Message from the CEO

The Ferguson Library has hired New York-based architecture firm HMA2 to conduct a feasibility study of all our facilities to meet the community’s needs over the next ten years. The study will quantify existing space and infra-structure needs in library buildings and suggest how best to reimage space and improve services and the customer experience. The HMA2 team will evaluate the Main Library as well as the Harry Bennett, South End and Weed Memorial & Hollander branches with input from the community, library boards and staff, and present a detailed report. A key goal is developing flexible spaces at all locations that meet current community needs and anticipate future requirements.

The project will further the library’s vision of creating welcoming public spaces that foster a strong, vibrant and inclusive community. The study is being funded by the Ferguson Library Foundation and the City of Stamford.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Ferguson Library CEO Honored for Literacy Work

Our CEO Alice Knapp will be honored by the Stamford Public Education Foundation this month with its Leadership in Literacy Award. The award recognizes community leaders who go above and beyond in their support of public education and children’s literacy.

We’re proud of Alice and her work to champion literacy in the Stamford community.

Be Part of the Tiny Art Show

Artists of all ages are invited to pick up a Tiny Art bag that contains everything needed to create two 4x4-inch paintings. Bags are available at any branch starting April 17, while supplies last. Artwork is due April 29. Opening receptions will be celebrated Wednesdays, May 3 at the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch and May 17 at the Harry Bennett Branch, both from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, May 10 at the Main Library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The art will be on display through mid-June.

Save the Date: Joe R. Sexton Lecture

Author and historian, James M. Scott, will present the Joe R. Sexton Lecture May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch to discuss his book, Black Snow: Curtis LeMay, the Firebombing of Tokyo, and the Road to the Atomic Bomb. Guests are invited to a pre-event reception at 6 p.m.

Coming Soon: A Novel Affair April 20

Don’t miss A Novel Affair, an evening of food and festivities to benefit the library April 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. We have a lot of great restaurants on board, including Acuario, Avellino Family BBQ, Sunshine Cuisine and the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford Culinary Program. This year we are honoring Polly O’Brien Morrow and Pitney Bowes for their service to the library and the Stamford community. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

Our online auction opens April 13. We have a lot of exciting items up for bid: a sunset cruise for six on a 45-foot sailboat, a custom-built closet or home office system from Closets by Design, Yankees tickets and more.

Many thanks to our major sponsors: Morrison: Friends of the Ferguson Library; Du Bois: Pitney Bowes; Lahiri: Judith Block; Ellen Bromley & Tom Gizicki; Kathryn Emmett & David S. Golub; First County Bank; Amy & Andrew George; Silver Golub & Teitell LLP; Baldwin: Abate & Abate, LLC; Jane Carlin & Benjamin Gifford; Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey; Connecticut Public; Cummings & Lockwood; Amy & Tony Downer; Garden Homes Management; George Comfort & Sons, Inc.; Harman; Michael & Jennifer Hyman; Sopong Kim & Eunjin Park; KPMG; Point72; Stamford Health; Wells Fargo Advisors; Wofsey, Rosen, Kveskin & Kuriansky, LLP.

The library will close at 4 p.m. on April 20.

CrimeCONN Returns May 6

Love a good mystery? Be sure to attend CrimeCONN, Saturday, May 6 at the Main Library. Presented by the Friends of the Ferguson Library and the Mystery Writers of America/NY Chapter, this popular day-long conference will focus on exploring the future of crime writing.

This year we welcome The New York Times bestselling international thriller writer Joseph Finder as keynote speaker. Panelists include talented contemporary mystery writers and experts in criminal investigation, forensic science and the literary market.

Tickets purchased before April 6 are $40. After April 6, tickets are $60; $45 for Mystery Writers of America and Friends members, seniors and students. Livestream registration is $25. All-day coffee and lunch are included in the ticket price. Visit fergusonlibrary.org/events to register.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: NOVELIST PLUS

Find your next great read with the Novelist Plus database, an easy-to-use tool that provides book reviews and reading suggestions for adults and teens. You can search by genre or theme, and find works with diverse characters, written by authors from many different cultures and backgrounds. Or keep up with the latest award winners, celebrity picks and best new audiobooks. A special section for book groups includes recommended titles and tips for energizing the discussion. To get started, visit the Library’s A-Z Resources page.
**Main Library, DiMattia Building, 203 351-8231**

**Harry Bennett, 203 351-8292**

**South End, 203 351-8280**

**Weed Memorial & Hollander, 203 351-8286**

**RR Registration Required**

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**Book Discussions**

*If the discussion is held via Zoom, login details are on our online calendar. All are welcome.*

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**

**Book Discussion**

**Monday, April 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom**

A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy

**Silent Book Club**

**Saturday, April 8 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at HB**

Read the book of your choice in quiet camaraderie with others.

**Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion**

**Monday, April 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom**

Social Justice Book Discussion

**Wednesday, April 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**

Trouble Maker for Justice by Jacqueline Houtman

**Spanish Book Discussion**

**Thursday, April 13 from 5 to 6 p.m.**

ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room

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**South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion**

**Monday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at SE; also available via Zoom**

The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris

**Short Story Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, April 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**

Last Stories by William Trevor

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**AARP Tax Assistance**

**Mondays and Wednesdays, April 1 to 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HB**

Trained tax counselors from AARP will offer help with basic federal and Connecticut state income tax returns. Bring all 2022 tax documents and a copy of your 2021 tax returns. For more information, including a list of required documents for tax filing and how to file online through SimplifyCT Virtual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, visit our Income Tax Resources page at fergusonlibrary.org/services/income-tax-resources.

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**Classical Music Matinees**

**Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB**

Screenings of popular crime drama films from the 1940s and 1950s. All ages welcome.

**Boomerang** (1947)

April 7

True-life account of a vagrant on trial for the murder of a clergyman and the prosecutor who struggles to prove his innocence. Street scenes were shot in Stamford. Starring Robert Mitchum and Shelley Winters. Not rated.

**12 Angry Men** (1957)

April 21

The jury in a New York City murder trial is frustrated by a single member whose skeptical caution forces them to consider the evidence before reaching a hasty verdict. Starring Henry Fonda, Martin Balsam and Lee J. Cobb. Not rated.

**On the Waterfront** (1954)

April 28

An ex-prize fighter turned longshoreman struggles to stand up to his corrupt union bosses as he starts to connect with the grieving sister of one of the syndicate’s victims. Starring Marlon Brando, Eva Marie Saint, Karl Malden and Lee J. Cobb. Not rated.

**Art at the Ferguson: Celebrating Women in Life and Art**

**On display through June 8**

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Juried show of works by local and regional artists. Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.

**Documentary Series: The Black Church**

**Saturdays, April 8 & 15 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at SE**

Final two chapters of the PBS documentary series The Black Church: This Is Our Story. This Is Our Song. By Henry Louis Gates, Jr. This series traces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in America back to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, and autonomy and freedom.

**Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry**

**Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

**Free Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**

**Tuesdays through Fridays, from 1 to 5 p.m.**

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Insurance card and photo ID preferred but are not required to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away. Presented in partnership with Stamford Health and Griffin Health.

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**Oscar Movie Festival**

**Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB**

Screenings of films honored with Oscar nominations at the 2023 Academy Awards.

**The Banshees of Inisherin**

**April 7**

On a remote Irish island, the lifelong friendship of Padraic and Colm comes to an abrupt and inexplicable end. The fallout leaves both men questioning their identities. Starring Brendan Gleeson, Colin Farrell, Kerry Condon and Barry Keoghan. Rated R.

**The Whale**

**April 14**

A reclusive and morbidly obese English teacher desperately attempts to reconnect with his teenage daughter for one last chance at redemption. Starring Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink, Ty Simpkins, Hong Chau and Samantha Morton. Rated R.

**Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris**

**April 21**

When British domestic servant Mrs. Harris falls in love with a couture Dior dress, she decides she must have one, and jets off to Paris for a journey that will change her life. Starring Lesley Manville, Jason Isaacs and Anna Chancellor. Rated PG.

**Turning Red**

**April 28**

A confident but dorky 13-year-old is torn between being a dutiful daughter and the drama of adolescence that is complicated by her habit of transforming into a giant red panda every time she gets excited. Starring Rosalie Chiang, Sandra Oh and Ava Morse. Rated PG.

**Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation**

**Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 12 to 1 p.m.**

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, and a chance to share and reflect.

**Mah-Jongg Club**

**Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB**

Players of all levels welcome.

**Death Cafe**

**Thursday, April 6 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. Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.

**Make a Will**

**Thursday, April 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.**

ML, Second Floor Study Room

Create your will in as little as 15 minutes. Present in partnership with Just In Case Estates.

**Make Your Own Journal**

**Saturday, April 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Learn book-making basics to create a
English Language Learners

Meet Columnist Daniel M. Lavery, Author of Dear Prudence
Tuesday, April 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Daniel M. Lavery will discuss his latest book Dear Prudence: Liberating Lessons from Slate.com’s Beloved Advice Column, a candid yet humorous collection of essays from Lavery’s long-running Slate column, with added commentary about his time dispensing life lessons. RR.

Check Your Blood Pressure
Monday, April 10 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Rotary Room
Free blood pressure and pre-diabetes screenings plus height and weight checks. Presented in partnership with the Stamford Department of Health.

Healing Drum Circle
Monday, April 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SE
A meditative gathering dedicated to healing the wounds of racism and supporting equity activism. Facilitated by Evelyn Avoglia.

Technology

ML, DiMattia Building
Third Floor Technology Center
Face masks preferred. RR for all classes.

- Must be familiar with Windows and able to use a mouse and keyboard
- No experience with MS PowerPoint necessary
- Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary
- Basic experience with MS Excel necessary

Microsoft PowerPoint
Basic ▲
Thursday, April 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to create and save presentations, design slide shows, and insert images and text.
Intermediate ▲ ●
Thursday, April 13 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.

Microsoft Excel
Intermediate ▲ ●
Saturday, April 15 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.
Excel LOOKUPS ▲ ●
Saturday, April 29 from 2 to 3 p.m.
Learn how to use LOOKUP functions to view and compare data.

Fundamentals of 3D Printing
Saturday, April 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn how to use slicing software to prepare a model to be printed on the library’s new 3D printer. Teens and adults.

Tech Tips for Older Adults
Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at SE
Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Estate Planning
Tuesday, April 18 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB
Learn about trusts, advance directives, types of wills, powers of attorney and other documents that protect your assets and loved ones. RR.

Lawyers in Libraries
Thursday, April 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
Discuss your case with a volunteer attorney. To book a required 20-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221. Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.

Woodworking Workshop: Build a Bird House
Saturday, April 29 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.
ML, Lower Level Community Area
Master woodworker Mark Andreas will teach basic techniques needed to assemble a bird house using precut pieces of wood. No prior experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. One bird house per family. Teens and adults: attendees younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. RR.

Business & Career

Job Search on Indeed
Thursday, April 6 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn how to apply for jobs in your field, research prospective employers and format your resume for submission. RR.

Become a Certified Nursing Assistant
Wednesday, April 12 from 12 to 2 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
Learn what it takes to become certified in providing direct care to patients, as part of a larger care team, through the Healthcare Career ConneCT Program. RR. Supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP0128 awarded to the State of Connecticut by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Winning the College Admissions Game
Wednesday, April 12 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom
Workshop covering insider tips, tricks and trends that will increase your odds for admission. Q&A to follow presentation. Teens and adults. Presented in partnership with Big Green College Prep.

Family Program
UConn Puppet Arts Presents
Ramayana: A Tale of Trees and Wood
Saturday, April 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Staging of Ramayana: A Tale of Trees and Wood, a reimagining of a great Indian epic featuring shadow puppetry, live music and dance. Meet with puppets and performers following the performance. Ages 5 and older.

Author Talk: Deborah Goodrich Royce
Sunday, April 23 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Bestselling author Deborah Goodrich Royce will discuss her latest thriller, Reef Road, about two women, one a lonely writer obsessed with the unsolved murder of her mother’s best friend, and the other a pandemic widow whose husband has disappeared with their children. Their lives collide during the pandemic lockdown of 2020. RR.

Registration is Open: CrimeCONN 2023 Mystery Lovers’ Conference
Saturday, May 6 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 2023. Tickets: Before April 6, $40 per person. After April 6, $60 per person, $45 for MWA and Friends members, seniors and students. Also available via Zoom at $25 per person.

SAVE THE DATE: Joe R. Sexton Lecture Series
Thursday, May 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at HB
See front for details. The Joe R. Sexton Lecture Series is presented in memory of Joseph (Joe) R. Sexton. RR. Generously supported by Mel Klugman and the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

Spring Sessions via Zoom
Tuesdays, April 11, 18 & 25
New students: from 12 to 12:30 p.m.
High beginner: from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Advanced: from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, April 12, 19 & 26
High intermediate: from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Beginner: from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Evening Sessions in Person
Tuesdays, April 11, 18 & 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side (Part 2)
Mondays and Thursdays, April 3, 6, 10 & 13
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn language and life skills by reading, speaking and writing. RR.

U.S. Citizenship Course
Mondays and Thursdays, April 17, 20, 24 & 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Six-week study course for the U.S. Naturalization Test. Students must read, write and comprehend basic English. Applicants who are 50 and older with 20 years of legal permanent residency, or 55 and older with 15 years of legal permanent residency, could be excused from the English literacy requirement. RR at the Second Floor Reference Desk or by calling 203 351-8228. For information, email yelena@fergusonlibrary.org.

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Literary Competition
Winners of the 38th Annual Literary Competition will be notified by mid-April and are invited with their families and teachers to an awards ceremony at the library Sunday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. Congratulations to all the talented young writers who entered the competition.

Book Shop
Don’t miss the Collectible Sale April 29 and 30 at the Harry Bennett Branch. You can find signed copies, special editions of classics for children and adults, and unique publications on art, cooking and history.

Illustrator Jerrard K. Polk recently gave a wonderful presentation about the colorful world of jazz for the library’s Harry Bloch Family Program. He is pictured with Louise Stern, who generously underwrites this annual program in honor of her late brother, Harry Bloch.

FRIENDS BOOK SHOP
AT THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

Missed one of our programs? Catch up whenever you have a chance. Many of our programs are available on our YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe.

STAFF RECOMMENDS:
Make Every Day Earth Day

Sacred Nature:
Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World
by Karen Armstrong

Things You Can Do:
How to Fight Climate Change and Reduce Waste
by Eduardo Garcia

American Roots:
Lessons and Inspiration from the Designers Reimagining Our Home Gardens
by Nick McCullough

Outdoor Kids in an Inside World:
Getting Your Family Out of the House and Engaged with Nature
by Steven Rinella

Urban Wild:
52 Ways to Find Wildness on Your Doorstep
by Helen Rook

Go Gently:
Actionable Steps to Nurture Yourself and the Planet
by Bonnie Wright

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Check out our Youth Services page at fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids for information for kids, teens, parents and educators. You’ll also 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.

Ferguson Library’s Teen Art Contest 2023
Exploring the upcoming Summer Learning Club theme: Find Your Voice

Contest requirements:
• Open to Stamford students in grades 6 to 12.
• Entries should be easily reproducible drawings on 8.5x11-inch white paper and must be labeled in the back with your name, address, phone number, email, school and grade. Computer-generated images are acceptable.
• Entries are due April 22.

The winner will receive a Michaels $50 gift certificate and the winning drawing will be displayed on all Summer Learning Club materials.

Submit entries to the Youth Services Department at the Main Library, or mail to Steve Zampino, Ferguson Library, One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904.

SAVE THE DATE
Youth Enrichment Program: Reaching Our Communities (R.O.C.)
Saturdays, May 6 to June 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SE
A six-week enrichment program of workshops, preceded by an orientation and followed by a graduation, focusing on the arts, community building, life skills and mental health. Participants will receive a stipend. Space is limited. Applications are available at all branches and are due April 18. Ages 12 to 18.

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

CHILDREN’S STORYTIMES
Registration opens six days before each program date where registration is required.

Family Storytime
A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 5 years with an accompanying caregiver. RR.

- **Bennett Babies**
  - Tuesdays, April 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at HB
  - Songs, rhymes, stories and more for babies up to 18 months old with an accompanying caregiver. Siblings welcome. RR.

Outdoor Family Storytime
**Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH**
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to this themed storytime that features songs, fingerplays and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 4 with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.

Budding Bookworms
**Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram**
Bilingual storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

**Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity**
**Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SE**
A Spanish-language experience featuring stories, music, movement and fun. Ages 1 to 4 with an accompanying caregiver.

**Cuentos y Cantos Bilingual Storytime**
**Fridays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB**
Storytime featuring interactive readings, songs and activities in English and Spanish. Ages 2 to 5 with an accompanying caregiver. RR.

Babytime
**Fridays, April 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.**
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**
Songs, rhymes, stories and more for babies up to 18 months old with an accompanying caregiver. Siblings welcome. RR.

**BUILDING BLOCKS**

**COLOR IN 3D WITH QUIVER**
**Tuesday, April 4 from 2 to 3 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
Use our iPads and the Quiver app to create an augmented reality coloring sheet that you can see in 3D. Ages 5 to 10; children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. RR.

**BUILD WITH LEGO®**
**Thursday, April 6 from 2 to 3 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
Take on one of our building challenges and create anything you want using the library’s Lego® collection. Lego® creations cannot be taken home. Grades K to 5. Ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. RR.

**MAKE A PEACE SIGN WALL HANGING**
**Wednesday, April 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB**
Add some flair and Boho inspiration to your space by creating a unique peace sign wall hanging using a basic macramé knot pattern. Ages 8 and older. RR.

**TINKERCAD WORKSHOP**
**Saturday, April 15 from 2 to 3 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
Find out about TinkerCAD, the perfect software for learning the basics of 3D modeling. All levels welcome. Ages 8 to 13. RR.

**APRIL SHOWERS ARTS & CRAFTS**
**Saturday, April 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
What makes it rain? What causes thunder and lightning? We will read books about stormy weather to find answers to these questions, then create a rainy-day painting to take home. Grades K to 5. RR.

**INTERMEDIATE CHESS CLUB**
**Saturday, April 29 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
For those who know the moves of the game, a chance to test your knowledge against other players. Ages 7 and older. RR.

**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**WOMEN’S SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP**
**Saturday, April 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**
Club Kung Fu of Stamford will lead a workshop focusing on setting boundaries, assessing the threat and fighting back. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

**TINKERCAD WORKSHOP**
**Monday, April 3 from 3 to 4 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
Find out about TinkerCAD, the perfect software for learning the basics of 3D modeling. All levels welcome. Grades 5 to 12. RR.

**MOVIE THEATER THURSDAY**
**Thursday, April 6 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at HB**
In *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, Miles Morales becomes the Spider-Man of his universe, and must join with five spider-powered individuals from other dimensions, including the original Peter Parker, to stop a threat to all realities. Refreshments will be served. Grades 5 to 12. Rated PG. RR.

**MAKE YOUR OWN JOURNAL**
**Saturday, April 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
Learn book-making basics to create a brand-new journal you can take home. Materials will be provided. Grades 5 to 12. RR.

**WINNING THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS GAME**
**Wednesday, April 12 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom**
Workshop covering insider tips, tricks and trends that will increase your odds for admission. Q&A to follow presentation. Grades 10 to 12. RR.

Presented in partnership with Big Green College Prep.

**CRAFT SERIES: TOOLBOX JEWELRY**
**Tuesday, April 15 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**
Create a necklace, ring, bracelet or earrings using items you might find in a toolbox or at a hardware store. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

**T-MAD MEETING**
**Friday, April 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**
**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**
Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program, where you can learn about upcoming events, share reading suggestions and make a difference in the community. Participation counts as volunteer work. Pizza and other refreshments will be served. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

**THE FUNDAMENTALS OF 3D PRINTING**
**Saturday, April 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.**
**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**
Learn how to use slicing software to prepare a model to be printed on the library’s new 3D printer. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

**WOODWORKING WORKSHOP: BUILD A BIRD HOUSE**
**Saturday, April 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.**
**ML, Lower Level Community Area**
Master woodworker Mark Andreas will teach basic techniques needed to assemble a bird house using precut pieces of wood. No prior experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. One birdhouse per family. Grades 6 to 12; attendees younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. RR.

**FRIENDS OF THE FerGUSON LIBRARY LITERARY COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMony**
**Sunday, April 30 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**
Cheer on the winners and hear samples of their written work.