



FERGUSON LIBRARY

YOUTH SERVICES

JULY 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

Summer Learning Clubs

The Kids and Teen Summer Learning clubs, *Level Up*, continue through the summer. Register at fergusonlibrary.org, or on the READsquared app, available at your favorite app store. And visit the library soon to learn more about earning points for reading, completing challenges, or creating and finishing your summer goals.



Stuffie Sleepover Storytime & Craft

Tuesday, July 8 from 2:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at WMH

Bring a special stuffie that is no bigger than a shoebox to spend the night at the library. We will read stories, then make beds for your stuffie. We will also share photos of all the fun they have when the library is closed. Pick up your stuffie July 9. Ages 3 to 8. **RR.**

Teen Quilting Club

Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. at WS

Learn how to create patterns, hand sew and finish a lap quilt, wall hanging or blanket. Program continues until August 13 or until your project is completed. Supplies will be provided. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**



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All library facilities will be closed Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.

The South End Branch at Waterside will be open extended Saturday hours, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., during July and August.

Josie's Belly Dancing Workshop

Saturday, July 12 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at ML

Add dance to your fitness routine with this class on belly dancing, a dance form originating in the Middle East often performed at celebrations and festivals. Ages 12 and older. **RA.** Presented in partnership with Josie's International School of Dance.



Chess Club

Learn from chess experts how to play this popular game of strategy.

Saturdays, July 12 & 19 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. at ML

Beginners welcome. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the National Education Chess Teachers Association.

Wednesdays, July 16, 23 & 30 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

Bring a friend or join on your own. Ages 5 and older. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with RedBandit Chess.



Dog Man Party

Friday, July 18 from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB

Celebrate the wildly popular Dog Man series with themed games, creative crafts and silly fun. Ages 6 and older. **RR.**

Meet Medha Singhania, Author of Goldfafa

Saturday, July 19 from 3 to 4 p.m. at HB

Medha Singhania will read from her debut picture book. Stick around for some themed crafts based on the main character of the book. Ages 3 and older. **RR.**



Family Summer Fun Concert: Boogie Chillun

Saturday, July 26 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at WMH



A rockin' outdoor concert with Boogie Chillun, a five-piece band whose music mixes R&B, jazz, funk and soul. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Main Library. All ages. **RR.**

Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of Ferguson Library.

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.



Outdoor Family Storytime

Ages 18 months to 4 years. Weather permitting.

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at Commons Park

Waterside Whimsy: Tales & Tunes

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at SE

Ages 6 months to 5 years.

Sensory Storytime

Tuesdays, July 1, 15 & 29 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB

Ages 3 to 6. **RR.**

Building Bonanza

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ML

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

Cuddlers & Crawlers Storytime

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB

Ages 12 months and younger; pre-walking only. **RA.**

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML

Saturday, July 12 from 2 to 2:30 p.m. at WMH

Ages 18 months to 4 years. **RR.**

Bebés Bilingües Storytime

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at HB

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

Cuentos y Actividades

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SE

Spanish-language story and activity. Ages 1 to 4.

Little Picassos Art Club

Thursdays, July 3, 17, 24 & 31 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 with Sarah

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB

Ages 2 and younger. **RA.**

Wee Ones @ Weed Storytime

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH

Ages 3 and younger. **RR.**

Summer Scares Read-A-Thon

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML

Read in a group, listen to a scary story or plug in with a Playaway. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Cookies & Coloring

Tuesday, July 8 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.**

Toddler Stay & Play

Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH

Ages 18 months to 3 years. **RR.**

Baby Social Club

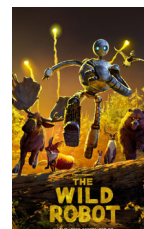
Thursday, July 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at ML

A chance for new parents and caregivers of children ages newborn to 5 years to get to know one another. **RA.** Presented in partnership with Stamford Cradle to Career and Sparkler.

Babytime Storytime

Fridays, July 11, 18 & 25 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. All movies are rated PG.

The Wild Robot

Friday, July 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ML

A Minecraft Movie

Friday, July 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ML

Wicked

Friday, July 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. at ML

Read to a Therapy Dog

Saturday, July 12 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog.

Ages 5 to 12. **RR.**

Messy Artists

Tuesday, July 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Latham Park

Stay after Outdoor Storytime for a fun art-filled activity. Wear clothes you won't mind getting dirty. Ages 18 months to 4 years.

Crafternoon Summer Series

Supplies will be provided. **RR.**

"Paint" by Sticker

Tuesday, July 15 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Enjoy mess-free "painting" and create a stunning image one sticker at a time. Ages 8 to 14.

LEGO® Stamp Art

Tuesday, July 22 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Create a unique work of art using LEGO® bricks and stamp pads. Ages 6 to 12.

Reverse Coloring

Tuesday, July 29 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Try reverse coloring, the practice of drawing lines over vibrant, pre-colored images instead of coloring within lines. Ages 8 to 14.

Minecraft Competition

Wednesday, July 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML

Use our gaming computers to show off your Minecraft building skills. A librarian will judge your creativity and presentation. Winner will receive a

\$10 gift card to 16 Handles.
Must have a Minecraft account to participate. Grades 3 to 5. **RR.**

Color in 3D With Quiver

Thursday, July 17 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.**

Storytime Stomp

Fridays, July 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
All ages.

Bilingual Storytime

Thursday, July 24 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML
English and Spanish. Ages 18 months to 4 years. **RR.**

Fun with Poetry

Thursday, July 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML
Learn about acrostic poems, then work on writing your own. Bring a notebook. Grades 3 and higher. **RR.**

Bluey's Sleepytime Slumber Party

Thursday, July 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at ML
Participate in a Keepy-Uppy balloon competition, play Bluey-themed card games and enjoy snacks while Bluey episodes play in the background. Ages 4 and older. **RR.**

Curious Creators

Friday, July 25 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, July 26 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.**

Origami Hour: Make Paper Dice

Saturday, July 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB
Learn the ancient art of Japanese paper folding by making six-sided paper dice to take home. All levels welcome. Ages 7 and older. **RR.**

Color with Quiver and Build with LittleBits

Thursday, July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at ML
Use iPads and the Quiver app to create an augmented reality coloring sheet that you can see in 3D and make your

own inventions using LittleBits electronic building blocks. Ages 5 to 10. **RR.**

TEEN SUMMER LEARNING CLUB



Color in 3D With Quiver

Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 3 to 4 p.m. at WS
Use iPads and the Quiver app to create an augmented reality coloring sheet that you can see in 3D. Grades 5 to 12. **RR.**

Sewing Workshop

Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at ML
Learn how to use a sewing machine and make a tote bag and book cover. Register by July 9 for the whole series; earn a certificate for attending all four classes. Grades 6 to 12. **RR** for all sessions.

Minecraft Competition

Friday, July 11 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at ML
Use our gaming computers to show off your Minecraft building skills. A librarian will judge your creativity and presentation. Winner will receive a \$10 gift card to 16 Handles. Must have a Minecraft account to participate. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Podcast Club

Friday, July 18 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. **RF.**

Face Painting Training

Monday, July 21 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at ML
Professional face painter Funela will teach how to paint faces for any occasion. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Debate Master Class

Saturday, July 26 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at ML

Westhill High School Debate Team student Rohan Arun will teach the basics of debating then lead a mock debate. Experienced and beginning debaters welcome. Grades 6 to 9. **RR.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

Coloring & Conversation

Weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ML
Enjoy relaxation through the meditative act of coloring. Teens and adults.

Zumba Dance Party

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at ML
Dance yourself into fitness at this weekly class with instructor Pamela Arenas. Bring a water bottle. Teens and adults.

Interpersonal Communication Workshop

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 Greater Stamford Toastmasters.

Silent Book Club

Saturday, July 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB
Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others. Teens and adults. **RR.**

LGBTQ+ Social Book Club

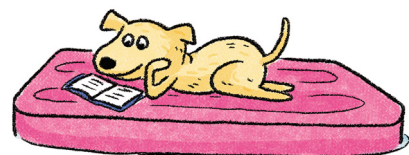
Saturday, July 12 from 3 to 4 p.m. at HB
Discuss what books you are reading, make connections and enjoy a treat. Those who identify as LGBTQIA+ as well as allies are welcome. Teens and adults. **RR.**
Presented in partnership with Stamford Pride.

SAVE THE DATE

Nature Camp: Magical Beasts and Where to Find Them

Friday, August 1 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB

Meet animals from common fairy tales as well as those from our favorite stories that seem like they are made up. All ages. **RR.**
Presented in partnership with the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.





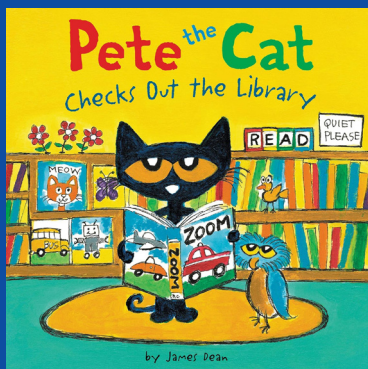
1,000 BOOKS

BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Grow a Reader at the Ferguson Library

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.

FERGUSON FAVORITES



100 Best Picture Books

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Learn more about all our Youth Services program by scanning this code.

FERGUSON LIBRARY

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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 AT WATERSIDE

78 Southfield Avenue, 2nd floor
203 351-8280

Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30
Saturday 10 to 5 (through August 2025)

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