

YOUTH SERVICES

JUNE 2025 SUMMER EDITION

How to Contact 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 at Waterside: 203 351-8280 Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

West Side Branch: 203 351-8420

Pet a Therapy Mini Horse

Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SE and from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML

Meet Lollypop, a therapy mini horse with an inherent will to comfort, support and heal. All ages. **RR**.





Summer Learning Clubs

The Kids and Teen Summer Learning clubs, *Level Up*, open Saturday, June 14, with kickoff events at all branches and the Bookmobile, and run through the summer. We're making it easy to read with lots of incentives and fun activities. Everyone can participate by earning points for reading, completing challenges, or by creating and finishing their

own summer goals. Register at fergusonlibrary.org, or on the Readsquared app, available at your favorite app store.

Kickoff events will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch, 1 to 2 p.m. at the South End Branch, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Main Library and 1 to 7 p.m. at the Bookmobile at Mill River Park.



fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids fergusonlibrary.org/events



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The Main Library will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. Other library locations will operate on a regular schedule.

Juneteenth

Kites for Juneteenth

Monday, June 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. at ML

Listen to Juneteenth stories that celebrate freedom and create a newspaper kite as a symbol of flight. Snacks will be served. Grades 2 and higher. RR.

Juneteenth Commemoration

Saturday, June 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

Make your own drum with master drummer Henry Kwame Jones. We will also share Juneteenth stories. Snacks will be served. All ages.



Family Magic Show Friday, June 20 from 3 to 4 p.m. at

Be amazed by magician Jon Cap, who mixes comedy and magic as he performs his illusions. All ages. **RR**.

Nature Camp

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.

Dinosaur Discovery

Saturday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB

Find out which dinosaurs lived in our region, meet live lizards to learn what they have in common with their prehistoric relatives, and discover birds that share history with the T-Rex. Ages 3 and older. RR.

Farm Fun

Saturday, June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at WMH Meet live animals and learn about real farm products and tools to make the connection between farm and food. Ages 3 to 8. RR.

Doughnuts with Dad A Father-Son Book Club

Saturday, June 21 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB Enjoy sweets and a book discussion with your father or father figure. Ages 6 and older.



Dad's Day Party

Saturday, June 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML Dress up as a dad and enjoy doughnuts and dancing to celebrate all dads. All ages.

RR=Registration required or RA=Registration appreciated at fergusonlibrary.org/events. RF=Registration is full.

KIDS SUMMER LEARNING CLUB: **LEVEL UP**

For Main Library Storytimes, registration opens six days before each program date. All children must be accompanied by a caregiver to all storytimes.



Storytime with Sarah

Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB Ages 2 and younger. RR.

Wee Ones @ Weed Storytime

Mondays, June 2, 9 & 23 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH
Ages 3 and younger. RR.

Outdoor Family Storytime

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park
Ages 18 months to 4 years. Weather

Waterside Whimsy: Tales & Tunes

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at SE Ages 6 months to 5 years.

Sensory Storytime

permitting.

Tuesdays, June 3 & 17 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB Ages 3 to 6. RR.

Preschool Movie Matinee

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 3 to 3:30 p.m. at WS
Ages 18 months to 5 years. RA.

Cuddlers & Crawlers Storytime

Wednesdays, June 4, 11 & 18 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB

Ages 12 months and younger; prewalking only. RR.

Toddler Stay & Play

Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH Ages 18 months to 3 years. RR.

Bebés Bilingües Storytime

Wednesdays, June 4, 11 & 18 from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at HB

Spanish-language storytime. Ages 2 and younger. Siblings welcome. RA.

Cuentos y Actividades

Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SE
Spanish-language story and activity.

Spanish-language story and activity Ages 1 to 4.

Little Picassos Art Club

Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB

Learn, paint, draw and get a little messy! Each session you will explore the work of a different artist and create your own masterpiece.

Ages 2 and older. RR.

Storytime Stomp

Fridays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB All ages.

Little Gardeners

Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB

Plant a sunflower seed in the library garden and watch your flower grow every time you visit. Ages 5 and older.

Budding Bookworms

Tuesday, June 10 from 2:30 to 3 p.m. at WMH

Story and craft. Ages 3 to 5. RR.

Cookies & Coloring

Tuesday, June 10 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB Enjoy an hour of relaxation through the meditative act of coloring. Cookies will be served; supplies will be provided. Ages 5 and older. RR.

Curious Creators

Fridays, June 13 & 27 from 3 to 3:45 p.m. at HB

A hands-on STEAM adventure for young minds to explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through experiments and creative projects. Ages 3 and older. RR.



My First Book Club

Saturday, June 14 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at ML

Newly independent and developing readers will work on vocabulary development, print and phonological awareness and letter knowledge to build on skills needed to become lifelong learners. Grades K to 2. RR.

Kickoff Events

Saturday, June 14

Sign up for the Summer Learning Club while enjoying fun activities.

Free Kona Ice

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HB Lawn games and free Kona Ice while supplies last. All ages.

Make Your Own Sundaes

From 1 to 2 p.m. at SE

Enjoy sweet treats, help decorate the library and have fun with crafts and games. All ages.

Family Celebration

From 1 to 4 p.m. at ML

Create henna designs, face painting and raffles.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Saturday, June 14 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog. Ages 5 to 12. RR.

Crafternoon: Make a Puzzle

Tuesday, June 17 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Design your own jigsaw puzzle to take home. Supplies will be provided. Grades 3 to 8. **RR**.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, June 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML

Ages 18 months to 4 years. RR.

Littles Art Club

Wednesday, June 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. at MI.

Explore relief painting, an expressive technique where you will create textured artwork on cardboard.

Ages 2 to 8. RR.

Babytime Storytime

Fridays, June 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML

Ages 18 months and younger. Siblings welcome. **RR**.



Friday Flicks

Have a snack and enjoy a movie with us. Ages 6 and older; children 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Dog Man

Friday, June 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML Rated PG

Sonic the Hedgehog 3

Friday, June 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ML Rated PG

Hula Hoopla

Tuesday, June 24 from 2:30 to 3 p.m. for preschoolers and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 11 at WMH.

Fitness fun with hula hoops and music. Engage through hula hoop instruction, age-appropriate games and team-building activities. RR.

Bilingual Storytime

Thursday, June 26 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML

English and Spanish. Ages 18 months to 4 years. **RR**.

Color in 3D with Quiver

Thursday, June 26 from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML

Use iPads and the Quiver app to create an augmented reality coloring sheet that you can see in 3D. Ages 5 to 10. RR.

Nature Exploration

Saturday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB

Explore and learn about the environment through simple activities like leaf collection, nature-based art and guided walks. Ages newborn to 10. RR.

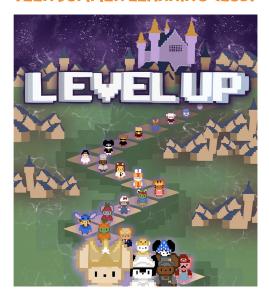
Building Bonanza

Saturday, June 28 from 12 to 2 p.m. at ML

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



TEEN SUMMER LEARNING CLUB:



Summer Learning Club Volunteer Training

Wednesday, June 4 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at ML

Saturday, June 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at ML

Earn volunteer credit by helping kids and teens join the Summer Learning clubs and report their reading progress. Application and one training session required to volunteer. Must be 12 or older by June 14.

Kickoff Event

Relief Painting

Monday, June 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML

Embrace your inner artist with this technique that results in a textured, three-dimensional effect on a flat surface using paint with cardboard cutouts. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

TinkerCAD Workshop

Tuesdays, June 17 & 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. at ML

Learn about TinkerCAD, the perfect software for learning the basics of 3D modeling. Earn a certificate of completion by attending both sessions. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Podcast Club

Friday, June 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. at ML Use your voice, leadership training and communication skills to develop a podcast program for the Ferguson Library community. Grades 5 to 12. RR.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Coloring & Conversation

Weekdays from 3 to 5 p.m. at ML Enjoy relaxation through the meditative act of coloring. Teens and adults.

TinkerCAD Workshop

Saturday, June 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML

Learn about TinkerCAD, the perfect software for learning the basics of 3D modeling. Teens and adults. **RR**.

Zumba Dance Party

Saturdays, June 14, 21 & 28 from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at ML

Dance yourself into fitness at this weekly class with instructor Pamela Arenas. No excuses! Bring a water bottle. Teens and adults.

Silent Book Club

Saturday, June 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others. Teens and adults. RR.

Documentary Screening: I Come From Away

Wednesday, June 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at ML

Screening of I Come From Away: An Immigrant from Maine, a look inside the immigrant community in Portland, Maine, as told by a refugee and an asylum seeker. Teens and adults. RA.

LGBTQ+ Social Book Club

Saturday, June 21 from 3 to 4 p.m. at HB Discuss what books you are reading, make connections and enjoy a treat. Those who identify as LGBTQIA+ as well as allies are welcome. Teens and adults. Presented in partnership with Stamford Pride.

Women's Self-Defense Workshop Sunday, June 22 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML

A female-centric workshop focusing on assessing threats, learning the best way to strike, and defending against chokes, grabs and mounts. Teens and adults. RR.

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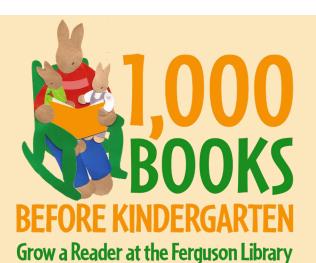
Interpersonal Communication Workshop

Greater Stamford Toastmasters.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 8, 10, 15 & 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at WS

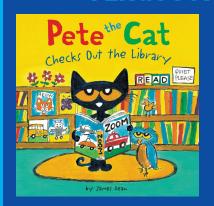
A four-session workshop that will help teens build effective communication and leadership skills. Lunch will be served. Ages 14 to 18. RR.

Presented in partnership with the



Families are invited to join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, a nationwide challenge encouraging parents and caregivers to read aloud to children. Reading just one book a night can help children develop essential early literacy skills, close the vocabulary gap, and foster a lifelong love of reading. The program is available at all our branches to families with children from birth to kindergarten. For more information, visit our Youth Services Information Desks.

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FERGUSON LIBRARY

MAIN LIBRARY, DIMATTIA BUILDING

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 AT WATERSIDE

78 Southfield Avenue, 2nd floor 203 351-8280 Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30 Saturday 10 to 5

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 203 351-8420 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