Former U.S. Congressman Christopher Shays will speak at the library Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. on Civility in Politics as part of our ongoing Civility in America Series. Chris Shays represented Connecticut in Congress for 21 years, where he was nationally recognized for his bipartisan leadership. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

Our online auction is open and will run through 8:30 p.m. on April 7. We also have a lot of exciting live auction items: a sunset cruise for six on a 45-foot sailboat, a custom-built closet or home office system from Closets by Design, and more.

Don’t miss A Novel Affair, an evening of food and festivities to benefit the library April 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. We have a lot of great restaurants onboard, including Çka Ka Qellu and Shells, which are new to the Stamford dining scene. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

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Help us make a banner to celebrate the Bookmobile. We'll have canvas and art supplies onboard at all our stops this month so you can share your Bookmobile stories with words, art, stickers, and more. Show your love for the Ferguson's traveling branch!

Anyone interested in improving their knowledge of biodiversity should turn to the Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL), a resource that provides access to thousands of books, journals and archival documents on natural history and life on Earth going back seven centuries. Because it is designed to improve research methodology, the site provides the option to search by title, author, subject, date or collection. Digging in for the first time? Visit the BHL blog for news and suggested reads, or Today's Picks to view BHL's image albums and galleries. You can find this resource under Research & Learn/A to Z Resources on our website.
Book Discussions

If the discussion is presented via Zoom, login details are on our online calendar. Registration is not required. Book discussions are open to all.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom
My Lovely Wife by Samantha Downing

Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, April 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom
Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud and the Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep

Spanish Book Discussion
Thursday, April 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Ann Sexton Board Room
Delirio por Laura Restrepo

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion
Monday, April 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom
Standing at the Scratch Line by Guy Johnson

Tax Assistance
Tax counselors from AARP will offer tax help for basic federal and Connecticut state income tax returns at the Harry Bennett Branch.

Mondays and Wednesdays through April 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
By appointment only; to book a time, call 203 351-8292.
Proof of vaccination and face masks required.
For a list of documents required for tax filing and information on how to file online through SimplifyCT Virtual VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), visit our Income Tax Resources page at fergusonlibrary.org/services/income-tax-resources.

Art at the Ferguson: Changing Seasons
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Art exhibit featuring works by local and regional artists. On display through May. Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association.

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Jazz & Poetry
Friday, April 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at SE
An evening of smooth jazz and the spoken word to celebrate National Poetry Month. With Richard “Cookie” Thomas and featured poet, Silent Quill, an experienced creative writer, poet, rapper, and recording/performing artist.
**Technology**

Main Library, DiMattia Building
Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise noted)
RR for all classes.
Face masks required.
- Familiarity with Windows and use of a mouse and keyboard necessary
- Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary
- Experience with MS Word necessary
- Basic experience with MS Excel necessary

Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint

▲ Saturday, April 2 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how transitions and animations make your presentations pop and how to use the Presenter View to your best advantage.

Introduction to Web Building ▲ HTML & CSS ▲

Saturday, April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn how to build a website using HTML to add text, images, and links, and using CSS to modify the format and design of the website. No experience with HTML or CSS necessary.

WordPress ▲

Saturday, April 23 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 in web building or WordPress necessary.

Algorithm and Blues

Wednesday, April 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Computer algorithms have a tremendous yet invisible effect on our lives. What are they, how do they work, and how do they change the way we live?

Microsoft Office Suite Integrated

▲ ■ ○◆ Thursday, April 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.
This class will teach how to stylishly add Excel charts and tables to Word documents and PowerPoint presentations, and how to use mail merge to create letters and labels.

**Business & Career**

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

Financial Modeling
Tuesday, April 5 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom
Ted Stone, Tech CXO. RR. Register before noon April 5. Zoom logins will be sent by 1 p.m.

Stamford 1 Million Cups
Wednesday, April 6 from 8 to 9 a.m. via Zoom
Presenters: Kevin Phun, CEO, Grove Street Publishing, and Samir Tendulkar, CEO, Khal, Inc. RR.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, April 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, April 5, 12, 19 & 26 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, April 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.

First-Time Homebuyer Seminar

Wednesday, April 6 from 4 to 5 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Learn about the homebuying process, and about down payment and closing cost assistance programs available in Connecticut. Presented by Roxana Ubillus, Homeownership Counselor at Housing Development Fund. Also available via Zoom.

Death Cafe Stamford

Thursdays, April 14 & 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom
A discussion about the 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.

100 Years of Fair Housing History

Monday, April 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom
An exploration of decades of discriminatory housing policies that denied stable housing to people of color, and migrant and poor families. Presenter: Rashida Rattray, Education & Outreach Coordinator, Connecticut Fair Housing Center.

Lawyers in Libraries: Looking for Legal Advice

Thursday, April 28 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.

Save the Date

Tiny Art Show

May 3 to 31 at WMH
Kids and adults of all ages are invited to participate in this show by picking up a Tiny Art bag at WMH that contains everything artists will need to create two 4x4 paintings. Keep one canvas for yourself and drop the other off by April 30. Bags are available for pick-up starting April 21, while supplies last. Opening reception Tuesday, May 3 at 4:30 p.m.

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.

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Borrow Bakeware and More at the Library

Want to make stuff at home but don’t have the equipment to make it happen? You can now borrow items such as rolling pins, cake pans and other bakeware for free from the library. The baking supplies are part of our growing ‘lending library of things’ and if it’s something you might only use once in a while, why not borrow instead of buying? You can also borrow ‘maker’ equipment such as electronics kits, a microscope, telescope, sewing machine and selected musical instruments. Request the items through our catalog at fergusonlibrary.org/equipment or ask a librarian for help.

Friends of the Ferguson Library

Borrow Bakeware and More

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Connect to the Ferguson

The Ferguson Library

THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Main Library, DiMattia Building
One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904
203 964-1000
Monday through Thursday 9 to 8
Friday 9 to 6
Saturday 10 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 9 to 8:30
Friday & Saturday 10 to 5:30
Sunday 1 to 5

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street 06907
203 351-8285
Monday & Thursday 11 to 6
Tuesday 12 to 7
Wednesday 10 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

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

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

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STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Funny Memoirs for When You Need a Laugh

The Awkward Thoughts of W. Kamau Bell: Tales of a 6’4” African American, Heterosexual, Cisgender, Left-Leaning, Asthmatic, Black and Proud Blerd, Mama’s Boy, Dad, and Stand-Up Comedian
by W. Kamau Bell

I Want to Be Where the Normal People Are
by Rachel Bloom

Tell Everyone on This Train I Love Them
by Maeve Higgins

A Very Punchable Face
by Colin Jost

The One You Want to Marry (And Other Identities I’ve Had)
by Sophie Santos

Dear Girls: Intimate Tales, Untold Secrets & Advice for Living Your Best Life
by Ali Wong

Mistaken 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.

Support the library with a monthly gift. Donate at fergusonlibrary.org.

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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

All library facilities will be closed Sunday, April 17 in observance of Easter.

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

Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.

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 ask you to wear a face mask if you are working closely with staff.

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April Reading Challenge
Grab a Reading Challenge game card at the Harry Bennett Youth Services Desk, complete as many squares as possible, and earn raffle tickets to be entered into a prize drawing for a gift card. Prize drawing May 2. No registration required. Grades 1 to 12.

Be Part of the Tiny Art Show
All ages are invited to pick up a Tiny Art bag at WMH that contains everything you’ll need to create a 4x4 painting. Bags available starting April 21, while supplies last. Art work due April 30. Show opens May 3.

Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library.
Children's Storytimes
Follow us on Instagram @ferglibraryyouth for story times, songs, fingerplays and more.

Sing & Stomp
Mondays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m via Zoom
A song and dance party. For 8 months to 4 years old with adult. RR.

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

Family Storytime
Wednesdays, April 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. *This program occurs during the school break and is for families with children ages 18 months to 8 years. No walk-ins. RR. Registration opens 6 days before each storytime date.

Outdoor Family Storytimes
Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH
Fridays, April 1, 8, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to these drop-in programs on the lawn. Up to age 4, with a caregiver, weather permitting.

Babytime
Fridays, April 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Give your baby a great start at this program featuring traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. For babies up to 18 months with an accompanying adult. No walk-ins. RR. Registration opens 6 days before each storytime date.

Children's Programs
Crafternoons @ Home
Wednesday, April 6 from 4 to 4:45 p.m.
via Zoom
A picture book story circle and art project. Bring coloring supplies and have your imagination ready. Art supply bags are available for pick-up at all library locations. One bag per registered child; each bag contains supplies for all Crafternoons dates through May. Bags are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families and caregivers welcome. Grades K to 5. RR.

READ ACROSS STAMFORD CHILDREN’S BOOK GIVEAWAY
Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SE
Kick off your spring break with new books! Students in pre-K to 5th grade will enjoy selecting new books for their home libraries along with some socially distant fun with healthy snacks, Earth Day crafts, and more. Co-sponsored by the Stamford Public Education Foundation.

Kids Book Discussion
Tuesday, April 12 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Ann Sexton Board Room
Emmy in the Key of Code by Aimee Lucido.
As the child of highly musical parents, 12-year-old Emmy struggles with stage fright and feels out of place until she connects with a computer class and starts to learn coding. Grades 4 to 6. RR.

Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity
Wednesday, April 20 from 4 to 5 p.m.
via Zoom
Read Megabat by Anna Humphrey, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Please have blank paper, a writing utensil, crayons or markers, and scissors handy. Grades 2 to 3. RR.

Teen Programs
Creative Writing Club
Wednesdays, April 6 & 20 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.

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T-MAD Meeting
Thursday, April 21 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.

Make Raspberry Cheesecake Brownies
Tuesday, April 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom
A Food Explorers baker will teach you how to make raspberry cheesecake brownies in your own kitchen. A list of supplies and ingredients is available on the registration page. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

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ENTER THE FERGUSON LIBRARY’S TEEN ART CONTEST 2022
For Stamford students in grades 6 to 12
Based on the upcoming Summer Learning Club theme: READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH
Entries should be easily reproducible drawings on 8.5 x 11 white paper, and must be labeled on the back with your name, address, phone number, email (optional), school and grade. Computer-created drawings are acceptable. The winner will receive a $50 gift certificate to the arts and crafts store Michaels, and the winning artwork, with the winner's name, will be displayed on all the Teen Summer Learning Club materials.

Entries due April 15
Submit to: Youth Services at the Main Library, or mail to Teen Art Contest, Steve Zampino, Teen Librarian, Ferguson Library, One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT, 06904