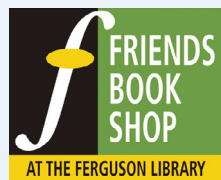


## FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



### Book Shop News

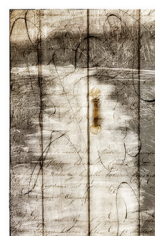
The Book Shop will be at *Arts & Crafts on Bedford* Saturday, October 2 with a great selection of books for holiday shopping—beautiful art books, children's titles, cookbooks and more. A great way to find something for everyone on your list.

Then, on Saturday, October 23, the Book Shop will hold its final Bag Sale of the year at the Harry Bennett Branch. Fill a bag with books for just \$10. It's the best deal in town.

All Book Shop sales support the library.

### Art Opening

Art at the Ferguson returns this month with the exhibit, *Fragments of Memory*, opening Thursday, October 21 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library. The juried show is curated by the Stamford Art Association and features the work of local and regional artists. The exhibit ties into the evocative themes of Toni Morrison's novel *Beloved*, Stamford's 2021 NEA Big Read title. *Fragments of Memory* will be on display through January in the Main Library third floor gallery. Pictured: *When a Door Opens* by Mary Ann Glass



### Library Catalog Offers New Features

Our online catalog lets you do a deep dive into your next read or discover the upcoming title in a series. Looking for Harry Potter? Click on one of the titles, and select "Details" to see what else is available in the series. You can also read professional and reader reviews, see similar books our librarians recommend and find out what else the author has written.

You can search the catalog from any page on our website.

**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.**

# FERGUSON LIBRARY THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

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10 to 6  
Wednesday 10 to 7  
Saturday 10 to 5

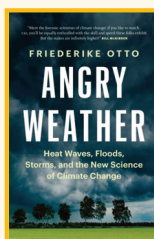
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Saturday 10 to 2

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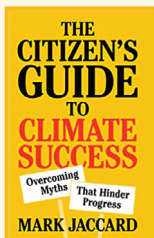
Essential Reading About Climate Change



*The Climate Diet: 50 Simple Ways to Trim Your Carbon Footprint*  
by Paul Greenberg

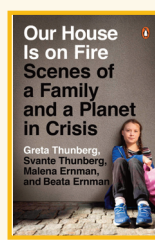


*Angry Weather: Heat Waves, Floods, Storms, and the New Science of Climate Change*  
by Friederike Otto



*The Citizen's Guide to Climate Success: Overcoming Myths That Hinder Progress*  
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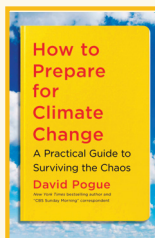
*How to Prepare for Climate Change: A Practical Guide to Surviving the Chaos*  
by David Pogue



*Our House Is on Fire: Scenes of a Family and a Planet in Crisis*  
by Greta Thunberg, Svante Thunberg, Malena Ernman and Beata Ernman



*Climate Change Is Racist: Race, Privilege and the Struggle for Climate Justice*  
by Jeremy Williams and Shola Mos-Shogbamimu



### Connect to the Ferguson



**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
1143 Hope Street 06907  
203 351-8285  
Monday & Thursday 10 to 6  
Tuesday 12 to 7  
Saturday 10 to 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 to 6  
Friday & Saturday 11 to 5  
Sunday 1 to 5

**Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop**  
Monday through Saturday 10 to 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 Thursday 10 to 7  
Friday 10 to 5  
Saturday 10 to 4  
Sunday 1 to 4

**Harry Bennett Passport Office**  
Saturday 10 to 4 (WALK-IN ONLY)

p 203 964-1000  
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## FOCUS ON

# FERGUSON LIBRARY

THE NEWSLETTER OF STAMFORD'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2021

## Message from the CEO



October 4 to 8 is National Digital Inclusion Week, which focuses on the need for digital equity nationwide. What does that mean? Imagine that you are looking to renew your driver's license and not only do you not have internet access, but you don't have an email address to make an appointment. Where do you begin? Or your neighborhood was hit hard by Ida and you have to report the damage to the city's website. Not having access to the internet or necessary digital literacy skills impacts quality of life, whether it is making that appointment or connecting with a loved one during the pandemic.

We just received a grant through the Connecticut State Library to hire digital navigators. It is a pilot program based on the work done by the Salt Lake City Library that will allow us to go into the community to work with people on digital skills and even provide some equipment. We are very excited about this project, and look forward to working towards digital inclusion for our entire community.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

- ★ The Main Library will close early at 6 p.m. October 11, for Columbus Day.
- ★ **New Extended Hours at the Harry Bennett Branch**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 to 6  
Wednesday 10 to 7  
Saturday 10 to 5  
The Passport Office at the Harry Bennett Branch is open Saturday 10 to 4.

## The NEA Big Read Toni Morrison's *Beloved*

Join us for a community-wide read this month as we delve into Toni Morrison's classic novel, *Beloved*.

We kick off a month-long series of NEA Big Read programs October 2 with a book giveaway and the first of three workshops to create a community quilt evoking the rich world of *Beloved*. Our keynote address on October 7 features Swarthmore College President, Valerie Smith, the author of *Toni Morrison: Writing the Moral Imagination*. The NEA Big Read finishes up November 1 with Farah Jasmine Griffin, the William B. Ransford Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University and author of *Read Until You Understand: The Profound Wisdom of Black Life and Literature*.

We'll also be holding discussions of *Beloved* at all our locations. Check our calendar for details.



## Ferguson Library Welcomes New Trustees

The Ferguson Library Board of Trustees has elected Stephanie O'Shea as its new chair for 2021–2022. She succeeds outgoing chair Anderson Livingston.

Ms. O'Shea has had a long career in the publishing industry, most recently working as Senior Account Manager for John Wiley & Sons. She is deeply involved in the Stamford community. In addition to serving as a Ferguson Library Trustee, she has served on the Stamford Democratic City Committee and was a Board of Education write-in candidate in 2020. Ms. O'Shea is also a member of the Stamford School District's CORE Reopening Committee, and the Long-Term Facilities Committee and its Steering Committee. She is a past president of the Stamford Parent-Teacher Council.

Michael Hyman will serve as the board's vice-chair; Sopong Kim continues as treasurer and Robert J. Granata as secretary. Past-chair Anderson Livingston, whose term has expired, leaves the board; Tamu Lucero and R.J. Mercede join the board.



## Ferguson Library Awarded a Connecticut State Library Grant

The Ferguson Library has been awarded a \$96,000 Connecticut State Library grant underwritten by American Rescue Plan Act funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support the creation of a Digital Navigators program in Stamford.

The program will allow us to hire three digital navigators, who will identify clients without adequate connectivity and offer them instruction and/or digital devices. The project will operate in partnership with the City of Stamford, SilverSource, Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement, Islamic Cultural Center of New York (Stamford chapter), Stamford Public Education Foundation, and Building One Community.

## Tune in to our Podcasts

Now you can listen to podcasts of your favorite author talks or catch up on ones you might have missed. You can find Ferguson Library program podcasts on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts or Spotify. Many of our author talks, tech classes and other programs are also available on YouTube.

## DIGITAL LIBRARY: GREENFILE

For a deep dive into the environment, check out GreenFile. It's a research database of journal articles and books covering all aspects of human impact on the environment. Content ranges from the scholarly to general interest, and subjects include climate change, pollution, renewable energy, recycling and sustainable agriculture.

Support the library with a monthly gift. Donate at [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org).



**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  
at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events/).  
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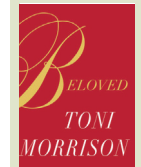
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## Book Discussions

 All book discussion groups will be reading *Beloved* by Toni Morrison unless otherwise noted. Pick up your free copy at any Ferguson Library location prior to discussions. For virtual book discussions, check our online calendar for Zoom login. Registration is not required. Book discussions are open to all.

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
Monday, Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

**Main Library, DiMattia Building**  
Third Floor Board Room  
Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

**Mill River Park Great Lawn**  
Friday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m.

**Harry Bennett Branch**  
Monday, Oct. 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom  
*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett  
Monday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. via Zoom  
*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

**South End Branch**  
Monday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. (also via Zoom)

**Makerspace Lending Library Display**  
Saturday, Oct. 2 from noon to 4 p.m.  
ML, First Floor Lobby

Come see what unexpected items you can borrow from the Ferguson Library Makerspace: sewing machines, baking equipment, microcomputers, ukuleles and more!

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library and La Tertulia de Stamford.

**Family Program: Traditional Dance Performances from Peru and Guatemala\***

Saturday, Oct. 2 at 2:30 p.m.

ML, Outdoor Plaza

Featuring Taller de Marinera "Portal Norteño," Grupo Danza Guatemalteca and Pumawari Tusuy.

**Exploring Wealth in the Latino Community**

Tuesday, Oct. 5 via Zoom

A panel of local leaders shares its journey to personal financial success and offers advice on how to build individual and family wealth. With Anka Badurina, Executive Director of Building One Community (B1C); James R. Huerta, Managing Partner of The Nessa Group Inc.; William Malpica, law partner and Head of Banking & Finance at Martin LLP; José Luis Zepeda, banker with more than 40 years' experience. Moderated by Arisleyda Riehl, Wealth Management Advisor at Merrill Lynch.

**RR.** Zoom login information will be included in confirmation email. Co-sponsored by Prospanica Connecticut.

**La Tertulia de Stamford's Theatrical Play, *Fase 2\****

Sunday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium


Explores authoritarianism, misogyny and the exploitation of women in society. Featuring Nathalia Álvarez, Paulo Álvarez. Directed by Walter Dionisio. In Spanish. Adults only.

\*Co-sponsored by the Mayor's Multicultural Council, Ecuadorian Civic Committee of Fairfield County, La Voz Hispana, En Vivo Con Mari-carmen, Crisol Acuarela and Grupo Quetzal.

**An Evening with Stage and Screen Star, Robin de Jesus**

Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join us for an interesting and revealing discussion with out Latino stage and screen star, Robin de Jesus. Hosted by the Kids in Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ youth program, Robin will discuss his personal coming out experience, the future of transgender and openly gay actors in Hollywood, and the complexities of being out in the Latino community. For teens, parents and community members. No registration required. Zoom details are on our online calendar. Co-sponsored by Lighthouse, a Program of Kids in Crisis.

 Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library

## English Language Learners

**Let's Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners**

Fall Sessions via Zoom

Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events/).

**Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**New students: Noon**

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

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

**Advanced: 6 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27**

**High intermediate: 10 a.m.**

**Beginner: 3 p.m.**

**U.S. Citizenship Course Fall 2021**

**Mondays and Thursdays, Oct. 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28 at 10 a.m.**

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Six-week study course for the U.S. naturalization test. Students must read, write and comprehend basic English. Applicants age 50 and older with 20 years of legal permanent residency or 55 and older with 15 years of legal permanent residency could be excused from the English literacy requirement. **RR.** Register in person at the Second Floor Information Desk at the Main Library, online, email at [yelena@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:yelena@fergusonlibrary.org), or call 203 351-8228.

**Documentary Screening and Discussion: *A Home Called Nebraska***  
Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

This documentary spotlights people who have escaped war, torture and persecution and introduces the co-sponsors who welcomed them, taught them and helped them find housing and jobs.

The refugees are succeeding and giving back to the communities. Panelists: Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS, film directors Beth and George Gage. Registration not required. Seating is limited. (Also available via Zoom. Check our online calendar for Zoom login.)

Co-sponsored by Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement (SIRS) and Integrated Refugee and Immigrant

**Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry**  
Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

**Community Mindfulness Project Meditation**

Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at noon

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, and a chance to share and reflect.

## Business & Career

**JOB SEARCH CLASSES**

Main Library, DiMattia Building

Third Floor Technology Center

Registration required for all classes.

Call 203 351-8221 or 8222 or register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events/).

**Resume Writing 101**

Monday, Oct. 4 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Experience with MS Word is highly recommended.

**How to Build a Keyword Resume**

Saturday, Oct. 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Experience with MS Word is highly recommended.

**How to Write a Cover Letter**

Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Experience with MS Word is highly recommended.

**Preparing for an Interview**

Thursday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Learn how to effectively communicate your skills.

## TechXel Stamford

Fairfield County's First Enterprise Accelerator

**TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series**  
Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

Registration required for each session.

**RR.** Register before NOON on the program date. Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m.

**Oct. 6--Marketing**

Mark Strauss, Principal, To Go Media

**Oct. 13--Social Media**

Giulia Gambale, Founder, She So Social, and co-founder, Agents of Branding

**Oct. 20--Cybersecurity**

Sergio Pedro, Cyber Pro Cybersecurity

**Oct. 27--Software Development: Avoiding Pitfalls**

Matt Krieger, V.P. Technology Cober, Inc.

**Stamford 1 Million Cups**

Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 8 a.m. via Zoom

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

**Notary Services**

Wednesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB

Do you need official documents notarized?

Our notary public will be available to notarize your paperwork for free. By appointment only. For information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8292.

**Death Cafe Stamford**

Thursdays, Oct. 14 & 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom

A discussion about increasing awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives. With Sahara

## Technology Classes

Main Library, DiMattia Building

Third Floor Technology Center.

Registration required for all classes.

Call 203 351-8221 or 8222 or register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events/).

**Finding Reliable Health Information Online**

Saturday, Oct. 2 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Must be familiar with Windows, be able to use a mouse and keyboard and be familiar with the internet.

**Advanced Microsoft Word**

Thursday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Must be familiar with Windows and be able to use a mouse and keyboard.

Experience in MS Word is necessary.

**Introduction to Web Building: WordPress**

Saturday, Oct. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Must be familiar with Windows, be able to use a mouse and keyboard and be familiar with the internet. No experience in web building or WordPress is necessary. **FULL**

**Microsoft PowerPoint**

**Basic PowerPoint**

Thursday, Oct. 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Must be familiar with Windows and be able to use a mouse and keyboard. No MS PowerPoint experience is necessary.

**Intermediate PowerPoint**

Thursday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Must be familiar with Windows and be able to use a mouse and keyboard. Basic MS PowerPoint experience is necessary.

**Introduction to Web Building: Drupal**

Saturday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Must be familiar with Windows and be able to use a mouse and keyboard. No experience in web building or Drupal is necessary.

Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. Zoom details are on our online calendar. *Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.*

**Stamford Pride Community Meeting**

Thursday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

For teens and adults.

**Lawyers in Libraries: Looking for Legal Advice?**

Thursday, October 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

If your case involves personal injury, landlord/tenant, immigration or family law, employment, consumer rights, etc., you can meet with a volunteer attorney for 20 minutes. Please bring any materials you may have with information about your case. Appointment and face masks required; to book a time, call 203 351-8221.

## NEA BIG READ

OCTOBER 2021

For more information, visit our NEA Big Read page at [fergusonlibrary.org/nea-big-read](https://fergusonlibrary.org/nea-big-read). Co-sponsored by Stamford Stands Against Racism and UConn Stamford. **NOTE: If an in-person program is also available via Zoom, check our online calendar for the login.)**

**Kickoff: Community Quilt Project**

Saturday, October 2 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m.

ML, First Floor Lobby

Create your square to be added to the community quilt.

**Keynote Speaker Valerie Smith, President of Swarthmore College**

Thursday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

(also available via Zoom.)

**RR.** for in-person program.

**Healing from Trauma: Exploring the Personal Grief Process through the Lens of Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, with Allison Bass-Riccio**

Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

(also available via Zoom.)

**RR.** for in-person program.

**The Work and World of Toni Morrison, with Grégory Pierrot**

Monday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

(also available via Zoom.)

**RR.** for in-person program.

**Art Show Opening**

Thursday, October 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Opening of *Fragments of Memory* art exhibit. Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association.

**Gothic Elements in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, with Blessing Diala-Ogamba**

Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

**RR.** Zoom details will be included in registration confirmation.

**Finale: Friends Author Series: Meet Farah Jasmine Griffin, Author of *Read Until You Understand: The Profound Wisdom of Black Life and Literature***

Monday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium

(also available via Zoom.)

Book sale and signing. **RR.** for in-person event.

*NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest*





# FERGUSON LIBRARY

## YOUTH SERVICES

OCTOBER 2021

### 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

**F** **YS Website** [fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids](http://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.

**F** **Online calendar** at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/events/) for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at [fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters](http://fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters).

**Instagram** @ferglibrary, @ferglibraryyouth, @harrybennettbranchys and @southend-branch\_lib.

**Facebook** <http://facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary/>.

**YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary>.

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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 2111800+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/>.

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**Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.**

### Hispanic Heritage Month

#### Family Program: Traditional Dance Performances from Peru and Guatemala

**Saturday, October 2 at 2:30 p.m.**

**ML, Outdoor Plaza**

Featuring Taller de Marinera "Portal Norteño," Grupo Danza Guatemalteca and Pumawari Tusuy. *Generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library and La Tertulia de Stamford; co-sponsored by the Mayor's Multicultural Council, Ecuadorian Civic Committee of Fairfield County, La Voz Hispana, En Vivo Con Maricarmen, Crisol Acuarela and Grupo Quetzal.*



### Book Shop News

**Wednesday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**

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RR-REGISTRATION REQUIRED at [fergusonlibrary.org/events/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events/) • For virtual programs, Zoom details will be included in registration confirmations.

## The Ferguson Outdoors

Please note: These programs will take place, weather permitting.

### Outdoor Family Storytimes

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs to these drop-in programs on the lawns of the Harry Bennett Branch, Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch and at Latham Park in downtown Stamford. For children up to age 4, with caregiver.


**Harry Bennett Branch**  
Fridays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

**Latham Park, Downtown Stamford**  
Tuesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.


Latham Park is located downtown at the nexus of Bedford Street, Forest Street, and Prospect Street.

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

## Children's Programs

 **Sing & Stomp**  
Mondays, Oct. 4, 18, 25 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, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 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.

 **Crafternoons @ Home**  
Thursdays, Oct. 7 & 21 from 4 to 5 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.**

## Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity

Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. via Zoom

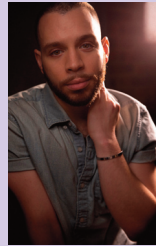
Read *Captain Awesome vs. the Spooky Scary House* and then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Please have blank paper, a writing utensil, crayons or markers and scissors handy. Join in costume—if you dare! Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**


## Teen Programs

### An Evening with Stage and Screen Star, Robin de Jesus

Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join us for an interesting and revealing discussion with out Latino stage and screen star, Robin de Jesus. Hosted by the Kids in Crisis Lighthouse LGBTQ youth program, Robin will discuss his personal coming out experience, the future of transgender and openly gay actors in Hollywood, and the complexities of being out in the Latino community. For teens, parents and community members. No registration required. Zoom details are on our online calendar. Co-sponsored by *Light-house, a Program of Kids In Crisis.*



 **Creative Writing Club**  
Wednesdays, Oct. 6 & 20 from 6 to 7 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.**

**Stamford Pride Community Meeting**  
Thursday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
ML, Third Floor Auditorium

For teens and adults.



### Kids! Help us decorate for our November 14 Diwali Celebration!

Create your own paper rangoli for Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights, from one of our templates, which are now available at the youth services desks. Make one to keep and return one to us for a special prize. Please return your finished rangolis by Nov. 6 so we can include yours in our display.

## NEA BIG READ October 2021



**Kickoff: Community Quilt Project**  
Saturday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ML, First Floor Lobby

Create your square to add to the community quilt. All ages.

 **The People Could Fly: A Storytelling Program**

Saturday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. via Zoom

Readings from the book by Virginia Hamilton. Ages 8 and up. **RR.\***



 **Book Discussion: Crossing Ebenezer Creek by Tonya Bolden**

Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

When Mariah and her young brother Zeke are suddenly freed from slavery, they set out on Sherman's long march through Georgia during the Civil War. For teens in grades 6 and up. **RR.\***



 **Book Discussion: Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes**

Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

In 1870, Reconstruction brings big changes to the Louisiana sugar plantation where spunky ten-year-old Sugar has always lived, including her friendship with Billy, the son of her former master, and the arrival of workmen from China. For kids in grades 4 to 6. **RR.\***



 **A Conversation with Jewell Parker Rhodes, Author of Sugar**

Saturday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. via Zoom

Grades 3 and up. **RR.\***

**\*RR.** Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/nea-big-read](https://fergusonlibrary.org/nea-big-read). Zoom details will be included in registration confirmation.

For more information and the full schedule, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/nea-big-read](https://fergusonlibrary.org/nea-big-read). Co-sponsored by Stamford Stands Against Racism and UConn Stamford.

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