Message from the CEO

I am so proud to announce that the Friends of the Ferguson Library has been honored with a 2022 Friends of Connecticut Library award for their project, Ferguson Friends Against Racism (FFAR).

The Friends began this work after the 2020 murder of George Floyd, when community organizations in Stamford launched Stamford Stands Against Racism. You can learn more about this initiative at stamfordstands.org.

The Friends took this work to heart. FFAR developed a reading list, held a board training and challenged the Friends board to become more inclusive. They are also now scheduling diverse authors for their Author Series. The FFAR approach has been truly courageous—not just about checking a box and moving onto the next task. Please join me in congratulating our Friends on this well-deserved award.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Summer Learning for Kids and Teens

Keep the kids engaged and learning this summer. Our Kids Summer Learning Club, Read Beyond the Beaten Path, begins June 25. We’re making it easy to read with lots of incentives and fun activities. Kids can participate by earning points for reading, completing BINGO missions, or by creating and finishing their own Summer Goal. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org or on the ReadSquared app from the Apple Store or Google Play and get a special water bottle for joining! Teens can register for their own Summer Learning Club, too.

Hip Hop Pioneer DMC to Visit Ferguson Library

Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, a founding member of the hip hop group RUN DMC, will visit the library Wednesday, June 8 at 6 p.m. to talk about his children’s picture book, Darryl’s Dream, a story about finding confidence, facing bullies and celebrating yourself.

The program will include remarks and Q&A by DMC, a poetry slam, a kids dance performance and a book giveaway, one per family. Also on Zoom. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

Joe R. Sexton Lecture June 9

We’re delighted to welcome author Marc Wortman as the featured speaker for our annual Joe R. Sexton Lecture at the Main Library, DiMattia Building, June 9 at 6 p.m. His latest book is Admiral Hyman Rickover: Engineer of Power, published by Yale University Press for the Jewish Lives series.

Marc Wortman is an award-winning popular historian and journalist, and author of several books and countless articles on American military and political history. He has written for Vanity Fair, Smithsonian and Time, and is a frequent contributor to The Daily Beast on American military and political history and other subjects.

The Joe R. Sexton Lecture Series is presented in memory of Joseph (Joe) R. Sexton. Generously sponsored by Mel Klugman and the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

Save the Date: David Baldacci July 13

The Friends Author Series is back in person with New York Times bestselling author David Baldacci on July 13. Tickets are $15 and include a wine and appetizer reception. Discount with Friends membership. Registration required. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/events.

Civility in America

Join us for two compelling Civility lectures this month. On June 2, John Bolton, former National Security Advisor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, will speak about Keeping the Dialogue Civil.

Then, on June 6, former Commissioner of Major League Baseball, Fay Vincent, will deliver a talk titled, When Nothing Matters, What Do We Tell Our Kids?

Both programs begin at 6 p.m. and will be presented in-person and via Zoom. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/events.

Digital Library: Special Reports via NewsBank

For those interested in researching topics of current interest, the public now has access to NewsBank’s Special Reports, a resource that groups content by subject matter that is sourced from media from around the world. This service, which provides a global perspective to current and background information—including statistics, maps, images, websites and suggested search terms—is updated daily.

Special Reports is a curated service provided by NewsBank. You can find this resource under Research & Learn/A to Z Resources on our website.
CrimeCONN Mystery Lovers’ Conference
Saturday, June 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
The Friends of the Ferguson Library and the Mystery Writers of America/NY chapter present CrimeCONN 2022, a one-day writers’ and mystery lovers’ conference. This year, given the theme The End of the World As We Knew It, authors and crime experts will take stock of the literary life in the midst of COVID and all the other upheavals of our time. RR.

A writing workshop led by Desmond Hall, screenwriter and author of Your Corner Dark, will be held during the lunch break. Bestselling author Tess Gerritsen, who wrote the novels featuring homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles that inspired the hit TNT TV series Rizzoli & Isles, is the keynote speaker.

Tickets: $50 per person; $45 per person for MWA and Friends members, seniors and students. Light breakfast and lunch included. Also available via Zoom at $25 per person.

Civil in America Series
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
RR to attend in-person; also available via Zoom
Sponsored by The Dilen Schneider Group, the Ferguson Library and Hearst Media Group in Connecticut.

Thursday, June 2 at 6 p.m.
John Bolton, author of The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir, will discuss his longtime career in public service and offer insight into civility in politics and diplomacy. Book sale and signing.

When Nothing Matters, What Do We Tell the Kids? With Fay Vincent, Former Commissioner of Major League Baseball
Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m.
Fay Vincent will discuss his storied career with Major League Baseball and everything that followed.

Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners
Spring Sessions via Zoom
Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events.

Tuesday, June 7 & 14
New students: noon
Basic: 12:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: 3 p.m.
Advanced: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, June 1, 8, & 15
High intermediate: 10 a.m.
Beginner: 3 p.m.

Virtual Screening: The Revolution Generation
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A program from the Dinner Disrupted series, in partnership with Fairfield County and New Haven County libraries.

Juneteenth Commemoration & Performance: I Just Want to Tell Somebody
Saturday, June 11 from 1 to 5 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A one-man play, adapted from the autobiography of the same name by Ronald “Smokey” Stevens, where Stevens dramatizes his longtime career in theater as well as his battle with drugs. Reception at 1 p.m. followed by the 2 p.m. performance and a 3:30 p.m. talk with the artist.

In partnership with Stamford NAACP and Stamford Public Schools.
Funding provided by The Bowser Foundation, the Friends of the Ferguson Library, Stamford NAACP, Well Built Construction and community friends and partners.
Technology

Main Library, DiMattia Building
Third Floor Technology Center

RR for all classes.
Face masks required.
▲ Familiarity with Windows and use of a mouse and keyboard necessary
■ Basic experience with MS Excel necessary
◆ Experience with MS Word necessary
◆ Experience with MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint necessary

Microsoft Excel
Basic Excel ▲
Thursday, June 2 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to create and save a spreadsheet, enter data, and write formulas. No experience with Excel necessary.

Intermediate Excel ▲
Thursday, June 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn how to work with entered data, sort and filter data, use conditional formatting for data analysis, and apply keyboard shortcuts and templates.

Advanced Microsoft Word ▲
Saturday, June 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Learn how to use outlining, manage long documents, and work collaboratively with others in Word.

Microsoft Suite Integrated ▲
Thursday, June 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn how to add Excel charts and tables to Word documents and PowerPoint presentations, and how to use mail merge to create letters and labels.

Introduction to Web Building: WordPress ▲
Saturday, June 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.
Learn how to create and organize content in WordPress using the built-in editor, and how to modify the way your site looks with themes. No experience with WordPress necessary.

Business & Career

Stamford 1 Million Cups
Wednesday, June 1 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.
ML, First Floor Lobby
Presenters: Noreen Sadrudin, founder, Integrated Learning Modules; and Charlie Silvestro, CEO and founder, PNI Therapeutics. RR.

Maximizing LinkedIn
Wednesday, June 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn how to build a profile, curate and expand your networks, search for jobs, join groups and share updates. RR.

Remote Work Productivity
Saturday, June 25 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Explore ways to increase self-discipline, lessen procrastination and increase productivity and motivation while working remotely. RR

An Evening with Erin Kate Ryan, Author of Quantum Girl Theory
Wednesday, June 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Author Erin Kate Ryan will discuss her debut novel, Quantum Girl Theory, which draws from the real-life 1946 disappearance of Paula Jean Weldon, a young white student from Bennington College. Book sale and signing. In partnership with Stamford Pride.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry
Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE
For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project:
Meditation
Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 at noon
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, and a chance to share and reflect. Appropriate for all levels of practice.

Notary Services
Wednesdays, June 8, 15, 22 & 29 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, June 9 & 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom
A discussion about increasing 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.

Lawyers in Libraries:
Looking for Legal Advice
Thursday, June 30 from 6 to 8 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
Meet with a volunteer attorney for 20 minutes regarding your case. Please bring relevant materials and documents. Appointment and face masks required; to book a time, call 203 351-8221. Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association. Remarks and Q&A by Remarks and Q&A by DMC

Family Programs

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Commemorate Juneteenth
Saturday, June 18 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at SE
Learn about Juneteenth during this special event, which will include a screening of a short film about the history of the holiday and a craft activity to make personalized Juneteenth flags. Red velvet cake and strawberry soda will be served.
Art Opening: The Art of the Community
Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m., ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Opening of a juried art show featuring works by local and regional artists. The exhibit will examine how art can lift all voices in the community through engagement, awareness and support. On view through August 25. Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association, in partnership with the Ferguson Library and Stamford Pride.

Make Music Day is June 21
Come on out to the Main Library Plaza Tuesday, June 21 for a day of music. Stamford is participating in Make Music Day, joining hundreds of cities around the world for a free celebration of music. Launched in 1982 in France, it is now held on the same day in more than 1,000 cities in 120 countries. Every kind of musician—young and old, amateur and professional, of every musical persuasion—will perform in parks and sidewalk cafes to share their music with friends, neighbors and strangers.

We’re looking forward to some great performances at the library from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stop by and enjoy the concert!

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.

STAFF RECOMMENDS:
Reflecting on Fatherhood
The Expectant Father: The Ultimate Guide for Dads-to-Be by Armin A. Brott and Jennifer Ash Rudick
The Beautiful Struggle by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Dads by Bart Heynen
My Seven Black Fathers: A Young Activist’s Memoir of Race, Family, and the Mentors Who Made Him Whole by Will Jawando
From Staircase to Stage: The Story of Raekwon and the Wu-Tang Clan by Raekwon with Anthony Bozza
Father Figure: How to Be a Feminist Dad by Jordan Shapiro

Connect to the Ferguson

FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

Book Shop News
Due to construction at the Harry Bennett Branch, the Book Shop there will be closed through at least the end of June. All donations should be brought to the Main Library. Please visit the Main Library Book Shop and shop online at StamfordFriendsBookshop.org.

The Friends Book Shop is holding its signature Bag Sale June 11 as part of Arts & Crafts on Bedford. Ten dollars gets you a bright yellow Friends bag that you can fill with all the sale books you can carry. And watch for a sale of maritime memorabilia this month—sailboats, plates, lighthouses and framed artwork.

FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Books
Main Library, DiMattia Building
One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904
203 964-1000
Monday through Thursday 10 to 8
Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5

Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road 06905
203 351-8291
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 to 6
Wednesday 10 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

South End Branch
34 Woodland Avenue 06902
203 351-8280
Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30
Saturday 10 to 2

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
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
Monday through Thursday 10 to 7
Friday & Saturday 10 to 4
Sunday 1 to 4

Harry Bennett Passport Office
Wednesday 10 to 6 (walk-in only)
Saturday 10 to 4 (walk-in only)

Support the library with a monthly gift. Donate at fergusonlibrary.org.
How to Contact and Follow Us

Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261
Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk: 203 351-8231
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, @harrybennettbranchys and southendbranch_lib
Facebook facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary
YouTube youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary

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.

Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.

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

Summer Learning Clubs
The Kids and Teen Summer Learning Clubs begin Saturday, June 25, and run 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!

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

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A Conversation with Bestselling Author R.L. Stine
Thursday, June 16 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Teen Area
Tune in with us to watch a livestreamed conversation with bestselling author R.L. Stine, creator of the beloved Goosebumps and Fear Street series. The author will also give a special reading and answer audience questions. Book giveaway. For ages 8 and older.
Kids Summer Learning Club

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

Bilingual Storytime

Wednesdays, June 1 & 15 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at SE
A fun-filled Spanish and English storytime featuring songs and stories. Drop-ins welcome. For families with children ages 18 months to 4 years.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A participatory storytime that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For families with children ages 18 months to 4 years. No walk-ins. RR. Registration opens 6 days before each storytime date.

Outdoor Family Storytimes

Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH
Fridays, June 3, 10 & 24 at 10:30 at HB
Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to these drop-in programs. For ages up to 4 years, with caregiver, weather permitting.

Babyytime

Fridays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A program geared for babies featuring traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. For ages up to 18 months with an accompanying adult. No walk-ins. RR. Registration opens 6 days before each storytime date.

Budding Bookworms

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 10:30 a.m.
via South End Branch Instagram
Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

Kickoff Events: Sign Up for the Summer Learning Club

FunikiJam Concert
Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to noon
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Start off the summer with a high-energy performance by Captain Jam and the Agents of Jam. Their globe-trotting musical adventures will get you singing, dancing and ready for fun.

Opening Celebration
Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SE
Get started on your summer reading and share some s’mores and campsite stories with us.

Fun with Chalk
Saturday, June 25 from 3 to 4 p.m. at HB
Check out what’s in store while we get creative with chalk art. Get a free ice cream treat, while supplies last.

Teen Summer Learning Club

Summer Volunteer Training
Tuesday, June 14 from 4 to 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Earn volunteer credit by helping children and teens join the Summer Learning Clubs, report their reading progress and receive incentives. One training session required to volunteer. Stop by the library to fill out a required application. All volunteers must be 12 or older by June 25 and show proof of vaccination.

Kickoff Event: Working with Clay
Thursday, June 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Get your hands dirty while shaping clay. Class led by a teacher from Port Chester’s Clay Art Center. All materials included. RR.

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T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, June 9 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
Library’s teen advisory program, where you can learn about upcoming events, share reading suggestions and make a difference in the community. Participation in T-MAD counts as volunteer work. RR.

Creative Writing Club

Wednesday, June 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom
Bring your imagination, paper and writing tools. We’ll work on different writing prompts, and then share our work. Grades 5 to 9. RR.