The University of Massachusetts Network of the National Library of Medicine has awarded the Ferguson Library a $9,400 grant to curate a series of programs and resources promoting mental health awareness. Starting this fall, we will be offering a Mental Health & Wellness Series, including programs such as art therapy, stress management, yoga, meditation and more. Look for new books in our collection on the subject of mental health and keep an eye on our calendar and weekly e-newsletter for more information.

The library will be closed Sunday, September 3 and Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

Read a Challenged Book
One of our roles as a book sanctuary library is to collect and protect endangered books. With book bans and challenges on the rise nationwide, standing up for the freedom to read is more important than ever. Intellectual freedom is the cornerstone of our democracy and one of the Ferguson Library’s foundational principles.

We have created a special collection of banned and challenged books to ensure our community has access to these materials, some of which are award winners and classic literature.

Take a look at the challenged book display at the Main Library and make up your own mind about what you want to read. We have additional copies of the books on display if you would like to borrow one.

Library Receives Mental Health Awareness Grant

Friends Author Series
Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee
Meet Pulitzer Prize-winning and New York Times bestselling author Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee September 12. He will discuss his book The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human, the story of how scientists discovered cells, began to understand them, and are now using that knowledge to create new humans. The conversation will be moderated by Dr. Siobhan Dolan, Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stamford Health.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m., followed by the program from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $35 for general admission, $25 for Friends members. General admission tickets include a Friends membership through December 2023. All guests will receive a copy of The Song of the Cell. Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. Register online.

Presented in partnership with Stamford Health.

Save the date: On October 5 we welcome back famed chef Jacques Pépin, who will talk about his new book, Cooking My Way.

Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Memorial Lecture

Richard A. Robinson, Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, will discuss the elements of leadership and what it takes to be a respected and productive leader at the Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Memorial Lecture Saturday, September 30 at 1 p.m. at the Main Library. Register online.

Library’s Passport Office Celebrates 25 Years of Service

We make it easy to get a passport. The Passport Office at the Main Library is open seven days a week by appointment and on a walk-in basis. We also offer passport services at the Harry Bennett Branch Wednesday, Friday and Saturday on a walk-in basis only. We take photos, too! Please check the passport page on our website for hours or call 203 351-8298 for more information.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: Ancestry.com

Discover fascinating details about the lives of your ancestors with Ancestry.com library edition. Easily search birth, death, marriage, probate, military and immigration records, and use the downloadable charts and forms to organize your research. Ancestry.com now features the recently released 1950 U.S. Census and is constantly adding great new content from international genealogical sources. It is available for use on-site at any Ferguson Library location.
### Book Discussions

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

**Silent Book Club**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at HB  
Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others. RR.

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Book Discussion**  
Monday, Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom  
Dinners with Ruth by Nina Totenberg

**Harry Bennett Branch Book Discussion**  
Monday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom  
When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka

**Social Justice Book Discussion**  
Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB  
Heartland by Sarah Smarsh

**Spanish Book Discussion**  
Thursday, Sept. 14 from 5 to 6 p.m.  
ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room  
*Álbum de familia* de Gabriela Alemán

**Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion**  
Thursday, Sept. 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom  
Ancillary Justice by Ann Leckie

**South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion**  
Monday, Sept. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at SE and via Zoom  
The First Male by Lee Hayes

**Short Story Book Discussion**  
Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB and via Zoom  
If You See Me, Don’t Say Hi by Neel Patel

### Mental Health & Wellness Series

Presented in partnership with the Network of the National Library of Medicine.

**Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation**  
Tuesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10 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. RR.

**Lunchtime Yoga**  
Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Yoga instructor Ngan Nguyen will lead a class in the Hatha style. RR.

**Ballroom Dance Workshop**  
Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 20, 27 & October 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Learn the basics of the hustle and the salsa. Singles welcome; partners will be rotated. No prior dance experience necessary. Attendance required for all sessions. RR.

**Zumba Dance Party**  
Saturday, Sept. 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Dance yourself into fitness with instructor Pamela Arenas. RR.

**Managing Back-to-School Stress**  
Monday, Sept. 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom  
Social worker Tracey Masella will offer parents advice on how to help children manage stress and anxiety as they head back to school. RR.

**Access Mental Health Resources**  
Thursday, Sept. 21 from 3 to 4 p.m. ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
Learn how to find trustworthy mental health information and resources at the library. RR.

### Hispanic American Heritage Month

**Screening of The Book of Life**  
Friday, Sept. 15 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
The animated The Book of Life, Manolo embarks on an adventure that spans three fantastic worlds. Starring Diego Luna, Zoe Saldaña and Channing Tatum. Rated PG. Ages 6 and older.

**Bilingual Music, Movement & Stories**  
Saturdays, Sept. 23 & 30 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SE  
Meet members of the community while grooving to the sounds of music. Ages 2 to 8.

**An Evening with Juan David Corrales**  
Friday, Sept. 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at SE  
A concert performance by pianist and soloist Juan David Corrales.

### MakeFest 2023

A celebration of makers and creativity

**STEM Storytime**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. ML, First Floor New Materials Room  
Stories and activities that introduce science, technology, engineering and math. After the stories, take a selfie with our throwback instant camera. Ages 4 and older, with families. RA.

**Make a Custom Button**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ML, First Floor Lobby  
Make a statement with a custom button that expresses your sense of style. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Retro Video Gaming**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. ML, Lower Level Makerspace  
Play retro games like Donkey Kong, Tetris, Pac-Man, Missile Command, Galaga and many more. Teens and adults.

**Unleash Your Creativity**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 12 to 1 p.m. ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
Artist, writer, creator and TEDx speaker Alfonzina Betancourt will share new strategies on how to unleash your creativity. Teens and adults.

**Give Ballroom a Whirl**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Lessons that will get you on the dance floor in no time. Teens and adults.

**Drop-In STEM Craft**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, First Floor New Materials Room  
Join the maker movement by making a STEM craft with us. Ages 4 and older, with families.

**Role-Playing Tabletop Game**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Lower Level Community Area  
Join a band of fantastical heroes who brave dangerous situations. Ages 18 and older. RR.

**Documentary Screening: Handmade Nation**  
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
The Rise of DIY Art, Craft and Design explores the world of modern crafting, where people turn from the digital world to make things by hand, forging a new economy and lifestyle. Teens and adults.

**Art at the Ferguson: Summer in the City**  
On display through Sept. 21 ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.

**Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry**  
Tuesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE  
For more information, call 203-724-9111.

**Canasta Club**  
Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB  
All levels welcome.

**Watch with Kanopy**  
Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at HB  
Learn about this free app to watch movies and TV shows. Bring a smartphone or tablet.
Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups  
Registration not required. New students welcome.

Fall Semester Sessions via Zoom  
Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19 & 26  
New students: from 2 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 6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 20 & 27  
High intermediate: from 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
Beginner: from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Evening Sessions in Person  
Practice your conversational skills in a group.

Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19 & 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
ML, Lower Level Community Area  
Thursdays, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

English Language Learners

Mah-Jongg Club  
Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB  
Beginners welcome Thursday, Sept. 7.

Death Cafe  
Thursday, Sept. 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom  
A discussion about the awareness of death.

Knit & Needles Knitting Group  
Mondays, Sept. 11 & 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at HB  
All levels welcome.

Health Check: Know Your Numbers  
Monday, Sept. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
ML, Third Floor Rotary Room  
Free blood pressure, pre-diabetes screenings and height and weight checks.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Department of Health.

Open Game Nights  
Mondays, Sept. 11, 18 & 25 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.  
ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
All ages.

Healing Drum Circle  
Monday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SE  
A meditative gathering dedicated to healing the wounds of racism.

Game Night: Munchkin  
Tuesday, Sept. 12 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 Munchkin. Teens and adults. RR.

Dungeons & Dragons  
Thursdays, Sept. 14 & 28 from 6 to 7:45 p.m.  
ML, Lower Level Community Area  
Join an imaginary band of heroes who brave dangerous situations with swords, spells and wits. Beginners welcome. Ages 18 and older. RR.

Classic Movie Matinees  
Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB  
Sept. 15: Ferris Bueller’s Day Off (1986)  
Sept. 22: The Outsiders (1983)  
Sept. 29: Rebel Without a Cause (1955)

Friday Film Fest  
Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB  
Sept. 15: Rudy (1993)  
Sept. 29: Remember the Titans (2000)

Technology

ML, 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 Word necessary
● Basic experience with MS Word necessary

Microsoft Word  
Basic ▲  
Thursday, Sept. 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Learn how to navigate MS Word, create and save a document, and format text.

Intermediate ●  
Thursday, Sept. 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Learn how to add images and tables to documents; use Styles to format a document, and edit the header and footer.

Tech Tips for Older Adults  
Tuesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 12 to 3 p.m. at SE  
Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Old Folksies Acoustic Singalong  
Saturday, Sept. 16 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH  
Afternoon of acoustic delights with Dr. Ev.

Open Lab: Resume Assistance  
ML, Third Floor Technology Center  
Job seekers are invited to use our technology lab for one-on-one help creating, formatting and proofreading a resume. Bring a written or digital copy of your resume. Teens and adults. RA.

TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series  
Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. via Zoom  
RR for each session.  
Register by 12 p.m. on program date. Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m.

Sept. 7 Leadership & Team Building  
David Lyons, Principal, Den Corporate Adv.

Sept. 14 Business Formation & Contracts  
Russell Anderson, Esq., Pullman & Comley

Business & Career

Meet Barbara Butcher, Author of What the Dead Know  
Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
An evening with the former Chief of Staff of the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Barbara Butcher, who will discuss her book with moderator, Michelle Clark, Medicolegal Death Investigator for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Connecticut. RR.

Meet Michael Harriot, Author of Black AF History  
Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Michael Harriot will discuss his latest book Black AF History: The Un-Whitewashed Story of America. The conversation will be moderated by Alvin Hall, financial educator, broadcaster and author of Driving the Green Book. RR.

Conversation with Writer, Activist and TV Personality Kevin Powell  
Thursday, Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom  
Kevin Powell will discuss his book The Kevin Powell Reader: Essential Writings and Conversations. Makeda Mays Green will moderate the conversation. Teens and adults. RR.

How Hip-Hop Shaped American Culture with Dr. Patrick Rivers  
Thursday, Sept. 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom  
Patrick Rivers, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Music Department of the University of New Haven, will discuss the impact of hip-hop on music, media and technology. RR.
FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

Friends Volunteer Appreciation Event
September 26
Are you a Friends member or volunteer? We want to say thank you! Please come to a special appreciation event Tuesday, September 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Enjoy good food and meet others who are passionate about the library.

Arts & Crafts on Bedford
Start your holiday shopping early! Stop by the Book Shop table at Arts & Crafts on Bedford Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They’ll be selling beautiful arts, crafts, gardening and kids’ books outside the Main Library during this annual street festival.

Bag Sale
Don’t miss the Bag Sale Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Fill a bag with books for $15. Includes all books and media.

Art Exhibit Opens October 3
Our fall art exhibit, Connecting Nature and People, launches October 3 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 January 18, 2024. Pictured: Growing by Franklin Silva

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:
Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

Family Lore
by Elizabeth Acevedo

The Tribe: Portraits of Cuba
by Carlos Manuel Álvarez

The Boy Who Reached for the Stars
by Elio Morillo

The Dominican Kitchen: Homestyle Recipes That Celebrate the Flavors, Traditions, and Culture of the Dominican Republic
by Vanessa Mota

Las Madres
by Esmeralda Santiago

Our Migrant Souls: A Meditation on Race and the Meanings and Myths of "Latino"
by Héctor Tobar

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115 Vine Road
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Saturday 10 to 5

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

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1143 Hope Street
203 351-8285
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 to 6
Tuesday 12 to 7
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Bookmobile
Check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile

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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

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Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298.
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ML, First Floor Lobby
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Back-to-School Book Giveaway
Tuesday, Sept. 5 through Saturday, Sept. 30
Kick off the new school year with free books! Drop by any of our branches and get two free books to add to your home library. While supplies last. Grades pre-K to 12.

The library will be closed Sunday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 4 for the Labor Day holiday.
**CHILDREN’S STORYTIMES**

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

**Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity**

Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

**Bennett Babies**

Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19 & 26 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.

**Afternoon Storytime**

Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 4:30 to 5 p.m. at HB

Listen to stories and sing songs while building early literacy skills. Ages 2 to 6 with an accompanying caregiver. RR.

**Cuentos y Cantos Bilingual Storytime**

Fridays, Sept. 15, 22 & 29 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.

**Family Storytime**

Wednesdays, Sept. 20 & 27 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.

**Picture Book Club**

Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Reading and discussion of Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soothing Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton and Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum by Meghan McCarthy. Snacks will be served. Ages 7 and older. RR.

**Babytime**

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**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**NEW! Baby & Toddler Playgroup by Sparkler**

Thursday, Sept. 7 from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Kids play while caregivers meet and chat. Fun will include play time, a snack, a take-home craft and one-on-one support from a family and community engagement specialist from Sparkler, the child development app. Expectant parents welcome. Please alert us to allergies. Ages 5 and younger RA.

**Preschool Movie Matinees**

Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Enjoy picture book videos of beloved children’s classics. Ages 18 months to 5 years.

**Decorate Cupcakes**

Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at HB

Bring your imagination and your sweet tooth to decorate cupcakes however you like. Supplies, including cupcakes, will be provided. Ages 5 to 13. RR.

**Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Zita the Spacegirl**

Monday, Sept. 25 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

When Zita opens a portal to another world and her best friend is abducted, she sets out on a journey to rescue her. Book copies are available at the branch. Snacks will be served. Grades 4 to 6. RR.

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**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Open Lab: Resume Assistance**

Thursdays, Sept. 7 & 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Job seekers are invited to use our technology lab for one-on-one help creating, formatting and proofreading a resume. Bring a written or digital copy of your resume. Teens and adults. RA.

**Open Game Nights**

Mondays, Sept. 11, 18 & 25 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Play a game from the library’s collection or bring your own game to play with others. All ages.

**Game Night: Munchkin**

Tuesday, Sept. 12 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, Munchkin. Teens and adults. RR.

**T-MAD Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

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 snacks will be served. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

**The Art of Face Painting**

Saturday, Sept. 16 from 12 to 2 p.m. at SE

Learn how to paint faces with artist Rene Soto. This program offers teens the creative skills to entertain children at community events and parties. Ages 12 to 17. RR.

**Film Club: Percy Jackson & The Olympians, The Lightning Thief**

Thursday, Sept. 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

Screening and discussion of the film adaptation where a teenage discovers he’s the descendant of a Greek god and sets out to settle an ongoing battle between the gods. Starring Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario, Jake Abel and Sean Bean. Snacks will be served. Rated PG.

**Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Book Discussion: Ancillary Justice by Ann Leckie**

Thursday, Sept. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

In this Newbery Medal-winning book, Bod Owens is adopted and raised by the supernatural occupants of a graveyard after his family is murdered. The graphic novel adaptation of the book was challenged but successfully defended in 2015. Drinks and snacks will be served. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

**Craft Series: Rock Painting**

Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 5 to 6 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Teen Area

Design your own small work of art using paint to transform a smooth rock. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

**Conversation with Writer, Activist and TV Personality Kevin Powell**

Thursday, Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Kevin Powell will discuss his book The Kevin Powell Reader: Essential Writings and Conversations. Makeda Mays Green will moderate the conversation. Teens and adults. RR.

**Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Memorial Lecture with Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson**

Saturday, Sept. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Richard A. Robinson, Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, will discuss the elements of leadership and what it takes to be a respected and productive leader. Teens and adults. RR.