

Message from the CEO



We are partnering with the City of Stamford, the interfaith community, nonprofits and local businesses on the Kindness Project—Sparking Citywide Random Acts of Kindness. Our Friends of the Ferguson Library have also accepted this challenge. What does it look like?

You can stop by any Ferguson Library branch to design a thank-you card for a teacher, a friend, or someone who has helped you out this past year. Or you can post an encouraging message for others to read.

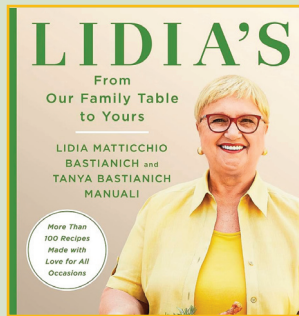
Really, there are endless possibilities to perform random acts of kindness. Sometimes, the act is just being that person who listens. In the end, they are unexpected, selfless acts that positively affect the recipient's mood or well-being. Even though there is no expectation of anything in return, I have found that after saying that thank you or listening extra hard, my own mood is just a little bit brighter.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

The library will be closed Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. All library facilities will also be closed on January 1. Have a safe, happy holiday season.

Cookbook Author Lidia Bastianich

Just in time for the holidays! Join us December 14 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening with Emmy Award-winning public television host, bestselling cookbook author, and restaurateur Lidia Bastianich, who will discuss her new cookbook *Lidia's From Our Family Table to Yours: More Than 100 Recipes Made with Love for All Occasions*. Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. Refreshments generously sponsored by Michelle and Michael Sabino. This event is free, but registration is required at fergusonlibrary.org/events.



Support Your Library Your Year-End Gift Makes a Difference

Please remember the Ferguson Library in your year-end giving. Your donation of any amount to the Ferguson Library Foundation (the fundraising arm of the library) helps keep books and all the things you love at the library free and available to everyone in the community.

Donate securely at fergusonlibrary.org or pick up a donation envelope at any library location.

Thank you for investing in your public library.

Save the Date: April 11 A Novel Affair



The Ferguson Library will hold its major fundraiser, *A Novel Affair*, Thursday, April 11 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the library.

A Novel Affair is the Ferguson Library's signature benefit, raising funds to help support Stamford's public library. Early registration opens February 12. We are pleased to honor Steven Frederick and the law firm of Wofsey, Rosen, Kweskin & Kuriansky for their service to the library and the Stamford community.

If you are interested in supporting the event as a sponsor, please contact Linda Avellar at lavellar@fergusonlibrary.org or by calling 203 351-8208.

Harry Bennett Branch Quiet Spaces

Need a quiet place to have a meeting or make a phone call? The Harry Bennett Branch has new soundproof spaces. The Zen Booth is equipped with a table, chairs and power, and is available for up to two hours at a time. Visit harrybennett.skedda.com/booking or call 203 351-8292 to make a reservation. The phone booth is available on a first come, first served basis.



Makerspace at the Library

Did you know you can borrow baking equipment, sewing machines, even a ukulele and acoustic guitar from the library? The Ferguson Library's Makerspace also has a microscope and we're adding a Cricut machine to our collection for those of you who enjoy DIY projects. You can check out all these items with your Ferguson Library card.

We also offer Makerspace programs and workshops. Whether you work with electronics, yarn, words, music, fabric, video cameras, computer code or colored pencils, we've got something for you! For more information, visit our Makerspace page at fergusonlibrary.org/services/makerspace.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: *Consumer Reports Magazine*

Get free online access to America's favorite source for product reviews and ratings. The *Consumer Reports* database provides clear, unbiased evaluations of a wide variety of household goods and appliances, cars, electronics, food and baby products. Additional content includes helpful articles on health and wellness, travel and personal finance, with full-text coverage extending from the current issue to a deep back file. To learn more, visit the Library's A-Z Resources page on our website.

ML Main Library, DiMattia Building, 203 351-8221
HB Harry Bennett, 203 351-8292
SE South End, 203 351-8280
WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander, 203 351-8286
WS West Side Branch, 203 351-8242


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Appreciated at fergusonlibrary.org/events

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 Our programs are generously supported
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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, December 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Spanish Book Discussion

Thursday, December 14 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Rotary Room
La luz negra de María Gainza

Silent Book Club

Saturday, December 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB
Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others. **RR.**

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion

Monday, December 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom
One Christmas Wish by Brenda Jackson

Access Health CT Insurance Enrollment

Mondays to Fridays, December 1 to 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
Representatives from Access Health CT will enroll members for 2024 individual and family health insurance plans. Enroll by December 15 to have coverage that begins January 1.
Presented in partnership with Access Health CT.

Barbie Viewing Party

Friday, December 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB
Dress up in your pinkest pink for Barbie, the story of the most popular Barbie in Barbie Land. The best dressed will be featured on the library's Instagram. Starring Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling, Issa Rae, America Ferrera and Kate McKinnon. Rated: PG-13. All ages.

Mental Health & Wellness Series

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



Pastel Art Class

Saturday, December 2 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, First Floor New Materials Room
Artist Kathleen Fay will lead a relaxing exploration of color, pattern and oil pastels in a beginner class for adults that will use the vibrant work of cat illustrator Laurel Burch as inspiration. **RR.**

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation

Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 12 to 1 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A brief discussion about practice, a guided meditation, and a chance to reflect.

Zumba Dance Party

Saturdays, December 9 & 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Dance into fitness with instructor Pamela Arenas. **RR.**

The Stamford Chorale Presents Song for Snow

Sunday, December 3 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A festive holiday concert featuring works composed by women, including Florence Price and Rosephanye Powell.

Senior Community Service Employment Program Information Session

Wednesday, December 6 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at HB
Representatives of Associates for Training and Development (A4TD), a nonprofit that provides training and employment services to workers ages 55 and older, will talk about its Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), a work-based job training program that helps older job seekers obtain current employment skills to re-enter the workforce.

Family Programs

Holiday Movie: *The Polar Express* Friday, December 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. at HB

When a doubting boy takes a magical train ride to the North Pole on Christmas Eve, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that teaches him about friendship, bravery and the spirit of the season. Starring Tom Hanks, Nona Gaye, Peter Scolar, Leslie Zemeckis and Eddie Deezen. Rated G. All ages.

Origami Hour: Holiday Season Wednesday, December 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB

Learn the ancient art of Japanese paper folding, including techniques and designs that celebrate the holidays. Ages 7 and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **RR.**

Kindness Rock Garden Painting Saturday, December 23 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 28 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at SE

Join the Stamford Kindness Project by decorating rocks for the South End Branch rock garden. All ages.

Kwanzaa: Community Gatherings A Stamford Celebration Wednesday, December 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.

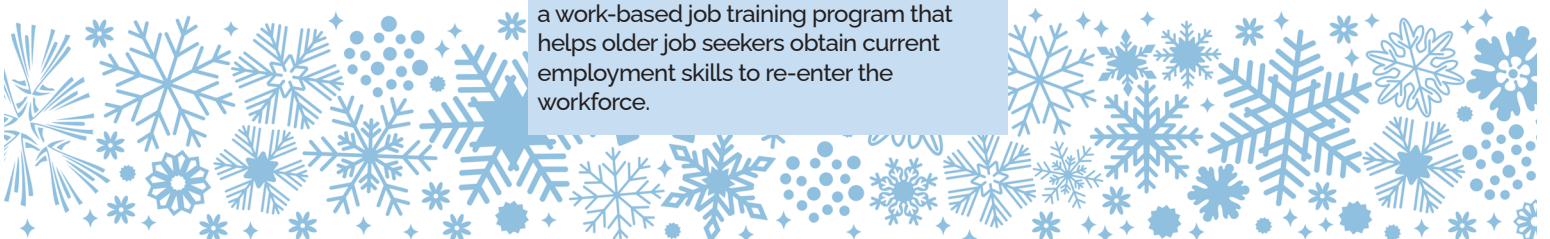
Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard
Community celebration in observance of the principle of Kujichagulia featuring Mayor Caroline Simmons. Activities include drumming, a presentation by a local artist and light snacks. All ages.

A Celebration of the Principle of Nia Saturday, December 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at SE

Learn about the cultural holiday and the principle of Nia, join in the lighting of candles and enjoy African drumming, dancing, music, food and a cooking demonstration by Chef Giovanni Green. All ages.

Noon Year's Eve Saturday, December 30 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Ring in the new year with the whole family during our midday gathering. Ages 3 to 8 with families.



Panel Discussion:

The Truth About Puppy Mills

Saturday, December 9 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at HB

Panelists will discuss what you need to know about puppy mills, why you should care and what you can do about it. They will also discuss how Connecticut still allows the retail sale of puppy mill puppies. Panelists are Patricia Harmon, a humane policy volunteer leader at The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS); Annie Hornish, Connecticut State Director, HSUS; Morgan Miller, Senior Coordinator for Public Policy, Puppy Mills/Companion Animals, HSUS; and State Rep. David Michel of Stamford. **RR.**

Meet William J. Hennessey, Author of *Fifth Avenue: From Washington Square to Marcus Garvey Park*

Tuesday, December 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Architectural historian William J. Hennessey will discuss his book, *Fifth Avenue: From Washington Square to Marcus Garvey Park*, an in-depth illustrated guide to the architecture along New York City's fabled Fifth Avenue, from Greenwich Village and Midtown to the Upper East Side and Harlem. **RR.**

An Evening with TV Host and Cookbook Author Lidia Bastianich

Thursday, December 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
See cover for details. **RR.**

Art at the Ferguson:

Connecting Nature and People

On display through January 18

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Juried shows of works by local and regional artists.

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Art Association.

Book Donation Day

Saturday, December 2 from 12 to 3 p.m. at HB

Support the library by bringing your gently used books to the Friends Book Shop.

Open Game Nights

Mondays, December 4, 11 & 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center

All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups

Registration not required. New students welcome.

Fall Semester Sessions via Zoom

Tuesdays, December 5 & 12

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 6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 6 & 13

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, December 5 & 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Thursdays, December 7 & 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

For more information, call 203 724-9111.

United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, and UJA/JCC Greenwich: Shine a Light on Antisemitism

Tuesday, December 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.

ML Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Screening and discussion of the film *The Devil's Confession: The Lost Eichmann Tapes*. Part of the national campaign to Shine a Light on Antisemitism. Latke reception to follow. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with UJA/JCC Greenwich, United Jewish Federation, and the Center for Jewish History.

Canasta Club

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB

All levels welcome.

Meet Harrison, Stamford Health's Therapy Dog

Wednesday, December 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

Meet Harrison, Stamford Health's first-ever facility therapy dog, during a presentation on the benefits of canine assisted therapy. Families, teens and adults. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with Stamford Health.

Mah-Jongg Club

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB

Beginners welcome.

Technology

Tech Tips for Older Adults

Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at SE

Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Microsoft Excel: Building Dashboards

Thursday, December 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Learn how to create interactive dashboards, analyze data and create visuals that highlight select parts of your data set. Must be familiar with Windows and able to use a mouse and keyboard. Basic experience with Excel necessary. **RR.**

Death Cafe

Thursday, December 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom

A discussion about the awareness of death.

Knit & Needles Knitting Group

Monday, December 11 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at HB

All levels welcome.

Healing Drum Circle

Monday, December 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SE

A meditative gathering dedicated to healing the wounds of racism.

Game Night: Wingspan

Tuesday, December 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 Wingspan. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, December 14 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Saturday, December 16 from 1 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Community Area

Join an imaginary band of heroes who brave dangerous situations. December 16 session for beginners only. Ages 18 and older. **RR.**

Lawyers in Libraries

Thursday, December 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. ML, Second Floor Study Room

Discuss your case with an attorney. To book a required appointment, call 203 351-8221. Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.



FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY



Literary Pub Crawl
About 75 people joined us for a fun night on the town to benefit the library.

Save the Dates for Mini Golf at the Harry Bennett Branch February 10 and 11. Details to come.



Book Shop News

Shop small and local this holiday season. The Friends Book Shop, with locations at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch, is Stamford's only independent bookstore and the perfect place to find gifts for everyone on your list. All books are donated by the community and proceeds support the library.

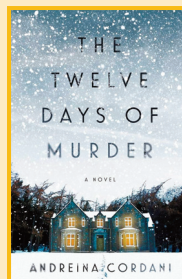
Get your Passport at the Library

Make sure your passport is up to date for summer travel. The Ferguson Library offers passport services at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. Walk-in service is available, but appointments are recommended by calling 203 351-8298. Visit fergusonlibrary.org/services/passports for more information.



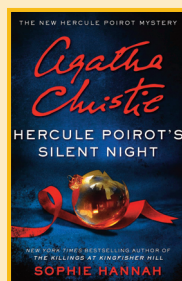
STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Holiday Mysteries



Dick **The Twelve Days of Murder**
by Andreina Cordani

The Christmas Appeal
by Janice Hallett



Hercule Poirot's Silent Night
by Sophie Hannah

Dead Mountain
by Douglas J. Preston and Lincoln Child



Ashes in the Snow
by Oriana Ramunno

The Best Mystery Stories of the Year 2023
by Amor Towles (editor)



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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One Public Library Plaza
203 964-1000
Monday through Thursday 10 to 8
Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5

Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road
203 351-8291
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 to 6
Wednesday 10 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

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

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street
203 351-8285
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 to 6
Tuesday 12 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

West Side Branch
245 Selleck Street
203 351-8242
Monday through Thursday 3 to 6

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

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

Passport Services

Main Library Passport Office
Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298. Monday through Thursday 10 to 7
Friday 10 to 5
Saturday 10 to 4
Sunday 1 to 4

Harry Bennett Passport Office
Walk-in only
Wednesday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 4

DECEMBER 2023

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FERGUSON LIBRARY

YOUTH SERVICES

DECEMBER 2023

How to Contact and Follow Us



Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261

Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk:

203 351-8221

Youth Services:

Main Library: 203 351-8242

Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294

South End Branch: 203 351-8280

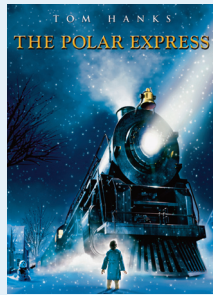
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

West Side Branch: 203 351-8242

Family Holiday Movie: *The Polar Express*

Friday December 8 from 4 to 6 at HB

Dress in your coziest pajamas and enjoy hot chocolate while watching this holiday classic about a boy who takes a magical train ride to the North Pole on Christmas Eve and discovers what he needs to know about friendship, bravery and the spirit of the season. Starring Tom Hanks, Nona Gaye, Peter Scolar, Leslie Zemeckis and Eddie Deezen. Rated G. All ages.



Holiday Youth Pride Café

Saturday, December 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Enjoy fun at Stamford Pride's kids' celebration with board games, a crafting station, a Drag Storytime, tunes and delicious bites. A family program. **RR.**



Kindness Rock Garden Painting

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Thursday, December 28 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at SE

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NEW! West Side Branch Youth Activities



Open Board Game Play

Wednesday, December 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at WS

Play a classic board game like Monopoly, Scrabble, Chess, Checkers, Sorry, Jenga, Twister or UNO. Grades 3 to 8. **RR.**

PAL Storytime

Saturday, December 16 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WS

A participatory storytime for toddlers featuring traditional verses, songs, rhymes and storytelling. Ages 18 months to 3 years with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

Craft Carnival

Saturday, December 16 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at WS

A craft celebration where you can create snowpeople, holiday ornaments or whatever inspires you this holiday season. Grades 3 to 6. **RR.**

Snow Zoo

Wednesday, December 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. at WS

Meet animals like goats, chinchillas, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks, snakes or frogs that live at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center through the winter. All ages. **RR.**

Kwanzaa: Community Gatherings



A Stamford Celebration

Wednesday, December 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

Community celebration in observance of the principle of Kujichagulia featuring Mayor Caroline Simmons. Activities include drumming, a presentation by a local artist and light snacks. All ages.

A Celebration of the Principle of Nia

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Noon Year's Eve

Saturday, December 30 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Ring in the new year with the whole family during our midday gathering. Ages 3 to 8 with families.



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CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

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

Babytime

Friday, Dec. 1 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Fridays, Dec. 8 & 15 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.**

Wee Ones @ Weed Storytime

Mondays, Dec. 4 & 11 from

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH

Songs, stories, rhymes and movement activities. Ages 2 and younger with an accompanying caregiver. **RR.**

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & 13 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, Dec. 6 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at HB

Reading and discussion of *Magic Ramen:*

The Story of Momofuku Ando by Andrea Wang. Snacks will be served. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Cuentos y Actividades: Spanish Story & Activity

Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14 & 21 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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Preschool Movie Matinees

Tuesdays, Dec. 5 & 12 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.

Crafternoon: Snowperson Decoration

Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Be ready to use paint and glue to create a snowperson decoration to celebrate the winter season. Ages 8 to 14. **RR.**

Baby & Toddler Playgroup

Thursday, Dec. 7 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Kids play while caregivers meet and chat. Fun includes 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. Ages 5 and younger. **RA.** Presented in partnership with Sparkler.

Open Board Game Play

Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Play a classic board game like Monopoly, Scrabble, Chess, Checkers, Sorry, Jenga, Twister or UNO. Grades 3 to 8. **RR.**

Origami Hour: Holiday Season

Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HB

The ancient art of Japanese paper folding, including techniques and designs that celebrate the holidays. Ages 7 and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **RR.**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Club Kickoff

Thursday, Dec. 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Club launches with a discussion of your favorite Wimpy Kid stories and characters. Bring a copy of your favorite book or borrow one of ours. Grades 3 to 8. **RR.**

Spanish Baby and Toddler Playgroup:

Grupo de Juego para Bebés y Niños Pequeños

Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; sábado, 16 de dic. de 10:30 a 11:15 a.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Los niños juegan mientras los adultos platican. La diversión incluirá tiempo de juego, una merienda, una actividad para llevar a casa y el apoyo de uno-a-uno de una de las especialistas de Sparkler. Para bebés y niños hasta 5 años de edad. Por favor avisenos sobre alergias alimentarias. (See Baby & Toddler Playgroup for English translation.) **RR.** Presentado en colaboración con Sparkler.

Building Bonanza

Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Take on one of our challenges or create anything you want using Lego®, Keva planks and magnetic tiles. Creations cannot be taken home. Ages 5 and older; children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Color in 3D with Quiver

Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Use 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.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

Open Game Nights

Mondays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 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; young children must be accompanied by an adult.

Craft Series: LED Cards

Thursday, Dec. 7 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Learn how to create a homemade LED Card for any occasion. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Meet Harrison, Stamford Health's Therapy Dog

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Presented in partnership with Stamford Health.

Game Night: Wingspan

Tuesday, Dec. 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 Wingspan. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Kwanzaa Clay Art

Friday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

An artist from the Clay Art Center in Port Chester will lead a class on creating a clay work of art inspired by the principles of Kwanzaa. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

T-MAD Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ML, 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 a dessert treat will be served. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Pastel Art Class

Thursday, Dec. 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ML, First Floor New Materials Room

Artist Kathleen Fay will lead a relaxing exploration of color, pattern and oil pastels in a beginner class for teens that will use the vibrant work of cat illustrator Laurel Burch as inspiration. Part of the Mental Health & Wellness Series. **RR.**

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