

## Friends of The Ferguson Library



### The Book Shop is Open!

The Shop has lots of new inventory for children and adults, so come take a look. The Book Shops are also accepting donations. Feel free to drop your gently used books at the Main Library or Harry Bennett Branch.

One bag/box only please in the Shops. If you have more, please bring donations to the loading dock behind the Main Library, through the Spring Street parking lot.

Book Shop hours are slightly different now. Please see below.



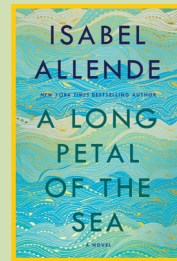
## Share Your Quarantine Story



We are collecting stories from the Stamford community about the pandemic. Do you have a story about how you and your family experienced this difficult time? We'd love to add it to our digital archives. If you are interested in participating, please contact Frank Skornia at [fskornia@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:fskornia@fergusonlibrary.org) or you can submit your story online at <http://www.fergusonlibraryarchive.org/contribution>.

## Staff Recommends:

*Books You May Have Missed During Quarantine*



*A Long Petal of the Sea*  
by Isabel Allende

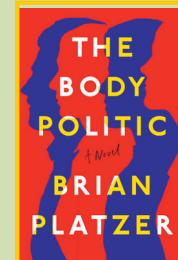
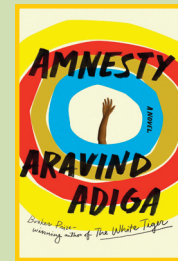
*Amnesty*  
by Aravind Adiga

*Conjure Women*  
by Afia Atakora

*The Resisters*  
by Gish Jen

*Trouble Is What I Do*  
by Walter Mosley

*The Body Politic*  
by Brian Platzer



### Connect to The Ferguson



# Focus on Ferguson

*The Heart of the Community*

THE NEWSLETTER OF STAMFORD'S PUBLIC LIBRARY • AUGUST 2020

## From the President's Desk



Welcome back! We are so pleased to open our doors so you can visit us in person.

During the time our facilities were closed, we had to reimagine our normal services and offer as many as we could virtually. Ferguson Library staff, with limited home equipment, began to offer virtual chat, tech classes, Zoom book discussions, fingerplays, storytimes, etc. It was great to see so many of you virtually or come across a friend's name in the chat box of an author visit.

As we slowly reopened, we began to experiment with services such as mailing out books and curbside delivery. Now that we have reopened all our facilities with new operating hours and new levels of service, we are still reimagining the Library. Library service will continue to be a hybrid model – virtual and in-person. But what else will change? Please feel free to send me your thoughts via the Contact Us section of the website.

Alice Knapp, President

## Library Card Renewals

We have resumed our normal practice for adult library card renewals. When your card is set to expire, it will automatically be renewed for three years if you live in Stamford and your address has not changed. Questions? Call the Borrowers Services Department at 203 351-8261.

## Sunday Sponsorship

Many thanks to our generous Sunday Sponsors, who help keep the Main Library open on Sundays, one of our busiest days of the week.

Pitney Bowes generously underwrites Sunday hours over the summer. And the Batkin family of Stamford is supporting Sunday, August 16.

If you are interested in helping us provide Sunday service, please contact Linda Avellar 203 351-8208 / [linda@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:linda@fergusonlibrary.org).



**There's Still Time to Sign Up for Summer Reading**

Our summer reading program continues through August 31 for children, teens and adults. Kids can earn points by reading or completing our Bingo Board Missions! We have reading activities and virtual programs for teens and adults too. Be sure to sign up at <http://fergusonlibrary.readsquared.com/>.

## What You Need to Know About Using the Library

### The Basics

- Everyone in the building is required to wear a mask.
- Library materials are quarantined for 3 days. When you return items, they will still be on your record for that period. Late fees will not apply.
- Fines are waived through the end of August.
- Please return your books to one of our book drops. Indoor book return is not available.
- Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.

### Main Library Collection Changes

- Feature films and documentaries on DVD have been moved to the third floor.
- Television series on DVD, music CDs and graphic novels are now on the main level.
- Books on CD are still on the lower level. Print books previously in that location have been moved to the second floor.

### Technology

- Public access computers are available at the Main Library for one hour on a first-come basis. Youth Services computers for 30 minutes.
- Mobile printing and online faxing are available.

### Passport Services

- Passport services are available at the Main Library by appointment only. Call 203 351-8298 for information.

### New Hours (see back)



*Enjoying books at the Weed Branch*



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### NEW HOURS:

**Main Library, DiMattia Building**  
One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904  
Monday – Wednesday 11 – 6  
Thursday 11 – 8  
Friday & Saturday 11 – 5  
Sunday 1 – 5

**Harry Bennett Branch**  
115 Vine Road 06905  
203 351-8291  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12 – 5  
Wednesday 12 – 7  
Saturday 1 – 5

**South End Branch**  
34 Woodland Avenue 06902  
203 351-8280  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12 – 5  
Thursday 12 – 7  
Saturday 10 – 2

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**  
1143 Hope Street 06907, 203 351-8285  
Monday & Thursday 10 – 3  
Tuesday 12 – 7  
Saturday 12 – 5

**Bookmobile**  
Please check our online calendar at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

### The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Main Library</b> | <b>Harry Bennett Branch</b> |
| Monday 12 – 6       | Monday 12 – 3               |
| Tuesday 12 – 6      | Wednesday 12 – 5            |
| Wednesday 12 – 6    | Thursday 1 – 5              |
| Thursday 12 – 6     | Friday 12 – 5               |
| Saturday 11 – 5     | Saturday 1 – 5              |

**The Passport Office**  
By appointment only. Call 203 351-8298.

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



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



Please check our online calendar at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/event/) for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at <http://fergusonlibrary.org/news/#toggle-id-1>.



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



Check out the Library's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7eD8Zh69uGo0qBb8V89Q>.

## ADULT

### Book Discussions

Book Discussions are presented live on Zoom. Registration is not required. Zoom meeting details for each discussion are provided on our online calendar at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

#### Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Monday, August 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro

#### Harry Bennett Branch

Monday, August 10 from 7 to 8 p.m.  
*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

### Makerspace



#### Makerspace: Up-Cycled Rolled Paper Frame

Tuesday, August 11 at 2 p.m. via YouTube  
Create a visually stunning frame with lots of texture and color. Supplies needed: paper (old magazines; junk mail); small wooden frame (new or up-cycled); scissors; tape (or glue); a quilling tool or toothpick; hot glue/glue gun; paint/spray paint for the frame.

#### Make Your Own Sugar Scrub

Wednesday, August 19 at 2 p.m. via YouTube  
Practice some self-care and make your own sugar scrub. Join Maria Cavaliere Lovello for this fun demo.

### Technology



Virtual technology classes will be offered on the Library's YouTube channel. Subscribe at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7eD8Zh69uGo0qBb8V89Q>.

#### Virtual Connections and Collaborations Tuesday, August 4 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The pandemic continues to keep us far from each other. Discover the variety of ways to stay connected with your friends and loved ones from video chatting to playing games and watching movies.

#### Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, August 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Learn basic features of Microsoft Word. Mouse and keyboard skills required.

#### Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Thursday, August 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Learn how to name worksheets, enter data and write formulas. Must be familiar with Windows.

#### Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Tuesday, August 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Design slide shows and learn how to insert images and graphs. Must be familiar with Windows.

#### Online Learning Resources from The Ferguson Library

Thursday, August 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Discover how you can learn and level-up your skills using tools and resources from The Ferguson Library. You will hear about free online learning platforms and find the best ones for what you want to learn.

#### Learn How to Livestream Online

Tuesday, August 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Learn the ins and outs of livestreaming and broadcasting online using the free OBS software. This class will teach what equipment you should have, the basics of setting up OBS, and what you need to know about the different online platforms.

#### Death Cafe Stamford

Thursdays, August 6 & 20 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom

At a Death Cafe, people gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death in a group-directed discussion. The objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives. With Sahara Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. For Zoom meeting details, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/event/). Note: *Death Cafe is a discussion group, not grief support or counseling.*

#### Woke Vote

Tuesday, August 18 at 6 p.m. via Zoom  
A series of discussions about voting in America for people of color. For Zoom meeting details, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/event/).

### English Language Learners

#### Let's Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners (ELL)

Summer Session through August 12  
Registration not required. New students welcome. For Zoom meeting information, visit <https://fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events/>.

#### Tuesdays, August 4 & 11 via Zoom

New students: 11 a.m. to noon

Basic: 12:30 p.m.

Low intermediate: 3 p.m.

Advanced: 6 p.m.

#### Wednesdays, August 5 & 12 via Zoom

Virtual vocabulary games: 2:30 p.m.

Beginner: 4 p.m.

High intermediate: 5:30 p.m.

#### U.S. Citizenship Course (CLOSED)

Thursdays, August 6 & 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

8-week study course for the U.S. Naturalization test. Registration is closed.

### Business & Career

#### TechXel Stamford

Fairfield County's First Enterprise Accelerator

#### SAVE THE DATES

#### TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series Venture Expert Talks

Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Main Library, DiMattia Building  
Third Floor Board Room

Register online at [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/event/). Face masks required. Space is limited to 12 persons for social distancing. No walk-ins. **RR.**

#### September 10: Business Formation and Contracts:

Kelly O'Donnell, Pullman & Comley, LLC

#### September 17: Team Building:

Doug Campbell, The Success Coach

#### September 24: Sales:

Guy Sullivan, Silicon Parkway Ventures

#### October 1: Patents and Trademarks:

Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr, Founder, Whitmyer IP Group

#### Stamford 1 Million Cups

Wednesday, August 5 from 8 to 9 a.m. via Zoom

Two former presenters, Anand Ranganathan of Unscrambl and Dori DeCarlo of Safety Bags, will provide updates on their companies and share how they are adapting to the new normal as a result of the Coronavirus. For Zoom meeting details, visit [fergusonlibrary.org/event/](https://fergusonlibrary.org/event/)



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FERGUSON LIBRARY

# Imagine YOUR STORY

## SUMMER READING 2020

Register for the Adult, Kids and Teen Summer Reading Clubs at <http://fergusonlibrary.readsquared.com>.

## CHILDREN

#### After Dinner Trivia

Tuesdays, August 4 & 18 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Test your trivia knowledge with us! For kids entering grades 3 to 7. **RR.**



#### Sing & Stomp

Wednesdays, August 5 & 19 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom

A song and dance party! For 18 months to 3½ years with adult. **RR.**

#### Dog Days of Summer Storytime

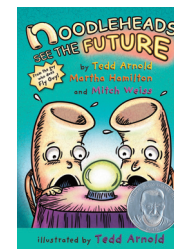
Friday, August 14 at 11 a.m. via Zoom

Join us for a fun baby-toddler storytime to celebrate our furry friends. For children 3 years and under. **RR.**

#### Book Bunch Discussion and Activity

Wednesday, August 19 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Read *Noodleheads See the Future* by Tedd Arnold and then join us via Zoom to discuss and do a fun activity. The book is also available as an ebook. Grades 1 to 3. **RR.**



#### End of Summer Family Storytime

Wednesday, August 26 at 11 a.m. via Zoom

A fun storytime to mark the end of summer. For families. **RR.**



## TEEN

#### Zoom-bie Mystery Hunt

Wednesday, August 12 at 2 p.m. via Zoom

Zombies have invaded Stamford and the librarians need your help! Can you solve the clues remotely to find where the antidote is hidden? For kids entering grades 5 to 9. **RR.**



#### Finance Tips for the Young

Thursday, August 13 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Join host Melissa Parra, a student at Dolan Middle School and INTEMPO, as she leads the discussion of *The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens: 8 Steps to Having More Money Than Your Parents Ever Dreamed Of* by David and Tom Gardner. Learn to save cash, prevent spending pitfalls, get started investing with just a few dollars, and most of all, learn to manage YOUR OWN money. For teens entering grades 6 to 8. (Parents welcome.) **RR.** Co-sponsored by INTEMPO.



#### Teen Book Discussion

Thursday, August 20 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

*Nyxia* by Scott Reintgen. Emmett and 9 other teens leave the earth and are forced into a brutal competition mining nyxia. For teens in grades 6 to 12. **RR.**



INTEMPO Virtual Family Broadcast via Facebook Live and YouTube  
A Trilingual Music Experience

Saturday, August 1 at 11 a.m.

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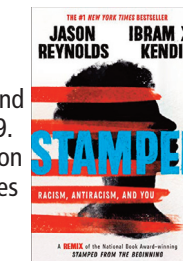
Join us for a trilingual musical experience! INTEMPO will curate a fun, interactive session, featuring such instruments as steel pans, violins, and guitars. Presenters will share their stories in English, Spanish, and Creole. Audience members can respond in real-time with their own stories. For all ages. Watch on the Library's Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Sponsored by The Ferguson Library South End Branch and the Friends of The Ferguson Library, in partnership with La Voz Hispana de Connecticut and INTEMPO.

#### In-Between Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 25 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom

*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. Grades 5 to 9. Limited copies are available on Overdrive. Limited print copies are available. **RR.**



#### Stamford Public Schools Grab-and-Go Meals

Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The South End Branch of The Ferguson Library is partnering with Stamford Public Schools for Grab-and-Go meals, located at the South End Branch/Lathon Wider Community Center back parking lot. For more Grab-and-Go locations, visit <https://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/district/news/new-site-added-grab-and-go-meals>.

#### Remote Book-A-Librarian

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