 am ML</p> <p>Homework Café, ages 7 to 12, 3:30 pm SE</p> <p>Rookie Readers, ages 5 to 7, 4 pm HB</p>	<p>Every Child Ready to Read, ages 3 to 5 with an adult, 10:15 am ML, RR</p> <p>Picture Us Reading Book Club, <i>Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You</i> by Sonia Sotomayor, ages 7 and up, 4 pm SE</p>	<p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am ML</p> <p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 11:15 am HB</p>	<p>Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:30 am WMH</p> <p>Family Storytime, up to age 5 with an adult, noon WMH</p>	
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