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THE NEWSLETTER OF STAMFORD'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

Message from the CEO



The Ferguson Library Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution in support of the Connecticut Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Statement Against Censorship published on February 10, 2022. One of the Ferguson's core values is intellectual freedom, which means facilitating the free exchange of information and ideas. The CLA's statement says, in part, "Recently, organized

attacks have targeted library materials and programs by BIPOC, LBGTQ+, and Jewish authors that address race, racism, enslavement, history, sexuality, gender identity and expression, bigotry, and antisemitism. This is a callous systemic erasure to undermine and eliminate the diversity of thought and experiences that reflect the BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and Jewish communities. These assaults of intimidation threaten the livelihood and safety of authors, library workers, educators, and board members. CLA vehemently condemns these acts of censorship and intimidation ... There is no good censorship." I couldn't have said it better myself. If you would like to read the full statement you can find it on the Connecticut Library Association's website.

-Alice Knapp, CEO

Find Book Suggestions

Looking for your next great read? You can find recommendations for children, teens and adults on our website. Lists include award winners and staff picks. For customized ideas, just fill out the form

"What do I Read Next" and a librarian will make suggestions based on your reading preferences. You can also sign up for monthly updates of New and Notable titles.

You can find the Recommendations page under Borrowing/Find Books & More on our website.



Thank you for supporting the Library on Giving Day

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the library on Fairfield County's Giving Day. The event is a 24-hour fundraiser for Fairfield County nonprofits, and with your help we raised \$15,700 for the library, money that will help us buy books and offer programs for children and adults. Thank you for supporting your public library!



A Novel Affair April 7

Don't miss A Novel Affair April 7! It's back in person this year and features the best in local food and drink. Register at fergusonlibrary.org. Sponsorships are available by contacting 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

Featured Food and Drink:

Bar Rosso Capriccio Café Çka Ka Qellu Columbus Park Trattoria Half Full Brewery Harper's House Creations Lock City Brewing Nikki Glekas Events Remos Shells **Sunshine Cuisine** The Waters Edge at Giovanni's

Wine tastings courtesy of **BevMax**

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Supply Chain Issues Cause **Book Delays**

We're waiting for those bestsellers, too. Supply chain issues continue to delay delivery of many of the books we've ordered. We are trying to get them here as guickly as possible, but be sure to check our catalog for other formats. The book you are looking for might also be available as an e-book or audiobook.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: UDEMY

Professionals looking to acquire new skills to remain competitive in the workplace can turn to Udemy for more than 130,000 online video courses focused on professional development. Popular subject areas include business and finance; technology; office productivity; design; marketing and communications; and more. Content is structured using a learner-first approach, allowing users to select a course that best addresses learning needs and filter search results based on course features, level, duration, topic or ratings. For access to this service, a Google or Microsoft account is needed and users must be connected to a WiFi or wired network in Connecticut. You can find this resource under Research & Learn/A to Z Resources on our website.

MARCH 2022

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

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Proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours is required to attend library programs in the Main Library Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium.

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.

Book Discussion Series: *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla Saad Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom*

A five-week program to facilitate the journey to anti-racism. **RR**. *Co-sponsored by Domus, Everyday Democracy, Ferguson Library South End Branch, First Congregational Church Stamford, Friends of the Ferguson Library, Stamford Stands Against Racism.*

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Monday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom There There by Tommy Orange

Spanish Book Discussion Thursday, March 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Board Room Nocturno de Chile por Roberto Bolaño

Harry Bennett Branch Monday, March 14 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion Monday, March 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom Tangled Lies by Karen E. Osborne

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 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HB

By appointment only; to book a time, call 203 351-8292.

Proof of vaccination 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.

NEW DATE Black History Month Author Talk: DaMaris Hill

Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom (*postponed from February 24*) Author DaMaris Hill talks about her new book of narrative in verse, *Breath Better Spent*, a personal and historical look at the experience of Black girlhood. **RR**.

Friends Author Series: An Evening with Bobby Valentine and Peter Golenbock, Authors of Valentine's Way, My Adventurous Life and Times Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium In Valentine's Way, Bobby Valentine reflects on his 40 years in professional baseball and the many remarkable moments that comprised his playing and managerial careers. Book sale and signing to follow presentation. RR to attend in person; also available via Zoom.

Civility in America Series Cyrus Freidheim, Author of Commit & Deliver: On the Frontlines of Management Consulting Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium Cyrus Freidheim is a former CEO, author of *The Trillion-Dollar Enterprise*, and veteran of more than thirty corporate and non-profit boards. Book sale and signing to follow presentation. **RR** to attend in person; also available via Zoom. *Sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group, the Ferguson Library and Hearst Media Group in Connecticut.*

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners Winter Sessions via Zoom

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

Tuesdays, March 1, 8 & 15 New students: noon Basic: 12:30 p.m. Low intermediate: 3 p.m. Advanced: 6 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2, 9 & 16 High intermediate: 10 a.m. Beginner: 3 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 ferguson library,readsquared.com.

Job Search Series

Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Technology Center RR for each session. March 10

How to Build a Keyword Resume

Learn how to plug in keywords from job descriptions to show hiring managers that you're a good fit for a job. Bring your current resume.

March 17

How to Write a Cover Letter

Learn how to align your skills with a position, close your cover letter on a strong note, and tweak your cover letter when applying to different positions. Experience with MS Word recommended.

March 24

How to Prepare for an Interview

Learn how to communicate your skills and strengths to an interviewer, and leave a strong first impression that will generate multiple job offers.

Family Program: Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures Performance: Wolfgang's Walk Through the World by Rami Vamos Monday, March 14 at 4 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium Wolfgang needs a break from composing, but what is meant to be a 30-minute walk through the neighborhood turns into a lesson about life. All ages welcome.

Technology

Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise noted)

RR for all classes.

- Must be familiar with Windows and be able to use a mouse and keyboard.
- Basic experience in MS Word necessary
- Experience with MS Word necessary
- Basic experience in MS Excel necessary

Microsoft Word

Basic Microsoft Word ▲ Thursday, March 3 from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. via Zoom Learn how to create and save a document, and format your text. No experience in MS Word necessary.

Intermediate Microsoft Word Thursday, March 10 from

11:30 a.m.to 1 p.m. via Zoom Learn how to add images and tables to documents, use Styles to format a document, and edit the header and footer. Materials will be emailed before the class.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. via Zoom Learn how to use outlining, manage long documents, and work collaboratively with others. Materials will be emailed before the class.

Microsoft Excel

Basic Microsoft Excel ▲ Saturday, March 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to create and save a spreadsheet, enter data, and write formulas. No experience in MS Excel necessary.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel A + Saturday, March 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to work with data, sort and filter data, use conditional formatting for data analysis, and apply keyboard shortcuts and templates.

Basic Microsoft PowerPoint 🛦 👘

Saturday, March 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to create and save presentations, design slide shows, and insert images and text. No experience in MS PowerPoint necessary.

Tech Tuesdays: iPhone/Android Tips for Older Adults

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. SE, Second Floor Program Room Free weekly classes with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Business & Career

Stamford 1 Million Cups Wednesday, March 2 from 8 to 9 a.m. via Zoom

Presenters: Tram Huynh, Ph.D., CEO and Co-Founder of Aboutcome; and Nima Anvar, CEO of GuestChat. **RR**.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom unless otherwise noted RR for each session. Register before noon on the program date. Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m. March 2

Avoiding Pitfalls and Managing Software Development

Matt Krieger, Vice President, Technology, Cober, Inc.

March 9

Advisory Boards and Governance

Ed Cesare, Managing Director, Pleaid Capital Management March 16

Term Sheets

Frank Eucalitto, Attorney, Lowenstein Sandler Note: This session is a prerequisite to the March 24 session on Capital Tables and Valuation.

Thursday, March 24

Capital Tables and Valuation Charlotte Walker, Investor Note: The March 16 session about Term Sheets is a prerequisite to this session.

March 30 Financial Modeling

Ted Stone, Tech CXO

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB

Our notary public is available to notarize your official documents for free. By appointment only. Call 203 351-8292.

Death Cafe Stamford Thursdays, March 3, 17 & 31

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.

Pride Conversations: The Pants Project

Thursday, March 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium A panel discussion about The Pants Project by Cat Clarke, moderated by Joe Belisle, Coordinator of Lighthouse, a program of Kids in Crisis. A discussion for teens, their families and community members. In partnership with Stamford Pride. RR.

World Affairs Forum: U.S.-China Relations

Thursday, March 17 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium With Earl A. Carr, Jr., Founder and CEO of CJPA Global Advisors, and editor of *From Trump to Biden and Beyond: Reimagining US-China Relations.* Free to World Affairs Forum members; all others, \$25. **RR** at worldaffairsforum.org; also available via Zoom.

Lawyers in Libraries: Looking for Legal Advice

Thursday, March 24 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.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The 2022 Women's History theme, **Providing Healing, Promoting Hope**, is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this pandemic, and a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Concert: Nekita Waller Thursday, March 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

An evening of music honoring women with performing artist Nekita Waller, Connecticut's 17th State Troubadour. Nekita has been entertaining audiences since her debut as a child on stage at the Apollo Theater.

FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

Book Shop News

Find your next treasure in the Book Shop! This month, the shop is celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Dr. Seuss's birthday and Women's History Month. Stop in and browse at either our Main Library or Harry Bennett Branch locations. All sales benefit the library.



2022 Literary Competition

Thanks to all the talented student writers who submitted work to the 37th Annual Literary Competition. Winners will be notified in mid-April, when the anthology will be available on the Friends website. There will be an in-person awards ceremony on Sunday, May 1.

Art at the Ferguson

Black Health and Wellness Matters

The exhibit of works commemorating Black History Month remains on view through March 4. Co-sponsored by the Stamford NAACP.



Our spring art exhibit, Changing Seasons, opens Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. in the Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at the Main Library. The juried show is curated by the Stamford Art Association and features the work of local and regional artists. The exhibit will be on

display through May. Green Path to Spring by Barbara Mathis

STAFF RECOMMENDS:

The American Library Association's Notable Children's Books 2022



A Snake Falls to Earth by Darcie Little Badger

Boogie Boogie, Y'all by C. G. Esperanza

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

> iVamos! Let's Cross the Bridge by Raúl the Third

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown by Steve Sheinkin

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith







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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Harry Bennett Branch

Sunday 1 to 5

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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 Passport Services

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

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 Saturday 10 to 4 (walk-in only)

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FERGUSONLIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES MARCH 2022

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.

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Visit our online calendar at

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

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Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.



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-contactus-form Proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours is required to attend library programs in the Main Library Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium.

Enter the Ferguson Library's Teen Art Contest 2022

Open to 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 address, (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 will have their name and artwork on all of our Teen Summer Learning Club materials.

Entries due April 15.

Submit to: Youth Services at the Main Library, DiMattia Building, or mail to Teen Art Contest, c/o Steve Zampino, Teen Librarian, The Ferguson Library, One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904.

Registration is Open: A Novel Affair

Thursday, April 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. Main Library, DiMattia Building

An evening of food and festivities to benefit the Ferguson Library and to honor Ann Sexton for her service to the library and the Stamford community. Tickets available at ibidmobile.net/ fpl/reservations.





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Children's Programs



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

Budding Bookworms Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:30 a.m. via South End Branch Instaaram

Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.



Outdoor Family Storytimes Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH Bring a blanket

and/or lawn chair to these drop-in programs on the lawn. Up to age 4, with a caregiver, weather permitting.

Sing & Stomp

Mondays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

Crafternoons @ Home Wednesday, March 16

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. Grades K to 5. Families, parents and caregivers are welcome. **RR**.



Kids Book Discussion Tuesday, March 22 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart. Coyote Sunrise has an unusual life:

She is home-schooled in a bus while she travels all over the country with her dad. Coyote is content with the way things are. But when she learns that the park near her old home that holds special memories for her is to be demolished, she comes up with a plan to get there before it's too late. Grades 4 to 6. **RR.**



Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity Wednesday, March 23 from 4 to 5 p.m. via Zoom Read Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon, 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 Wednesday,

March 9 from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom Bring your imagi-

nation, paper and writing tools. We'll work on different writing prompts,



then share our work. Grades 5 to 9. RR.



T-MAD Meeting Tuesday, March 15 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom The 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, and will be documented as, volunteer work. **RR**.

Art Café

Wednesday, March 23 from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom

Join us with your own supplies to draw, paint, write, knit, and create with us. You can share ideas with each other or work on your own the sky is the limit. Grades 5 to 9. **RR**.



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Drop In & Draw

Thursday, March 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

via Zoom Learn some drawing basics from artist Debra Hamuka-Falkenham, then work on your piece



for the 2022 Teen Art Contest. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**



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