**Message from the CEO**

I am always amazed by the generosity of the Stamford community. The CT STEM Kids Club is an outstanding example of big-hearted local giving. This club supports youth development in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math, and for the last several years I have had the honor of being invited to their annual awards ceremony. A whole curriculum has been developed by parents and community members to create a learning environment where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. The older students teach and tutor the younger ones, then donate their earnings to the Ferguson Library. I am humbled by the amount they give each year, and overwhelmed by the students’ enthusiasm and support for one another. It truly is one of my favorite events!

—Alice Knapp, CEO

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**Support for Summer Sundays**

Many thanks to Pitney Bowes for a generous $35,000 grant to underwrite Sunday hours this summer at the Main Library. Sundays are one of our busiest and most important days of the week and we are grateful for the support. If you are interested in helping us provide Sunday service, please contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

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**Harry Bennett Branch Gets an Upgrade**

Work is underway at the Harry Bennett Branch to soundproof the auditorium, which will allow us to show films and hold more programs at the branch. We’re also updating our circulation desk with a modern check-out counter to better serve you.

You might have noticed a new fountain outside the front entrance. That was generously donated by Gary Gepner in honor of his late wife, Susan Baldwin, who was the longtime Harry Bennett Branch Supervisor.

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**Kids Summer Learning Read Beyond the Beaten Path**

Our Kids and Teen Summer Learning Clubs are in full swing. Keeping kids learning over the school break is critical to their success. Kids and teens can register online at fergusonlibrary.org, or on the Readsquared app from the Apple App Store or Google Play store. Or sign up at any library location. Get a free water bottle for signing up!

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**DIGITAL LIBRARY: PRONUNCIATOR**

Whether you are a student or teacher of modern languages, you must add Pronunciator to your arsenal of resources. It is a free comprehensive language learning software that supports learning of 164 languages and ESL lessons for speakers of 146 different languages. It features flashcards, conversations, downloadable textbooks, learners’ manuals, phrasebooks and video pronunciation guides. More recent offerings include films with integrated drills and quizzes, music with lyrics and city tours. Check out Course Designer, a service that allows educators to easily create language courses, and Bluebird, a collection of 12 million downloadable audio lessons. You can find this resource under Research & Learn/A to Z Resources on our website. Once you are in the site, enter your library card number to begin learning.

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**David Baldacci July 13**

The Friends Author Series is back in person with international bestselling author David Baldacci on July 13.

Baldacci will be talking about his new book, *The 6:20 Man*, a propulsive, edge-of-your-seat thriller about a cryptic murder that pulls a former soldier turned financial analyst deep into the corruption and menace that prowl beneath the opulent world of finance.

Tickets are $15 and include a wine and appetizer reception. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m., with the program at 7 p.m. Discount with Friends membership. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/events.
It’s Not Too Late: Join the 2022 Reading Challenge
Grab a copy of our challenge list and join us in exploring new book genres, subjects and themes to be entered into a drawing for a literary prize. The challenge ends mid-December. For the challenge list, visit fergusonlibrary.readsquared.com.

Friends Author Series: An Evening with David Baldacci
Wednesday, July 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
International bestselling author David Baldacci will discuss his latest book, The 6:20 Man, a thriller about a cryptic murder that pulls a former soldier turned financial analyst deep into the corruption and menace that prowl beneath the opulent world of finance. Reception at 6:30 p.m.; presentation at 7 p.m. Book sale and signing. Tickets: $15 per person; $10 for Friends members. Proceeds benefit the library.

Art Exhibit: The Art of the Community
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Display of a juried art show featuring works by local and regional artists. The exhibit examines how art can lift all voices in the community through engagement, awareness and support. On view through the end of September. Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association, in partnership with the Ferguson Library and Stamford Pride.

English Language Learners
Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups Summer Sessions via Zoom
Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events.
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
New students: noon
Basic: 12:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: 2:30 p.m.
Advanced: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27
High intermediate: 10 a.m.
Beginner: 3 p.m.

Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side (Part 1)
Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Technology Center
Learn language and life skills through reading, speaking and writing. Register at the Second Floor Reference Desk or by calling 203 351-8228. For information, email yelena@fergusonlibrary.org.

Calling All Makers: A Chance to Learn New Skills
ML, Lower Level Makerspace
Make Your Own Journal
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Learn some book-making basics and go home with a brand new journal.

Learn How to Knit
Saturday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to noon
A workshop covering the basics, including casting on, basic stitches, binding off, and what you will need to know to continue on your knitting journey.

Introducing BiblioBoard
Saturday, July 30 from 2 to 3 p.m.
Learn about the library’s newest service, which offers community members powerful tools to create, share and discover. A must for new and established authors.
**Business & Career**

**Understanding Student Loans**  
*Wednesday, July 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.*  
*ML, Third Floor Technology Center*  
Learn about the components and terminology of student loans, the types of loans and different kinds of financial aid available, and ways to decrease what you will owe.  
*Presented in partnership with CONNTAC Inc.*  

**Financial Literacy for Families**  
*Wednesday, July 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.*  
*ML, Third Floor Technology Center*  
Learn basic financial concepts that will help you start family conversations about creating a budget, spending, saving and borrowing.  

**Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry**  
*Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*  
*SE, Second Floor Program Room*  
For more information, call 203 724-9111.

**Notary Services**  
*Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB*  
Our notary public will be available to notarize your official documents for free. By appointment only. Call 203 351-8292.

**Death Cafe Stamford**  
*Thursdays, July 7 & 21 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom*  
A discussion about increasing the awareness of death to help people make the most of their finite lives. With Sahara Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. Note: Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.

**Board Game Night**  
*Fridays July 8 & 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at WMH*  
Book a babysitter and join us for a night of fun and games. Complimentary snacks.

**Lawyers in Libraries**  
*Thursday, July 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.*  
*ML, Second Floor Study Room*  
Discuss your case with a volunteer attorney. To book a 20-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221. Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.

**Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong**  
*Saturday, July 30 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH*  
An afternoon outdoors of toe-tapping, finger-snapping acoustic delights with Dr. Ev, who will take requests. Complimentary refreshments. Weather permitting.

**Family Programs**

**A StoryWalk® Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson Breaking Baseball’s Color Barrier**  
*Saturday, July 16 at 11 a.m.; on display through July 20*  
Jackie Robinson Park of Fame, West Main Street at Richmond Hill Avenue  
Learn about Jackie Robinson at this outdoor display of the picture book *I Am Jackie Robinson* by Brad Meltzer. All ages welcome.  
A *partnership between the Jackie Robinson Park of Fame, Inc., Superior Barbershop and the Ferguson Library’s South End Branch.*

**Fun with Line Dancing**  
*Friday, July 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at SE*  
Teens and adults are invited to bring their friends and learn some popular line-dancing moves. No experience necessary.

**Making Music**  
*Saturdays, July 23 & 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at SE*  
All ages welcome to hear master drummer Henry Jones talk about instruments from around the world. Join him in making your own drum and make music together.
FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

Book Shop News
Need a book for the beach? The Friends Book Shop has a great selection of summer reads, perfect for lazing away hot afternoons. Stop by and browse. Note: The Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop will be closed through the end of the month while construction is underway. All donations should be brought to the Main Library. Please visit the Main Library Book Shop or shop online at StamfordFriendsBookshop.org.

New Service Consolidates Library's E-book and Audiobook Collections in One App
Now you can find e-books and audiobooks all in one place. The Palace Project lets you search, browse and check out items in the Ferguson Library's collection in just a few taps. No searching through different platforms.

Just download the Palace Project App from your device and search for Ferguson Library. Then enter your library barcode number and PIN. You'll be able to start browsing our e-book and audiobook collections right away. The Palace Project also includes books from the Connecticut State Library's collection, so you have lots to choose from.

Ferguson Launches Screen/Play Writing Workshop
The Ferguson Library is hosting a free workshop for actors and writers interested in polishing their scriptwriting skills. The group will meet for nine sessions beginning September 15, then stage a public reading.

Please submit a sample of your work, three pages maximum, in proper final draft format. Actors can send a resume of their experience (experience required). Send submissions or questions to herbachjackie@gmail.com. Deadline is August 1.

STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Summer Reads

The Beach House
by Rochelle Alers

Six Days in Rome
by Francesca Giacco

The Paper Palace
by Miranda Cowley Heller

Beach Wedding
by Michael Ledwidge

Beach House Summer
by Sarah Morgan

One Italian Summer
by Rebecca Serle

French Braid
by Anne Tyler

Connect to the Ferguson

June 2022

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Saturday 10 to 2

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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
Monday through Thursday 11 to 6
Friday & Saturday 11 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5

Harry Bennett Branch
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
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JULY 2022
Summer Learning Clubs

The Kids and Teen Summer Learning Clubs continue through Wednesday, 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 water bottle!

Outdoor Storytimes by Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures

Fridays, July 1 & 22 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Music faculty from Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures will lead special outdoor readings of picture book classics about music, sounds and songs. Books include *Yankee Doodle* by Mary Ann Hoberman and *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman on July 1, and *Summer Song* by Kevin Henkes and *Zin Zin Zin A Violin* by Lloyd Moss on July 22. For ages 4 and older, with caregiver.

Teen Artwork (bottom, right) by Elizabeth Duan, winner of the Ferguson Library 2022 Teen Art Contest

Calling All Makers:
A Chance to Learn New Skills
ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Meet Your Makers
Thursday, July 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Check out the library’s new makerspace. Try some hands-on projects and have all your questions answered. Grades K to 5.

Make Your Own Journal
Saturday, July 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn some book-making basics and go home with a brand new journal. Grades 6 to 12.

Survival Skills: Fact or Fiction
Thursday, July 21 from 2 to 3 p.m.
We'll take a closer look at common myths about survival and you can decide what is fact or fiction. For ages 8 to 12.

Learn How to Knit
Saturday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to noon
A workshop covering the basics, including casting on, basic stitches, binding off, and what you will need to know to continue on your knitting journey. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Introducing BiblioBoard
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Learn about the library’s newest service, which offers powerful tools to create, share and discover. A must for new and established authors. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

How to Contact and Follow Us

Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261
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Youth Services:
Main Library: 203 351-8242
Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294
South End Branch: 203 351-8280
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

Check out our Youth Services page at 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 service for students in need, and more.

Visit our 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, @harrybennettbranchysh and southendbranch_lib
Facebook facebook.com/thefergusonlibrary
YouTube youtube.com/thefergusonlibrary

All library facilities will be closed Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

Stamford students can use their student 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 fergusonlibrary.org/linked-libraries-contact-us-form.

Face masks are optional in library buildings but are required at children’s indoor programs for participants ages 2 and older. We reserve the right to request that you wear a mask if you are working closely with staff.

Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library.
Ferguson Library Youth Services July 2022

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 login details will be included in registration confirmations. For Zoom programs that don’t require registration, visit our online calendar for login details.

Kids Summer Learning Club

Follow us on Instagram @ferglibraryyouth for storytimes, songs, fingerplays and more.

Budding Bookworms
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:30 am via South End Branch Instagram
Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For families with children ages 18 months to 4 years. No walk-ins. RR. Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

Kids Book Discussion
Tuesday, July 19 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.
ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room
In The Losers Club by Andrew Clements. Alec can’t put a book down, so he starts a reading club in which he intends to be the only member. Still, some kids find their way to Alec’s club, where he learns that life might be messier than his favorite books. Grade 4 to 7. RR.

Pride Storytime
Saturday, July 30 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Local author Joe Belisle will read from his picture book, What If Wilhelmina, listed as one of Bank Street College of Education’s best books of 2022. Drawing activity to follow. For ages 3 and older.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Fun with Line Dancing
Saturdays July 23 & 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at SE
All ages welcome to hear master drummer Henry Jones talk about instruments from around the world. Join him in making your own drum and make music together.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Movie Nights
Thursdays, July 7, 14 & 21 from 5 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Thursday night is movie night at the library. For ages 12 and older.

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Jackie Robinson Park of Fame, West Main Street at Richmond Hill Avenue
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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Friday Flicks
Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Spend Friday afternoons at the movies with us. For ages 6 and older.
July 1: Clifford the Big Red Dog
July 8: Encanto
July 15: Sonic the Hedgehog
July 22: Sing 2
July 29: Space Jam: A New Legacy

Outdoor Arts & Crafts
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at WMH
A drop-in arts & crafts program on the lawn. Art supplies will be provided. For ages 6 and older with caregiver, weather permitting.

Chess Club
Saturdays, July 16 & 30 from 10:15 a.m. to noon
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Chess Club is back! Beginners are welcome to come and learn everything you need to know about the game from instructor Alex Eydelman. Grades 2 to 5. Presented in partnership with the National Education Chess Teachers Association. RR for each session.

Mad Science: Fire and Ice
Wednesday, July 20 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Mad Science of Fairfield County will captivate you with amazing experiments that include a fire cannon, dragon breath, combustion, a dry ice bubbly “shower” and a giant cloud finale. For ages 5 and older.

Book Bunch Club
Wednesday, July 27 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Get your copy of Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight by Wendy Mass at the library, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Refreshments served. Grades 2 to 3. RR.

Mad Science: Space Taxi
Wednesday, July 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
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Red Cross Babysitter Training & Certification
Wednesday, July 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Earn Red Cross Babysitter Certification during this day-long program, where a Red Cross instructor will teach what it takes to become a babysitter. Must have proof of COVID-19 vaccination to participate. Face masks required. RR.

T-MAD Meeting
Thursday, July 14 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program. Learn about upcoming events, share reading suggestions and make a difference in the community. Participation in T-MAD counts as volunteer work. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Outdoor Family Storytimes
Fridays, July 1 & 22 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park
Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH
Mondays, July 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Commons Park
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to these drop-in programs. For ages up to 4 years, with caregiver, weather permitting.

Outdoor Family Storytimes
Fridays, July 1 & 22 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A participatory storytime for toddlers that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For walking babies up to age 3 with an accompanying adult.

Toddler Time
Saturday, July 2 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For walking babies up to age 3 with an accompanying adult.

Teens and adults are invited to bring their friends and learn some popular line-dancing moves. No experience necessary.