

From the President's Desk



Summer is always busy at the Ferguson Library. Besides helping people find books for vacation, we also promote reading to keep kids from experiencing the "summer slide." So no surprise that our most popular titles this summer are for children. Topping the list: the series *Dog Man* (Dav Pilkey) and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Jeff Kinney). Close behind is *The Thank You Book* (Mo Willems) and *New Kid* (Norwalk author Jerry Kraft). If you have a young reader,

take a look!

New fiction is top for adults. Adult readers have chosen some great new novels like Kristin Hannah's *The Four Winds*, Lucy Foley's *The Guest List*, Brit Bennett's *The Vanishing Half* and Jeanine Cummins' *American Dirt* (an Oprah Book Club Pick). Personally, I've been enjoying some great older mysteries. *New Haven Noir*, a collection of short mysteries set in New Haven, is a perfect beach read. Timothy Hallinan's Junior Bender character in *King Maybe* gives a real feel for Los Angeles and is as enjoyable as Lawrence Sanders' New York City thief Bernie Rhodenbarr in *Burglars Can't Be Choosers*.

Whatever your reading preference, we have the perfect choice for you!

—Alice Knapp, President

Sunday Sponsors

We are grateful to Pitney Bowes for generously supporting Sunday hours at the Main Library this summer. Thank you also to the Boehm family, who sponsored two Sundays in memory of former Ferguson Library Board Chair, Dudley Williams, and the Batkin family, who underwrote one Sunday this month.

Sundays are one of our busiest and most important days of the week. If you are interested in helping us provide Sunday service, please contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208/linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

Ferguson Library Supports Stamford Pride

Stamford is celebrating Pride Month in August with a series of events showcasing the local LGBTQ+ community. The Ferguson Library is proud to be a Stamford Pride partner. We welcome you to attend Pride events here at the library, including a Drag Storytime on the Plaza Saturday, August 7 at 11 a.m. and a talk with film critic Michael Koresky on August 9 at 6:30 p.m. He'll discuss his book, *Films of Endearment: A Mother, a Son and the '80s Films That Defined Us*. Visit our calendar for more information or stamfordctpride.com/events/ for details on all community-wide Pride events.



New Technology Lending Library

Many thanks to First County Bank for a generous \$10,000 grant to support a new technology lending library. You'll be able to borrow equipment like a microscope and telescope, as well as crafting and cooking supplies. (Need a baking pan?) For our job seekers and entrepreneurs, we'll offer video call kits for virtual interviews and meetings. The funds will also allow us to host programs on topics such as robotics, social media for entrepreneurs and tools for successful interviews.

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



The NEA Big Read is coming in October.

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*.

We kick off a month-long series of 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 October 7 will feature Swarthmore College President Valerie Smith, the author of *Toni Morrison: Writing the Moral Imagination*.

We'll also be holding discussions of *Beloved* at all our locations. Watch our calendar for more information.

What Do I Read Next?

Just finished reading an amazing book and don't know what to read next? We can help! Our librarians are great at reading recommendations. Just complete a short form on our website and a librarian will send you three suggestions. You can find the form under Borrowing/Find Books & More/Recommendations.

Of course, you can always stop by any library location and chat with a librarian in person.



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You're all set to enjoy reading!

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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/.

For virtual programs, Zoom details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the program.



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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.

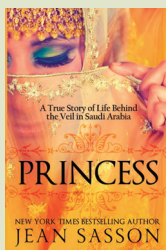
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Monday, August 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Little Paris Bookshop
 by Nina George



Harry Bennett Branch Monday, August 9 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Princess
 by Jean Sasson



Community Mindfulness Project Meditation

**Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
 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.



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Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Death Cafe Stamford

Thursdays, August 5 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 Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. Zoom details are on our online calendar. *Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.*

Lawyers in Libraries: Looking for Legal Advice?

Thursday, August 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Looking for legal advice? If your case involves personal injury, landlord/tenant, immigration law, family law, employment, consumer rights, or other areas of law, you can meet with a volunteer attorney for 20 minutes regarding your case. 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. Sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association.

STAMFORD pride month

The programs below are co-sponsored by Stamford Pride.



Family Program: Drag Storytime Saturday, August 7 at 11 a.m.

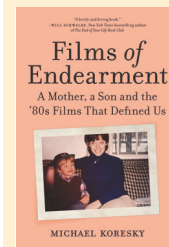
ML, Outdoor Plaza

Featuring Frankie C., Robin Richards and Anita Manager. Sidewalk chalk art to follow the storytime. All ages. No registration required.

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 introduced to him as a child, one from every year of the 1980s, each featuring women leads. **RR**. Book sale and signing. This program will also be available on Zoom; login link can be found in our online calendar.



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Community Family Giveback Day

Saturday, August 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at SE

Live music, grocery giveaways, free books and more. Flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines available. All ages. Co-sponsored by the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut.



The UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. and the Ferguson Library Present the 2021 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

Saturday, August 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. via Zoom



A panel discussion featuring Dr. Frantz-Antoine Leconte, who will talk about the legacy of the Haitian Revolution on global slave trade, and Mr. James Moss, who will discuss the impact of the enslaved Africans on American performing arts. Q&A session to follow panel presentation. Zoom login information on our online calendar.

English Language Learners



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

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

Tuesdays, August 3 & 10
New students: 11 a.m.

Basic: 12:30 p.m.

Low intermediate: 3 p.m.

Advanced: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays, August 4 & 11

High intermediate: 10 a.m.

Beginner: 4 p.m.

Remote Book-A-Librarian

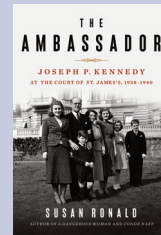
Reserve up to one hour with a librarian for information or technology assistance, including help with our virtual resources like e-books, e-audiobooks, and movie streaming. To make an appointment, visit <https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/>.



Friends Author Series

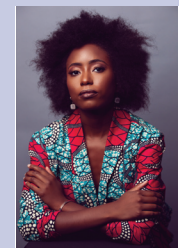


Friends Virtual Author Series: An Afternoon with Susan Ronald, Author of *The Ambassador: Joseph P. Kennedy at the Court of St. James's, 1938-1940*
Thursday, August 5 at 2 p.m. via Zoom



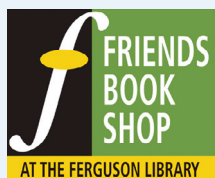
Biographer Susan Ronald examines Joseph P. Kennedy's deeply controversial tenure as Ambassador to Great Britain on the eve of World War II. Thorough and utterly readable. **RR.**

Registration is Open: The Friends of the Ferguson Library, in Partnership with Darien Library, Presents An Evening with Zakiya Dalila Harris, Author of *The Other Black Girl*
Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium



The Other Black Girl is a whip-smart, dynamic thriller and sly social commentary that is perfect for anyone who has ever felt manipulated, threatened or overlooked in the workplace. Book sale and signing. **RR.** This program will also be available on Zoom; login link can be found in our online calendar.

FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



Book Shop News

We are taking a pause on accepting large volume donations so our dedicated volunteers can catch up. Right now we cannot accept books at the loading dock behind the Main Library. You are welcome to donate one bag or box

inside the shops at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. Please call 203 351-8278 for more information.



Our volunteers sorting books

Book Shop on Bedford

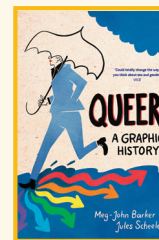
Look for the **Book Shop at Arts & Crafts on Bedford** Saturday, August 7. Great deals on kids' books, hardcover fiction and CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. Mix and match any three items for two dollars!

STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Celebrate Stamford Pride with These LGBTQ+ Titles



Naturally Tan: A Memoir
by Tan France
with Caroline Donofrio



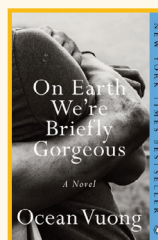
Queer: A Graphic History
by Meg-John Barker



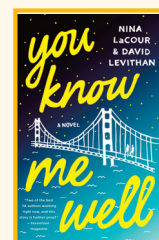
Coming Out Stories: Personal Experiences of Coming Out from Across the LGBTQ+ Spectrum
edited by Emma Goswell and Sam Walker



Raising LGBTQ Allies: A Parent's Guide to Changing the Messages from the Playground
by Chris Tompkins



On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous
by Ocean Vuong



You Know Me Well
by Nina LaCour and David Levithan

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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Thursday 10 – 8
Friday & Saturday 10 – 5
Sunday 1 – 5

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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
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Saturday 10 – 4
Sunday 1 – 4

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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 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/ for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters.

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

Kids' Summer Learning Club Tails and Tales

Summer Learning continues through Tuesday, August 31.

Register online at fergusonlibrary.org, or on the READsquared app from the Apple App Store or Google Play store.

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

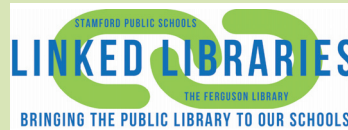
Grab and Go Meals

Wednesdays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

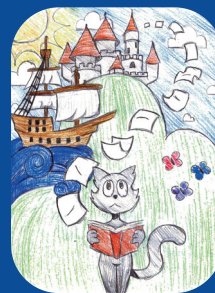
The South End Branch, in partnership with Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut (CAAWC), is offering free meals for kids this summer on Wednesdays through August 25. For kids up to age 18. Drop-in program. No registration needed.



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

Image designed by Hailey Archer, winner of the Ferguson Library 2021 Teen Art Contest

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FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES AUGUST 2021

ML Main Library, DiMattia Building • HB Harry Bennett • SE South End • WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander

RR-REGISTRATION REQUIRED at fergusonlibrary.org/events/ • For virtual programs, Zoom details will be included in registration confirmations.

Kids' Summer Learning Club Tails and Tales

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 at the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch and at the Harry Bennett Branch. For children up to age 4, with a caregiver. *(Weather permitting)*

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

Thursdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Harry Bennett Branch

Fridays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Family Storytime

Mondays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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.**

Craftermornings @ Home

Thursday, August 5, 12 & 19 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-5. Families, parents and caregivers are encouraged to join. **RR.**



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Make Pizza for Your Family

Tuesday, August 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join Katie Shepherd of Food Explorers and make the quickest homemade pizza of your life! In just one hour, you'll make your own pizza dough and have pizza for your whole family. Grades 6 to 12. (Ingredient list: sugar, active dry yeast, olive oil, flour, salt and your choice of pizza toppings such as sauce, cheese, veggies, meats, etc.) **RR.**

Tails & Tales Virtual Trivia

Wednesday, August 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom

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

Stamford Pride Month: Drag Storytime

Saturday, August 7 at 11 a.m.

Main Library, Outdoor Plaza

Featuring Frankie C., Robin Richards and Anita Manager. Sidewalk chalk art to follow the storytime. All ages. No registration required. Co-sponsored by Stamford Pride.

Children's Programs

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 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, August 3, 10, 17 & 24 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.

Community Family Giveback Day Saturday, August 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at SE

Live music, grocery giveaways, free books and more. Flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines available. All ages.

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Teen Programs

Creative Writing Club

Wednesday, August 4 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.**

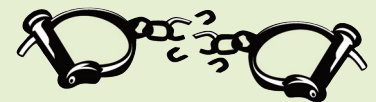
Teen Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

Refugee by Alan Gratz. Three powerful stories, set at different times in history, of children seeking refuge. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

FOR OLDER TEENS

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