Message from the CEO

Participating in our Summer Learning and Reading programs is easy and fun and our many programs for all ages offer plenty of opportunities to visit the library this summer. The Ferguson Library and other libraries have held summer programs for decades to help prevent the summer slide. Over the last few years, we have worked with our partners Stamford Cradle to Career, Stamford Public Schools and local camps to make sure there are books available for children attending those camps. We also partner with the Stamford Public Education Foundation to give books away so kids can start their own home libraries. It is impressive and exciting to live in a community that is working together on this very important issue.

What can you do to help prevent the summer slide? Listen to a book on that long vacation drive. Set time aside to read as a family. Invite your children to make dinner with you or take a walk in the park and try to identify the trees and plants. Work on a favorite art project or share music. Let’s work together to keep kids learning this summer.

―Alice Knapp, CEO

Find the kids engaged and learning this summer. Our Summer Learning Club, Find Your Voice, begins June 10. We’re making it easy to read with lots of incentives and fun activities. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org or on the READsquared app from the Apple Store or Google Play. Teens can register for their own Summer Learning Club, too.

Find Your Voice is also the theme for our Adult Summer Reading Club. Pick up a Bingo card at the library and participate in our Adult Challenge, with a chance to win prizes, including a ticket to see bestselling author Fiona Davis on June 27. Check our calendar for information on all our summer programs.

The Library Celebrates Juneteenth

Join us at the Main Library Monday, June 19 for two documentary screenings. Liberty & Slavery: The Paradox of America’s Founding Fathers at 11 a.m. and 13th at 3 p.m. in the Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. The screenings commemorate Juneteenth, the federal holiday marking the end of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth celebrates the day Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to spread the news that the Civil War had ended, and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. Today, we celebrate Juneteenth as African American Emancipation Day.

The library will also be part of the City of Stamford’s Juneteenth celebration Saturday, June 17 at Mill River Park. Stop by between 12 and 4 p.m. for book giveaways and crafts.

Art Exhibit Opens June 15

Our summer art exhibit, Summer in the City, launches June 15 at 6 p.m. with an opening reception at the Main Library. The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, features works by local and regional artists. The exhibit will be on view through September 21.

Pictured: Scene from the Met Steps by Susan Hirsch

Save the Date: Daniel Silva July 19

Don’t miss The New York Times bestselling author Daniel Silva at the Main Library July 19 at 6 p.m. Silva will discuss his latest powerhouse thriller The Collector. The conversation will be moderated by CNN Special Correspondent Jamie Gangel.

Silva is the award-winning, #1 The New York Times bestselling author of 26 books, including The Unlikely Spy, The Mark of the Assassin, The Marching Season, The Kill Artist, The English Assassin and many others. He is best known for his long-running thriller series starring spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon.

Tickets are $45 for general admission, $35 for Friends members. General admission includes a Friends membership through December 2023. All guests will receive a copy of Silva’s latest book and an invitation to a pre-event reception. Register at fergusonli-

DIGITAL LIBRARY: VetNow

Are you a veteran who needs help understanding what government benefits and resources are available to you? VetNow is a new online resource that answers questions about transitioning from military to civilian life. You can chat with an expert about medical benefits, pensions, the GI bill or unemployment assistance. Or take advantage of the live job coaching feature, tutoring for college courses, and a special resume lab geared to veterans. Assistance is available in English, Spanish and French. To get started, find VetNow on the library’s A-Z Resources page and use your library card number to create an account.

Author Fiona Davis June 27

The Friends of the Ferguson Library welcomes bestselling author Fiona Davis back to the library to discuss her new novel, The Spectacular, on Tuesday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Her latest book features a story of love, sacrifice and the pursuit of dreams at New York City’s iconic Radio City Music Hall during its mid-century heyday.

Davis is the author of six bestselling historical fiction novels set in iconic New York City buildings. They include The Dollhouse, The Address and The Lions of Fifth Avenue, which was a GMA Book Club pick.

Tickets are $20 for general admission and $10 for Friends members. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.
**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, June 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**Beautiful Little Fools** by Jillian Cantor

**Spanish Book Discussion**

**Thursday, June 8 from 5 to 6 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**

**Catedrales de Claudia Piñeiro**

**Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion**

**Monday, June 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom**

**The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Allison Pataki

**Social Justice Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, June 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**

**When the Emperor Was Divine** by Julie Otsuka

**Silent Book Club**

**Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB**

Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others.

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

**Monday, June 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom**

**Black Cake** by Charmaine Willkerson

**Short Story Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, June 28 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB**

**Bigfoot in Paradise** by Doug Lawson

**Fun & Games at the Library**

**Dungeons & Dragons**

**Saturday, June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Lower Level Community Area**

An introductory tabletop adventure playing the Dungeons & Dragons ruleset. Participants will take on the roles of fantastical heroes who brave dangerous situations with swords, spells and their wits. No experience necessary. Ages 18 and older. **RR.**

**Game Night: Ticket to Ride**

**Tuesday, June 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

Play a game from the library’s collection, bring your own, or learn how to play this month's featured game, *Ticket to Ride*. Teens and adults.

**Classic Movie Matinees**

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

Screenings of award-winning films by the master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock

**Sabotage** (1936)

**June 2**

A Scotland Yard undercover detective chases a ring of saboteurs about to set off a bomb in London. Starring Sylvia Sidney, Oskar Homolka and John Loder. Not rated.

**Dial M for Murder** (1954)

**June 9**

An ex-tennis pro plots to murder his unfaithful wife but his carefully orchestrated scheme takes an unexpected turn. Starring Ray Milland, Grace Kelly and Robert Cummings. Rated PG.

**The Man Who Knew Too Much** (1956)

**June 16**

A doctor and his wife are drawn into a plot of international intrigue after witnessing a political assassination while vacationing in Morocco. Starring James Stewart, Doris Day and Brenda de Banzie. Rated PG.

**To Catch a Thief** (1955)

**June 23**

A retired jewel thief sets out to prove his innocence after being suspected of returning to his criminal ways on the French Riviera. Starring Cary Grant, Grace Kelly and Jessie Royce Landis. Rated PG.

**Meet Lisa Belkin,**

**Author of Genealogy of a Murder**

**Tuesday, June 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**

The award-winning journalist and author will discuss her latest book *Genealogy of a Murder: Four Generations, Three Families, One Fateful Night,* the true story of families whose paths collide one summer night in 1960 with the killing of a Stamford police officer. **RR.**

**Family Programs**

**Drag Storytime**

**Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**ML, First Floor New Materials Room**

Celebrate Pride Month and everything that makes you special at this interactive event featuring drag performers Tiki Malone, Destiny Harmony and Frankie C. All ages.

**Disney Classic: Coco**

**Wednesday, June 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB**

Screening of the 2017 animated film about a boy named Miguel, a 12-year-old aspiring guitarist who travels to the Land of the Dead to reverse a family curse and seek forgiveness from his ancestors. Starring Anthony Gonzalez, Gael Garcia Bernal and Benjamin Bratt. Rated G. All ages. **RR.**

**Art at the Ferguson**

**Celebrating Women in Life and Art**

**On display through June 8**

**Summer in the City**

**Opening Thursday, June 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; on display through September 21**

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Juried shows of works by local and regional artists.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.

**Mah-Jongg Club**

**Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB**

Come out and play mah-jongg with us. Beginners welcome Thursday, June 1.

**Friday Film Fest**

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

Screenings of 2022 releases in a variety of genres

**Bros**

**June 2**

Romantic comedy about two gay men in Manhattan who avoid commitment but are undeniably drawn to each other. Starring Luke Macfarlane, Billy Eichner, Monica Raymund and Dot-Marie Jones. Rated R.

**Don’t Worry Darling**

**June 9**

A 1950s housewife living with her husband in a utopian experimental community worries that the idyllic company town could be hiding disturbing secrets. Starring Florence Pugh, Harry Styles, Chris Pine, Oliva Wilde and Kiki Layne. Rated R.

**M3GAN**

**June 16**


**Bullet Train**

**June 23**

Five assassins aboard a fast-moving train in Japan find out their missions bear a striking resemblance, forcing them to come together to work out why. Starring Brad Pitt, Joey King, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Brian Tyree Henry and Andrew Koji. Rated R.

**Friends Author Series:**

**Meet Alka Joshi,**

**Author of The Perfumist of Paris**

**Thursday, June 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

The *New York Times* bestselling author will discuss her latest title, the final chapter in *The Jaipur Trilogy,* which takes us to 1970s Paris, where Radha’s budding career as a perfumer must compete with the demands of her family and secrets of her past.

**An Evening with Fiona Davis,**

**Author of The Spectacular**

**Tuesday, June 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

See cover for details. **RR.**

**NEW! Start Reading with Libby**

**Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB**

Learn how to use Libby, a free app for Android and iOS devices that lets you borrow e-books, audiobooks and magazines from the library. Bring your smartphone or tablet, and your library card.

**Death Cafe**

**Thursday, June 1 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.

**Knit & Needles Knitting Group**

**Mondays, June 5 & 19 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at HB**

Bring your smartphone or tablet, and your audiobooks and magazines from the library. Work on your own knitting and crocheting. Beginners welcome.

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

**Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE**

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

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Let's Talk: Conversation Groups
Registration not required. New students welcome.
Spring Sessions via Zoom
Tuesdays, June 6 & 13
- New students: from 12 to 12:30 p.m.
- High beginner: from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
- Low intermediate: from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Advanced: from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, June 7 & 14
- High intermediate: from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Beginner: from 10 to 3:30 p.m.
Evening Sessions in Person
Tuesdays, June 6 & 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side Part 1
Mondays and Thursdays, June 22, 26 & 29
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn language and life skills by reading, speaking and writing. RR.

Evening of Music and Spoken Word with Richard “Cookie” Thomas
Friday, June 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE
Celebrate African-American Music Appreciation Month with “Cookie Thomas” and his trio, who will perform jazz classics.

Raising Chickens in Your Backyard
Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Master gardener and farmer, Mark Gostkievic, will share what is needed to start and maintain a happy, healthy flock of chickens while using sustainable and organic practices. Teens and adults. RR.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation
Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 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.

Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
Tuesdays through Fridays, from 1 to 6 p.m.
through June 30
ML, Lower Level Community Area
Free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. Insurance card and photo ID preferred but not required to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away.
Presented in partnership with Stamford Health and Griffin Health.

Canasta Club
Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB
Come play canasta with us. All levels welcome.

Make a Will for Free
Thursdays, June 8 & 22 from 4 to 6 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
Create your will in as little as 15 minutes. No prior experience necessary. Must be a U.S. citizen, 18 or older, and have an email address. RR.
Presented in partnership with Just In Case Estates.

Health Check: Know Your Numbers
Monday, June 12 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.

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
- Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary
- No experience with MS Excel necessary
- Basic experience with MS Excel necessary

Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint
Saturday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Learn how transitions and animations make your presentations pop, and how to use the Presenter View to your best advantage.

Microsoft Excel
Basic
Thursday, June 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to create and save a spreadsheet, enter data, and write formulas.

Intermediate
Thursday, June 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.

Tech Tips for Older Adults
Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 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.

Healing Drum Circle
Monday, June 12 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.

Ballroom Dance Workshop
Wednesdays, June 14, 21, 28 & July 12
from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Dance like a pro with instructor Simone Assboeck, who will cover the basic steps of the salsa and the hustle. Singles welcome; partners will be rotated. No prior dance experience necessary. Attendance required for all sessions. RR.

Make a Custom Button
Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3:30
ML, Lower Level Makerspace
Make a statement with a custom button that expresses your sense of style. Create your own design or choose from materials provided by the library. Teens and adults.

Old Folks Acoustic Singalong
Saturday, June 17 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH
An afternoon of toe-tapping, finger-snapping acoustic delights with Dr. Ev. who will take requests.

Advent Summer Reading Kickoff: Find Your Entrepreneurial Voice
Tuesday, June 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, First Floor New Materials Room
Networking opportunity followed by a panel discussion with local small business owners who will cover the Ferguson Library’s Entrepreneur-in-Residence program and offer advice for turning a business idea into reality. Q&A to follow discussion. RR.

Become a Certified Nursing Assistant
Thursday, June 1 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. 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.

Budgeting 101
Wednesday, June 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Everything you need to know about budgeting and cost cutting, including spending plans, long-term financial tools and strategies. RR.

Job Search Workshop
Thursday, June 22 from 3 to 4 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Determine what type of job you would like, identify the best job sites for a targeted search, and learn how to avoid job scams. Teens and adults. RR.
Presented in partnership with Goodwill Career Center.

Save the Dates
Friends Author Series: An Evening with Daniel Silva, Author of The Collector
Wednesday, July 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
See cover for details. RR.
A Conversation with Geoff Rilly, Author of Someone Who Isn’t Me
Wednesday, July 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
The lead singer of Thursday will discuss his debut novel, Someone Who Isn’t Me, the tale of a man’s journey to Mexico seeking psychedelic ibogaine treatment for heroin addiction, a fictional take on Rilly’s own experience with addiction. The conversation will be moderated by Andrew Sacher, senior editor and podcast host at BrooklynVegan, the New York City-based music blog. Light refreshments will be served: book sale and signing to follow discussion. RR to attend in person. Also available via Zoom.

World Refugee Day Panel Discussion
Thursday, June 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Panel discussion with leaders of local non-profit organizations on the work being done to assist refugees in Stamford and Connecticut. RR.
Presented in partnership with Building One Community, Family Centers and Jewish Family Centers of Greenwich.

Lawyers in Libraries
Thursday, June 29 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.
**Friends of the Ferguson Library**

**Book Shop News**

**Harry Bennett Donation Days**

We’re accepting book donations at the Harry Bennett Branch the first Saturday of every month. This month, you can bring your gently used books to the auditorium Saturday, June 3 from 12 to 3 p.m. Donations are welcome any time at the Main Library Book Shop. For donation guidelines, visit fergusonlibrary.org/friends/book-shop.

**Bag Sale on Bedford Street**

The Book Shop will be participating in Arts & Crafts on Bedford Saturday, June 10 with a Bag Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fill a bag with books for just $15. We’re featuring titles for kids and adults, as well as music and movies. It’s a great deal!

**New Passport Hours at Harry Bennett**

The Passport Office at the Harry Bennett Branch is now open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No need for an appointment; just walk in.

The Main Library Passport Office remains open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments at the Main Library are recommended. For complete passport information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/services/passports or call 203 351-8298.

**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.**

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**Bookmobile**
Check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile

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Main Library
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Family Programs
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Dog Days of Summer
Read to Rescues
Saturday, June 24 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB
Read to a trained therapy dog from Ridgefield Operation for Animal Rescue (ROAR). Bring a favorite book or pick one from the library before your 15-minute session. Ages 5 to 12. RR.

Meet K-9 Cops
Monday, June 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB
Learn about the Stamford Police Department Explosives Detection Canine Unit, how the K-9s are trained, and what they do for our community. Officers will conduct a demonstration and answer questions. All ages. RR.

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 problems accessing our e-materials or databases, fill out the form at fergusonlibrary.org/form/linked-libraries-contact-us-form.

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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.

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KIDS SUMMER LEARNING CLUB

For storytimes, registration opens six days before each program date where registration is required.

Kickoff Events: Sign Up for Summer Learning Clubs

Arts & Crafts Saturday, June 10 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at SE
Sign up for the club, make fun crafts and enjoy an ice cream treat. All ages.

Help Us Decorate Saturday, June 10 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. ML, First Floor New Materials Room
Drop in to create crafts that will be used to decorate the library for the summer. Ages 5 and older.

Sweet Games Saturday, June 10 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB
Check out what’s in store for the summer while we play lawn games. Get free Kona Ice treats, while supplies last. All ages.

Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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.

Babyscale Fridays, June 2, 23 & 30 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.

Bennett Babies Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 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 Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park
Themed storytime that features songs, fingerplays and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 4 with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.

Summer Volunteer Training Saturday, June 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, June 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Earn volunteer credit by helping kids and teens join the Summer Learning Clubs and report their reading progress. One training session required to volunteer. Stop by any library branch to fill out and submit the required application. All volunteers must be 12 years old or older by June 10. RR.

Kickoff Event: Pinot’s Palette Paint & Sip Friday, June 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
An afternoon of painting and soda-sipping. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Classical Indian Dance Saturday, June 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Get moving while learning classical Indian and Bollywood dance steps from Stamford’s Shaifali Kansal. No formal dance experience necessary. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Cuentos y Cantos Bilingual Storytime Fridays, June 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB
Interactive readings, songs and activities in English and Spanish. Ages 2 to 5 with an accompanying caregiver. RR.

Summer Storytime Under the Tent Thursdays, June 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Bring a blanket or chair to this outdoor storytime featuring readings, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and other activities. Ages 3 to 5 with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. Weather permitting. RR.

Build with Lego® Tuesdays, June 20 & 27 from 2 to 3 p.m. ML, Lower Level Makerspace
Do 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.

Family Storytime Wednesdays, June 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A participatory storytime featuring songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Ages 18 months to 5 years with an accompanying caregiver. RR.

Cardboard Basket Weaving Wednesday, June 21 from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB
Bring a blanket or chair to sit outside and practice simple weaving techniques to make a finished basket. Ages 8 and older. RR.

Gelli Plate Printing Thursday, June 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. ML, Lower Level Makerspace
Explore the use of color, texture and perspective while creating original monoprints using printing plates that feel like gelatin. Ages 9 to 12. RR.

Friday Flicks: The Bad Guys Friday, June 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Our summer movie season opens with this animated feature about a gang of notorious animal criminals who pretend to seek rehabilitation. But their leader realizes that he wants to change his ways. Starring Sam Rockwell, Marc Maron and Awkwafina. Rated PG. Ages 6 and older.

Ticket to Ride

Get moving while learning classical Indian and Bollywood dance steps from Stamford’s Shaifali Kansal. No formal dance experience necessary. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Game Night at the Library Tuesday, June 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. ML, First Floor New Materials Room
Play a game from the library's collection, bring your own, or learn how to play this month's featured game, Ticket to Ride. Teens and adults.

Make a Custom Button Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. ML, Lower Level Makerspace
Make a statement with a custom button that expresses your sense of style. Create your own design or choose from materials provided by the library. Teens and adults. RR.

Raising Chickens in Your Backyard Saturday, June 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Master gardener and farmer, Mark Gostkwiecs, will share what is needed to start and maintain a happy, healthy flock of chickens while using sustainable and organic practices. Teens and adults. RR.

Job Search Workshop Thursday, June 22 from 3 to 4 p.m. ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Determine what type of job you would like. Identify the best job sites for a targeted search, and learn how to avoid job scams. Teens and adults. RR.

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The Bad Guys

Rated PG. Ages 6 and older.

Kickoff Event: Pinot’s Palette Paint & Sip Friday, June 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
An afternoon of painting and soda-sipping. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Classical Indian Dance Saturday, June 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Get moving while learning classical Indian and Bollywood dance steps from Stamford’s Shaifali Kansal. No formal dance experience necessary. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

T-MAD Discussion: Banned Books ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Special meeting of Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program, where we will discuss the rise of book banning in libraries, schools and elsewhere. Participation counts as volunteer work. Pizza and other refreshments will be served. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

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