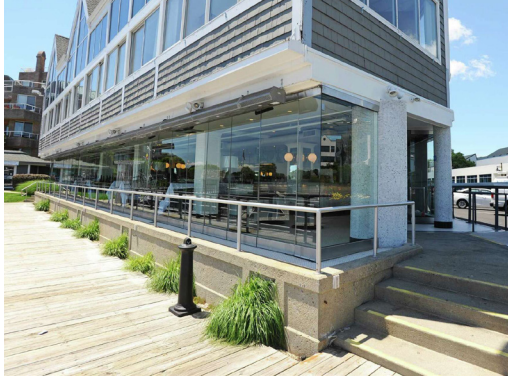


SPOTLIGHT ON ► FERGUSON LIBRARY

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► South End Branch Re-Opens



The South End Branch is now open at its new Waterside location. The space, at 78 Southfield Avenue above the restaurant, Prime, has been generously provided rent-free for six months by Stamford real estate developer Building & Land Technology.

The South End Branch at Waterside will keep the same hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Novel Affair April 10

Don't miss *A Novel Affair*, an evening of food and festivities to benefit the library April 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. These great restaurants are on board: Acuario Restaurant, Avellino Family Barbeque, Boys & Girls Club Culinary Capers, Columbus Park Trattoria, DIG, Forever Sweet Bakery, Nikki Glekas Events, Noches de Colombia, Palmer's Market, Rosemary Group, Sunshine Cuisine, Teff and Zwilling Cooking Studio.



Aviva Maller Photography

We are proud to honor Eileen H. Rosner for her service to the library and the Stamford community. Register online.

Our online auction opens April 3. There are a lot of exciting items up for bid, including a weekend in New York City and a private cruise on the Schooner *SoundWaters!*

The Main Library will close at 4 p.m. on April 10. A big thank you to all our sponsors.

► Spring Art Exhibit

The opening reception for our spring art exhibit, *Portraits of our Planet*, will be held Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium in the Main Library. The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, opens April 1 and features works by local and regional artists. The exhibit will be on view through June 26.



Bright Day by Rosa Colón

► Author Constance Briones at Harry Bennett A National Poetry Month Program



Connecticut poet and author Constance Briones will discuss her debut historical fiction novel, *Try Before You Trust*, on Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Loosely based on the life of Elizabethan poet Isabella Whitney, *Try Before You Trust* is a tale of a young woman's resilience and determination to challenge the status quo in the male dominated literary world of her day. Register online.

► The ABCs of Book Banning Screening and Talk

The Friends of Ferguson Library's Freedom to Read Committee will show the award-winning short documentary *The ABCs of Book Banning* April 22 at 6 p.m. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with State Sen. Ceci Maher, State Rep. Corey Paris and Samantha Lee, Co-Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee for the Connecticut Library Association. The conversation will be moderated by Ferguson Library CEO, Alice Knapp. Register online.



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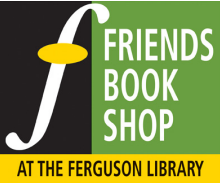
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Friends of Ferguson Library

Literary Competition

Winners of the 40th 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, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. Congratulations to all the talented young writers who entered the competition.



Book Shop News

The Friends Book Shop will hold its annual Collectible Sale at the Main Library Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. The sale features a curated selection of collectible and vintage books at great prices, including first and special editions, signed copies, children's books, comics, vinyls and other treasures. Prices start as low as \$3.

Did you know that The Friends Book Shop is the only independent bookstore in Stamford? Visit us at our Harry Bennett Branch and Main Library shops Saturday, April 26 to celebrate Independent Bookstore Day and get 10% off your purchase.

Registration is Open for CrimeCONN

Don't miss CrimeCONN 2025, Saturday, May 17 at the Main Library. This day-long conference for mystery/crime writers and fans of the genre is presented by the Friends of Ferguson Library and the Mystery Writers of America/NY Chapter. The theme this year is Crime & Punishment. Tickets are \$50 until April 17, then \$60 after that. MWA members, Friends members, seniors and students are \$45. There will also be a Zoom option. Register online.



Save the Date Joe R. Sexton Series Lecture May 22



Stony Brook University professor Elyse Graham will speak about her latest book, *Book and Dagger: How Scholars and Librarians Became the Unlikely Spies of World War II*, at the Joe R. Sexton Lecture at the Harry Bennett Branch on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. *Book and Dagger* is the story of the academics, including librarians, who became OSS spies and helped turn the tide of the war.

Guests are invited to a pre-event reception at 6 p.m. Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. Register online.

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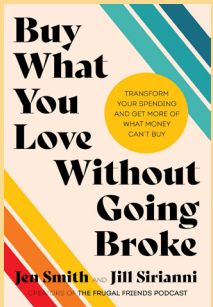
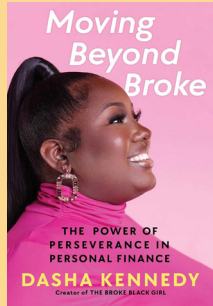
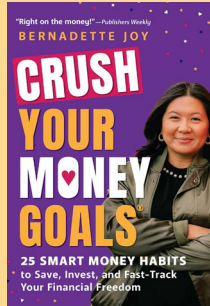
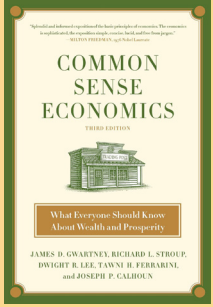
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Staff Recommends:

Selections for Financial Literacy Month



Gregory Maguire, author of *Wicked*, spoke at the library last month.

Check out our Youth Services monthly newsletter.