

From the President's Desk



We need your help in shaping the future of the library. Long range planning is one of my favorite activities as it makes me pause and listen to the community. We want to make sure that we understand the priorities, desires and needs of all segments of Stamford—even beyond traditional library uses. There may be new services we can add, or ways we can change what we already do that will make a difference to the community.

To do this, we are holding a series of Community Conversations. They will focus mostly on you. Your life, your perspectives, your experiences and needs. Your responses will help us shape our programs, services and spaces to ensure they matter to you and the rest of the community.

Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive an invitation to participate in a conversation. I hope you'll say yes. We would love to hear from you as we move into the future.

—Alice Knapp, President

All library facilities will be closed Sunday, July 4 and Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday.

Free Lunch for Kids at South End

The South End Branch is offering free lunches for kids again this summer. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally-funded, state-administered program that ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session.

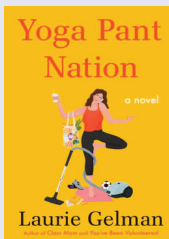


Grab and Go lunches for kids up to age 18 will be distributed at the South End Branch, 34 Woodland Avenue, on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. through August 25. Just drop by; no registration needed. The library is partnering with the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut on this program.

Friends Virtual Author Series

Laurie Gelman, Author of *Yoga Pant Nation* Wednesday, July 14 at 6 p.m. via Zoom

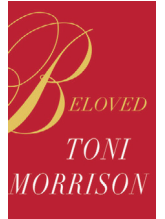
Join us virtually with Laurie Gelman, bestselling author of *Class Mom* and *You've Been Volunteered*. Gelman's new book, *Yoga Pant Nation*, is a hilarious look at one mom's challenges through parenting and life, keeping her on her toes and perpetually in yoga pants. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.



Save the date for Susan Ronald, author of *The Ambassador: Joseph P. Kennedy at the Court of St. James's, 1938-1940*, Thursday, August 5 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

The Big Read Coming in October Toni Morrison's *Beloved*

The Ferguson Library has received a \$12,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to participate in a community-wide Big Read. We hope you'll join us in reading or re-reading Toni Morrison's classic novel, *Beloved*. More details to come on activities and programming. We have multiple copies of the book if you'd like to get a head start.



We are pleased to continue our process of safely returning to pre-pandemic levels of service, including restoring library hours. See the reverse for our new hours of operation.

Staff News



Congratulations to: **Denise Lyles**, who has been named the new Supervisor of the Harry Bennett and Weed Memorial & Hollander branches. Denise is a familiar face at the Ferguson—she comes to her new position from the South End Branch.



Cheryl Harper, formerly the Business Office Supervisor, who is now Director of Administrative Services, and will oversee library operations and finances.

Kids' Summer Learning Club



Our Kids' Summer Learning Club, *Tails and Tales*, is in full swing. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org or on the READSquared app. Or come into any library location to sign up. Kids can earn points for every minute they read this summer and become a Summer Learning Finisher. Keeping kids learning over the school break is critical to their success. Let the library help!

DIGITAL LIBRARY: GALE LEGALFORMS

Need to draw up a basic real estate contract? *Gale LegalForms* can help. This database offers a wide selection of essential state-specific (and multi-state) legal forms that can be customized for common legal procedures. It includes forms for real estate contracts, wills, premarital agreements, bankruptcy, divorce, landlord tenant, and many others. You can find *Gale LegalForms* under *Legal Forms Library* on the Research & Learn page of our website, under A to Z Resources. You'll need your Ferguson Library card for access.

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<https://facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary/>.



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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.

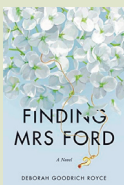
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday, July 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune by Bill Dedman



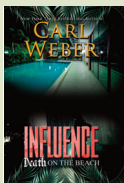
Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, July 12 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Finding Mrs. Ford by Deborah Goodrich Royce



South End Branch African and African American Authors Book Discussion
Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m.

Influence: Death on the Beach by Carl Weber



Community Mindfulness Project Meditation

Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 at noon via Zoom

A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, and 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 five minutes early. Zoom details are on our online calendar.



PERSON-TO-PERSON

Helping Others, One Person at a Time.

Darien-Norwalk-Stamford

www.p2pHelps.org

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, July 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

CLICC

Connecting Through Literacy, Incarcerated Parents, Their Children, and Caregivers



CLICC Family Information Session: Children with Incarcerated Parents

Monday, July 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

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Grow with Google

Online Workshops Summer Technology Series with Grow with Google With Sixcia Devine, Grow with Google Professional Trainer

RR. Registration required for each workshop. If you plan to attend via a mobile device, you can install the free GoToWebinar app for iOS or Android.

Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps Tuesday, July 6 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Ensure customers can find accurate, updated information about your local business on Google Search and Google Maps, no matter which device they use. In this workshop, you will learn how to create and manage a Google business profile from start to finish.

Reach Customers Online with Google Tuesday, July 13 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Learn how Google Search works and how you can improve a website's visibility with Search Engine Optimization (SEO). The session also introduces products like Google My Business, Google Trends, Search Console, Google Analytics, Google Ads, and more.

Use YouTube to Grow Your Business Tuesday, July 20 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Learn how to list your products for free with Google My Business and Merchant Center. You'll also learn one way to sell on your website, using an E-Commerce store built with Shopify. Plus, learn about more helpful tools to stand out online, such as Local Opportunity Finder and Grow My Store.

Learn the Basics of Google Ads Tuesday, July 27 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Learn how to reach more customers and grow your business with Google Ads.

Co-sponsored by Stamford Partnership.



Friends Virtual Author Series: An Evening with Laurie Gelman, Author of *Yoga Pant Nation*
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via Zoom



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Presented in Partnership with HarperCollins: Celebrating Libraries with Karin Slaughter and Jackie Cooper
Tuesday, July 27 at 7 p.m. via CrowdCast



Join Karin Slaughter in conversation with Jackie Cooper to celebrate libraries and discuss Karin's latest book, *False Witness*. She is the founder of the Save the Libraries project, a nonprofit established to support libraries and library programming. Register at crowdcast.io/e/slaughterlibraryevent/register.



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://fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events/>

Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27

New students: 11 a.m.

Basic: 12:30 p.m.

Low intermediate: 3 p.m.

Advanced: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28

High intermediate: 10 a.m.

Beginner: 4 p.m.

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.

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/>.

SAVE THE DATES

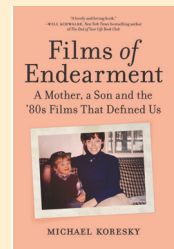


Friends Virtual Author Series: An Afternoon with Susan Ronald, Author of *The Ambassador: Joseph P. Kennedy at the Court of St. James's, 1938-1940*
Thursday, August 5 at 2 p.m.
via Zoom



Biographer Susan Ronald examines Joseph P. Kennedy's deeply controversial tenure as Ambassador to Great Britain on the eve of World War II. Thorough and utterly readable. **RR.**

Stamford Pride Month Meet Michael Koresky, Author of *Films of Endearment: A Mother, a Son and the '80s Films That Defined Us*
Monday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, First Floor New Materials Room

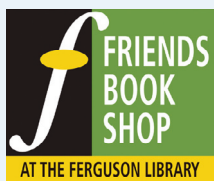


Film critic Michael Koresky set out on a journey with his mother to discover more about their shared cinematic past. They rewatched ten films that she first introduced to him as a child, one from every year of the '80s, each featuring women leads. Co-sponsored by Stamford Pride. **RR.**



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Book Shop News

We're featuring beach reads in the Book Shop this month. Stop in and browse our great selection of fiction titles—all you'll need is a chair and blanket! Also, take a chance on a new author from our White Tag cart. Three books for just two dollars.

All fiction, mystery, romance and science fiction hardcovers are three for two dollars as well. The perfect time to stock up on your summer reading!

Annual Appeal Raises \$270,000

A big thank-you to everyone who supported our 2020–2021 Annual Appeal. With your help, we finished the campaign at the end of our fiscal year in June with \$270,000. Your gifts help us remain relevant in this ever-changing world and provide the services our community depends on. Thank you for supporting the library!

Storytime on the lawn at the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch



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

Connect to The Ferguson



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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JULY 2021

STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Beyond the Everyday: Recipes for delicious and inspired meals

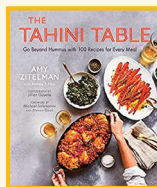


Cook Real Hawaii
by Sheldon Simeoni
with Garrett Snyder

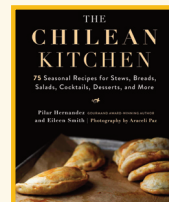
The Rise: Black Cooks and the Soul of American Food
by Marcus Samuelsson
with Osayi Endolyn



The Tahini Table: Go Beyond Hummus with 100 Recipes for Every Meal
by Amy Zitelman
with Andrew Schloss



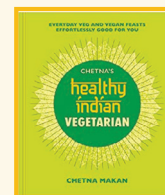
The Chilean Kitchen: 75 Seasonal Recipes for Stews, Breads, Salads, Cocktails, Desserts, and More
by Pilar Hernandez
and Eileen Smith



In Bibi's Kitchen: The Recipes and Stories of Grandmothers From the Eight African Countries that touch the Indian Ocean
by Hawa Hassan
with Julia Turshen



Chetna's Healthy Indian Vegetarian: Everyday Veg and Vegan Feasts Effortlessly Good for You
by Chetna Makan



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FERGUSON LIBRARY

YOUTH SERVICES

JULY 2021


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How to Contact and Follow Us

- Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261
- Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk: 203 351-8231
- Youth Services: 203 351-8242
- Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294
- South End Branch: 203 351-8283
- Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

■ **YS Website** fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids for information for kids, teens, parents and educators. You'll find information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources, Wi-Fi for students in need, and more.

■ **Online calendar** at fergusonlibrary.org/events/ for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters.

 **Instagram** @ferglibrary, @ferglibraryyouth, @harrybennettbranchys and @southend-branch_lib.

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Kids' Summer Learning Club



Tails and Tales

Summer Learning continues through Tuesday, August 31.

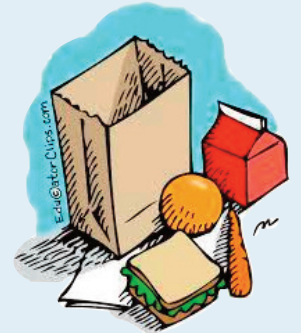
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Be sure to visit the library this summer to pick up your FREE library wallet with lanyard!

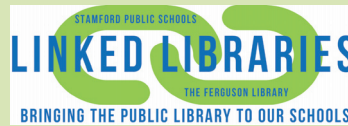
Grab and Go Meals

Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at SE

The South End Branch, in partnership with Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut (CAAWC), is offering free meals for kids this summer on Wednesdays through August 25. For kids up to age 18. Drop-in program. No registration needed.



Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.



Stamford students can use their school ID to access our many digital materials, even if they don't have a Ferguson Library card. For access, enter 211800+student ID number (no spaces). If you encounter any issues accessing our e-materials or databases, fill out the form at <https://fergusonlibrary.org/linked-libraries-contact-us-form/>.



TEEN SUMMER LEARNING CLUB TAILS AND TALES

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Kids' Summer Learning Club Tails and Tales

Outdoor Family Storytime

Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

WMH Lawn


Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs to this drop-in program on the lawn behind the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Library. For children up to age 4, with caregiver. Weather permitting.

Storytime at Commons Park Harbor Point, Stamford

Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.


Stories for children and families. (Weather permitting)

Crafternoons @ Home

Thursday, July 1, 8 & 15 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. via Zoom 

A picture book read-aloud and art project. Bring coloring supplies and have your imagination ready! Grades K to 5. Families, parents and caregivers are encouraged to join. **RR.**

Family Storytime

Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26 from 10:15 to 11 a.m. via Zoom 

The whole family is welcome to join this storytime full of rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement. For children up to age 6. **RR.**



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The Fog Knows Your Name

Wednesday, July 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

A writing game in which YOU choose how the story unfolds. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Tails & Tales Virtual Trivia

Wednesday, July 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom

A virtual Kahoot that will test your animal knowledge. Grades 5 to 9. **RR.**

Children's Programs

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom

A song and dance party! For 18 months to 4 years, with adult. **RR.**

Budding Bookworms via South End Branch Instagram

Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week. Watch on the South End Instagram at the scheduled time.


Kids' Book Discussion

Tuesday, July 20 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom

 *Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks. Adventures on board the Wilnick Space Station, involving a three-headed kitten named Princess Sparkle. Grades 4 to 7. **RR.**

Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity

Wednesday, July 21 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

 Read *InvestiGATORS* by John Patrick Green, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Please bring blank paper, a writing utensil and crayons or markers. Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**

Teen Programs

Creative Writing Club

Wednesday, July 7 from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom

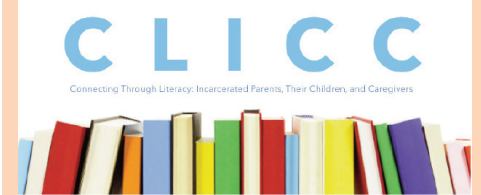
Bring your imagination, paper and something to write with. We'll work on different writing prompts, then share our work. Grades 5 to 9. **RR.**

Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, July 21 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

Pet by Akwaeke Emezi. How do you save the world from monsters if no one will admit they exist? Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Parent Program



CLICC Family Information Session: Children with Incarcerated Parents

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