

### Black History Month

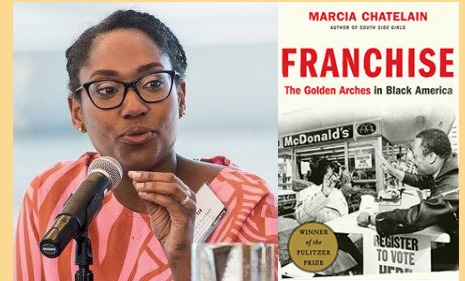
- **Saturday, February 1:** Kick-off of the Black Girls Read, TOO reading challenge. Ages 10 and older.
- **Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.:** Bethonie Butler, Author of *Black TV: Five Decades of Groundbreaking Television from Soul Train to Black-ish and Beyond*
- **Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.:** Pulitzer Prize Winner Series: Marcia Chatelain, Author of *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America*
- **Tuesday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m.:** Opening reception for art exhibit, *Greatness*



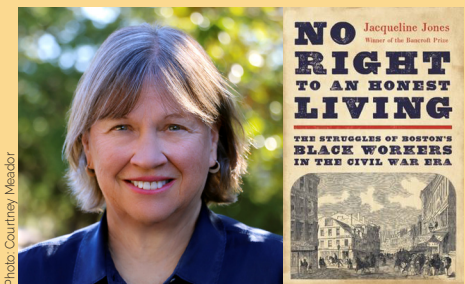
- **Saturday, February 15 at 11 a.m.:** STEM Workshop: Black Inventors Who Made the Stuff Around Us. Ages 5 to 10.
- **Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.:** An Evening with Laysha Ward (left), Author of *Lead Like You Mean It: Lessons on Integrity and Purpose from the C-Suite*
- **Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.:** Documentary Screening: *A Piece of the Puzzle: Seven Inspiring Stories from Selma to Today*

- **Monday, March 3 at 6 p.m.:** Gee's Bend Quilts with Educator Tangular A. Irby, a Gee's Bend Quilt Descendant
- **Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.:** An Evening with Poet Reginald Dwayne Betts, Author of *Doggerel*

### Pulitzer Prize Winner Series Returns



Georgetown University Professor Marcia Chatelain will kick off the return of this series to discuss her book, *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America*, on February 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library. *Franchise*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2021, investigates the complex interrelationship between Black communities and America's largest, most popular fast-food chain, and shows how fast food is a key battlefield in the fight for racial justice.



Jacqueline Jones, the Ellen C. Temple Professor of Women's History Emerita at the University of Texas at Austin, will visit the Main Library on March 20 at 6:30 p.m. She will discuss her book, *No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era*, winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for History. Here, she chronicles the everyday challenges faced by ordinary Black workers, who in the mid-19th century were denied access to skilled trades, factory work and public works projects.

All library facilities will be closed Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day.

### A Novel Affair Registration Opens February 12



*A Novel Affair* is just two months away! Early registration opens February 12 for the library's major fundraiser, to be held Thursday, April 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Main Library. We're delighted to honor Eileen H. Rosner for her service to the Ferguson Library and the Stamford community. Tickets are \$175 until March 15, then \$200.

Visit [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org) to register. For sponsorship information, contact Linda Avellar, [lavellar@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:lavellar@fergusonlibrary.org) or 203 351-8208.

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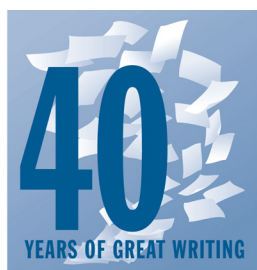
### Tax Help at the Library



You can get free tax assistance on a walk-in basis at the library through April 14. AARP volunteers will be available to help with federal and state income tax returns at the Harry Bennett Branch Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and at the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring a government issued photo ID, all 2024 tax documents and a copy of your 2023 returns. For more information call 203 351-8292.

## Friends of Ferguson Library



The Annual Stamford  
Literary Competition 2025

### Literary Competition Entries Due February 7

Get those entries in! The Literary Competition is open to students in grades 3 to 12 who live, or attend school, in Stamford. You can find the link to our online entry form at [fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events).



### Mini-Golf at the Harry Bennett Branch

Bring the family to play mini-golf at the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$5 per person, per round. Ages 3 and younger play for free. Thanks to all our sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor, First County Bank. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org/events](https://fergusonlibrary.org/events).

*Blind Date  
with a Book*



### Book Shop news

Donation days at the Harry Bennett Shop are February 1 and March 1.

Treat yourself or someone you love to a "Blind Date with a Book" for Valentine's Day. Each book is \$5 and wrapped to hide the cover, title and author. You might discover a hidden gem!

## Lunar New Year Celebration

Join us for a family event celebrating the Year of the Snake on Sunday, February 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Main Library. Traditional dance, folk music and arts & crafts.



## Digital Library

### African American History Online

In this user-friendly database, you'll find primary resources, such as documents, news articles, court decisions and public speeches. Also found here are timelines; maps and graphs; videos and slideshows; and biographies of important figures in science, government, activism and the arts. Life-long learners will want to check out Topic Centers to dig deep into a particular subject, era or movement. In the middle of a school project? Curriculum Tools is available for educators and students alike. You can find this resource under Research & Learn/A to Z Resources on our website.

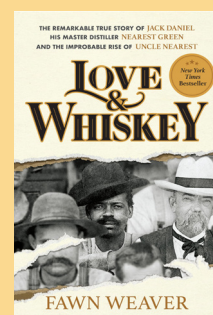
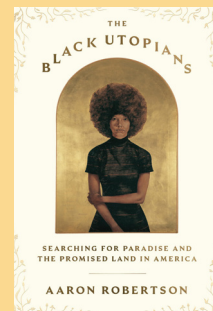
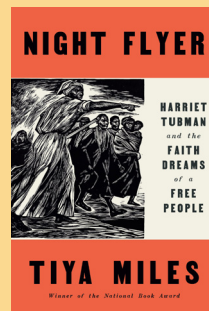
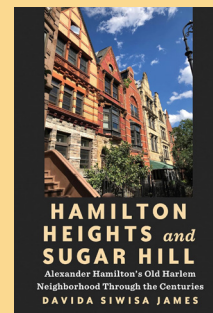
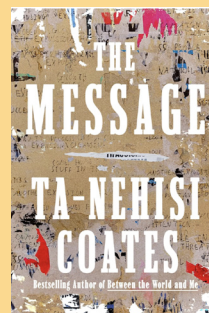


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## Staff Recommends:

### Selected titles for Black History Month



*The Polar Express family craft at the Main Library*

