

SPOTLIGHT ON FERGUSON LIBRARY

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Shades of Truth Live Performance

Shades of Truth Theatre's latest production, *The People Freedom Forgot, The Legacy of Juneteenth*, will be performed at the Main Library Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. Written and directed by Michael Green, the play introduces Trubone, a man of an indeterminate age who is a gifted storyteller living in a world that has never truly atoned for the sins of slavery. Register online.



Meet Kiran Desai

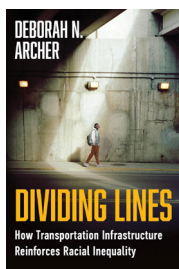


Bestselling author Kiran Desai will discuss her latest novel, *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny*, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library. The 2025 Booker Prize-shortlisted novel is a love story and a family saga featuring the sweeping tale of two young people navigating the many forces that shape their lives: country, class, race, history and generational bonds.

The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny is Desai's first novel in nearly 20 years, and her first appearance on the Booker list since winning it in 2006 for *The Inheritance of Loss*.

Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. Register online.

ACLU President Deborah N. Archer



Join us Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a special evening with Deborah N. Archer, president of the American Civil Liberties Union and author of *Dividing Lines: How Transportation Infrastructure Reinforces Racial Inequality*. Archer will be in conversation with Eboni S. Nelson, professor of law and dean at the University of Connecticut School of Law. Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. Register online.

Volunteers Needed: Help Others Learn English



We're looking for volunteers to help with our Let's Talk English conversation groups. These are informal sessions where students of varying levels practice speaking English together. You don't need to speak another language or have teaching experience, just a desire to help others become more comfortable speaking English.

The library offers zoom and in-person sessions, both afternoons and evenings, several days a week. If you are interested, contact Yelena Klompus at yklompus@fergusonlibrary.org or call 203 351-8228.

Save the Date: A Novel Affair is April 16

The Ferguson Library will hold its major annual fundraiser, **A Novel Affair**, Thursday, April 16 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the library.

The event is the Ferguson Library's signature benefit, raising funds to help support Stamford's public library. Early registration opens February 13. We will announce our honoree soon.

If you are interested in supporting the event as a sponsor, please contact Linda Avellar at lavellar@fergusonlibrary.org or by calling 203 351-8208.

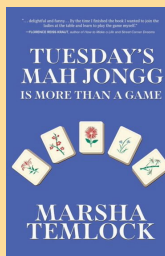


Support Your Library Your Year-End Gift Makes a Difference

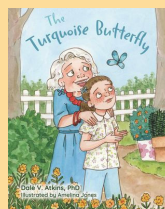
Please remember the Ferguson Library in your year-end giving. Donations of any amount to the Ferguson Library Foundation (the fundraising arm of the library) help keep books and library resources free and available to everyone in the community.

Donate securely at fergusonlibrary.org or pick up a donation envelope at any library location. Thank you for investing in your public library.

Authors at the Harry Bennett Branch



Local author Marsha Temlock will discuss her latest book, *Tuesday's Mah Jongg is More Than a Game*, December 2 at 11 a.m. The book is a story of a group of friends who grapple with life's challenges over the mah-jongg table.

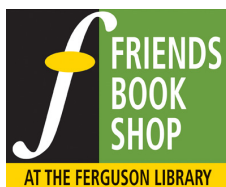


On December 3 at 6 p.m. Dr. Dale Atkins, psychologist, author and relationship expert, will read from her new children's book, *The Turquoise Butterfly*.

Register online for both programs.

The library will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. All library facilities will also be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day. Have a safe, happy holiday season.

Friends of Ferguson Library



Don't miss our Bag Sale Friday, December 5 from 12 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Buy one of our big bags for \$15 and fill it with as many books, DVDs and CDs as you can carry. Adult and YA fiction, all categories of nonfiction, children's books and more. You can also buy individual items for \$1.

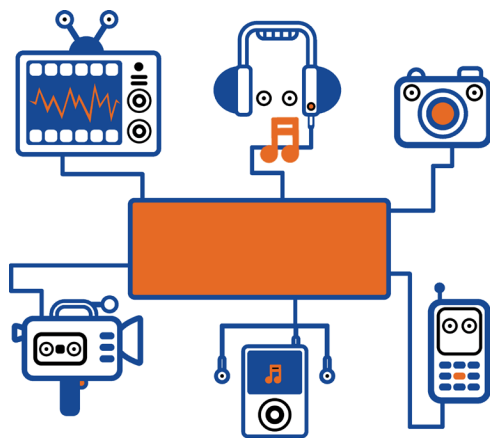
Blind Date with a Book

It's the perfect holiday gift. Pick a book based on clues written on the front of the wrapping and treat everyone on your list to a fun surprise this holiday season for just \$5.



AV Upgrade

Good news! We have upgraded the AV systems at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch to provide higher quality images and audio. We now have technology to assist the hearing-disabled, which facilitates conversations in large groups. The project was funded by grants, city capital funds and library operating dollars.



Tell us your library story!

Library user Oreanna Fulmore credits the library for fostering her love of reading. In fact, it inspired her to start a book club with a dozen other women, which now meets every month.

"I love the Ferguson Library. I love everything it provides," she says. "If I can encourage anyone to take advantage of the blessing that the Ferguson Library is, I recommend you come here right away. The Ferguson Library is a second home to me."

Thank you, Oreanna! We love hearing library stories. If you have a Ferguson Library story you'd like to share, contact abiron@fergusonlibrary.org.

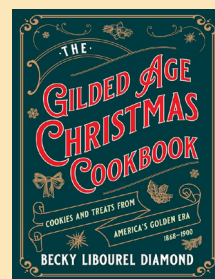
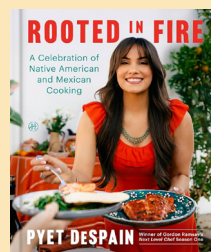


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