

# SPOTLIGHT ON ► FERGUSON LIBRARY

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## CrimeConn is May 17

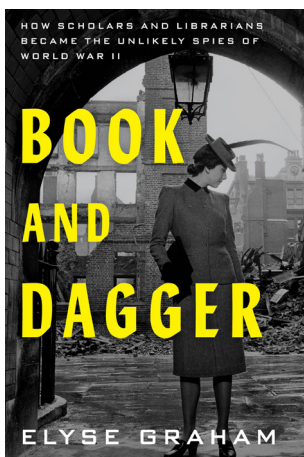
The Friends of Ferguson Library, in partnership with Mystery Writers of America – New York Chapter, present CrimeCONN 2025, Connecticut's own one-day mystery lovers' conference, Saturday, May 17. The theme this year is *Crime & Punishment*, where crime writers and experts look at the law from every angle. Tickets are \$60. MWA members, Friends members, seniors and students pay \$45. There will also be a Zoom option for \$25. Books will be available for sale and signing. Register online.



## Joe R. Sexton Lecture

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*, during 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.



## Summer Learning at the Library



We invite families to read and learn together at the library this summer. Keep the kids engaged by joining our Summer Learning Club, *Level Up*, beginning June 14. We're making it easy to read with lots of incentives and fun activities. Kids can participate by earning points for reading, completing Bingo missions, or by creating and finishing their own summer goals. Register at [fergusonlibrary.org](https://fergusonlibrary.org) or on the READsquared app from your favorite app store. Teens can register for their own Summer Learning Club, too.

*Level Up* is also the theme for our Adult Summer Reading Club. Pick up a bookmark at any branch and participate in our Adult Challenge, with a chance to win prizes. Check our calendar for information on all our summer programs.

## A Novel Affair Raises \$320,000 for the library



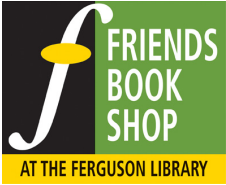
Thanks to everyone who helped make *A Novel Affair 2025* a success. We raised \$320,000 to support library services and collections, and we couldn't have done it without all of you. A big thank you to our generous sponsors, ticket buyers, auction donors and everyone who came out to support the library.



All library facilities will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. We honor those who gave their lives in service of our country.



# Friends of Ferguson Library



## Book Shop News

The Friends Book Shop will hold its annual Collectible Sale Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Main Library.

The sale features a curated selection of collectible and vintage books at great prices, including first and special editions, signed and inscribed copies, leather-bound and finely illustrated works, multi-volume sets and children's books. The sale will also include art and photography books, comics, ephemera, vinyls and other treasures. Prices as low as \$3!

The next Donation Day at the Harry Bennett Branch is May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. You are welcome to bring up to two bags or boxes of gently used books.

# African and African American Authors Book Club 30th Anniversary Celebration

Join us Saturday, May 3 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the South End Branch at Waterside to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its long-running book discussion group. All writers, book clubs and book lovers are welcome. We'll have snacks, prizes and more.



# Library's Communication Department Wins Connecticut Press Club Award

We are proud to share that our Development & Communication Department won a first place Connecticut Press Club award for our 2024 Annual Report. It now goes on to compete at the national level in the National Federation of Press Women contest.

# Digital Library



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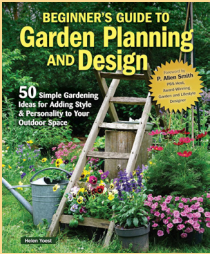
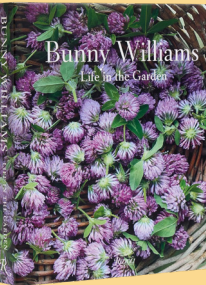
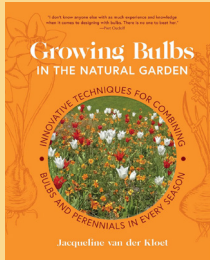
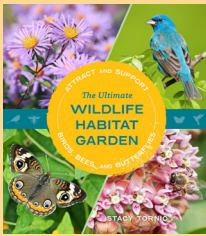
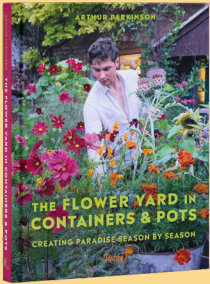
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# Staff Recommends:

## Gardening Books



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