



FERGUSON LIBRARY

YOUTH SERVICES

DECEMBER 2025

How to Contact Us



Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261

Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk:

203 351-8221

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Main Library: 203 351-8242

Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294

Lafayette Pop-Up Library: 203 809-2147

South End Branch: 203 351-8280

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The library will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for Christmas. All library facilities will also be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

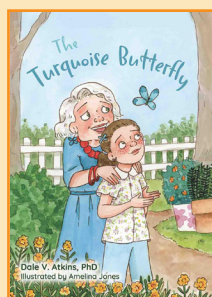
Children's Authors

Meet Dr. Dale Atkins,
Author of *The Turquoise Butterfly*

Wednesday, December 3

from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB

Relationship expert and psychologist, Dr. Dale Atkins, will discuss her picture book, a multigenerational tale of a young girl and her grandmother, who together celebrate love and courage while learning to embrace life's changes. Ages 3 to 9. **RA.**

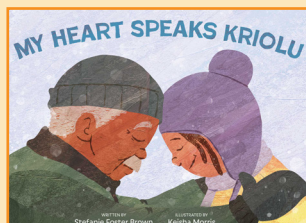


Meet Stefanie Foster Brown,
Author of *My Heart Speaks Kriolu*

Saturday, December 6

from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at ML

Picture book author Stefanie Foster Brown will read from her book, the story of a young girl's relationship with her grandfather. Book sale and signing to follow. Ages 3 to 8.



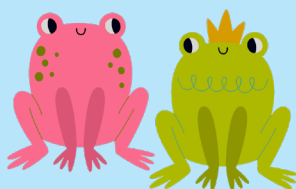
Books & Beasts

Friday, December 5

from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB

Get up close and personal with animals from your favorite books after enjoying a couple of great stories. All ages. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.



Holiday Crafting

Crafternoon: Recycled CD Pinecone Wreaths

Tuesday, December 9

from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Use old CDs to design a pinecone wreath that you can hang with a ribbon or a magnet. Grades 3 to 8. **RR.**

Gingerbread Storytime & Craft

Saturday, December 20

from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML

Enjoy stories, craft a small paper gingerbread house and help decorate the library's big gingerbread house. Supplies will be provided. Gingerbread cookies will be served. Ages 4 to 9. **RR.**



Shades of Truth Theatre:
The People Freedom Forgot,
The Legacy of Juneteenth

Sunday, December 14

from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML

Shades of Truth Theatre presents its latest production, the story of Trubone, a man of indeterminate age who is a gifted storyteller living in a world that has never truly atoned for the sins of slavery. The play is written and directed by Michael Green. Teens and adults. **RR.** *Presented in partnership with Stamford NAACP and the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford.*



Stamford Celebrates Kwanzaa

Saturday, December 27 from 12:30

to 2 p.m. at the Government Center,

888 Washington Boulevard

Community celebration in observance of the principle of Kujichagulia (self-determination) featuring Mayor Caroline Simmons and guest speaker Rev. Tamesha Mills of the Bethel A.M.E. Church of Stamford. Activities include drumming, dancing and poetry readings. All ages. *Presented in partnership with the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and the Stamford Kwanzaa Association.*



Noon Year's Eve:
Glow-in-the-Dark Party

Wednesday, December 31 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ML

Bring the whole family to ring in the new year while it is still light out. Ages 3 to 10. **RR.**

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

CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

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

Storytime with Sarah

Mondays, December 1, 8 & 15
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Ages 2 and younger. **RA.**

Wee Ones @ Weed

Mondays, December 1, 8 & 15
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH
Ages 3 and younger. **RR.**

Cuentos y Actividades

Mondays, December 1, 8 & 15
from 4 to 5 p.m. at Lafayette
Pop-Up Library
English and Spanish. Ages 1 to 4.

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, December 2, 9 & 16
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML
Ages 18 months to 4 years.

Budding Bookworms

Tuesday, December 2
from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. at WMH
Story and craft. Ages 3 to 5. **RR.**

Cuddlers & Crawlers

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Ages 12 months and younger; pre-walking only. **RA.**

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, December 3 & 10
from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at ML
Saturday, December 13
from 2 to 2:30 p.m. at WMH
Ages 12 months to 4 years. **RR.**

Toddler Stay & Play

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH
Ages 18 months to 3 years. **RR.**

Whimsical Wednesdays

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17
from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lafayette
Pop-Up Library
Ages 2 to 5.

Bebés Bilingües

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17
from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at HB
Spanish-language storytime. Ages 2 and younger. Siblings welcome. **RA.**

Bilingual Storytime

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

Babytime

Fridays, December 5 & 12
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML
Ages 18 months and younger.
Siblings welcome. **RR.**

Storytime Stomp

Fridays, December 5, 12 & 19
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
All ages.

Sensory Storytime

Tuesday, December 9
from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB
Ages 3 to 6. **RR.**

Little Ones @ Lafayette (LOL)

Friday, December 12
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Lafayette
Pop-Up Library
Ages 3 and younger.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Let's Talk

Mondays, December 1, 8, 16 & 22
from 4 to 5 p.m. at ML
Practice your English conversational skills in a group. All levels welcome. Grades 2 to 5.

Homework Help

Tuesdays, December 2, 9 & 16 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at WS
One-on-one and group help with math, science, social studies and other subjects. Grades 1 to 8. **RR.**

Get Your Game On!

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17
from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at WS
Play chess, checkers, KerPlunk or Nintendo. All ages.

Preschool Movie Matinees

Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18
from 3 to 3:30 p.m. at WS
Enjoy picture book videos of beloved children's classics. Snacks will be served. Ages 18 months to 5 years. **RA.**

LEGO® Table Time

Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18
from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at WS
Design and build your own creations using our LEGO® collection. Ages 5 to 10.

Chess Club

Thursdays, December 4 & 18
from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at HB
Learn how to play this popular game of strategy. Ages 5 and older. **RR.**
Presented in partnership with RedBandit Chess.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Saturday, December 6
Practice your reading skills by reading to trained therapy dogs. Registered families will be grouped together. **RR.**
from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB
Read to Zach. Ages 5 to 12.
from 1:30 to 2 p.m. at ML
Read to Winnie. Grades 3 and higher.

Video Game Club

Monday, December 8
from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at HB
Use our Nintendo Switch to game on the large screen in the auditorium. Ages 10 and older.

Cookies & Coloring

Tuesday, December 9
from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB
Enjoy an hour of relaxation through the meditative act of coloring. Cookies will be served. Ages 5 and older. **RR.**

Baby Social Club

Thursday, December 11

from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at ML

Meet new parents and caregivers of children ages newborn to 5 years. **RA.** Presented in partnership with Stamford Cradle to Career and Help for Kids.

Little Picassos Art Club

Friday, December 12

from 4 to 5 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.**

My First Book Club

Saturday, December 13

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.**

LEGO® Play Day

Tuesday, December 16

from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH

Design and build using LEGO® blocks. Take a photo of your masterpiece before you disassemble. Ages 5 to 12. **RR.**

Curious Creators

Friday, December 19

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.**

Building Bonanza

Tuesday, December 30

from 1 to 3 p.m. at ML

Create anything you want using our LEGO®, Keva plank and magnetic tile collections. Creations cannot be taken home. Ages 5 and older.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Let's Talk

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22

from 5 to 6 p.m. at ML

Practice your English conversational skills in a group. All levels welcome. Grades 6 to 12.

Color in 3D with Quiver

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23

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.**

Dungeons & Dragons

An afternoon of adventure playing among fantastical heroes who brave dangerous situations with swords, spells and wits. **RA.**

Teen Edition

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17

from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at ML

Ages 12 to 16.

YA Edition

Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18

from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at ML

Ages 16 to 18.

Sit & Stitch

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17

from 4 to 5 p.m. at ML

Stitch, knit, crochet, needlepoint or quilt. Learn how to knit, too. Bring your own materials or use ours. Ages 12 and older. **RR.**

TMAD: Teen Volunteers

Sunday, December 7

from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at ML

Teens Making a Difference program, where you learn about upcoming events, share reading suggestions, get free books and make a difference in the community. Participation counts as volunteer work. Pizza and chips will be served. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Youth Astronomy Network Workshop

Sunday, December 7

from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at ML

Final session in a weekly workshop about robotic telescopes, astrophotography, image analysis, space exploration and science/STEM careers. Ages 10 to 12. **RR.** Presented in partnership with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Sci-Fi Book Club: Annihilation

Wednesday, December 10

from 7 to 8 p.m. at ML

In this first volume of the *Southern Reach* trilogy, a biologist joins an expedition into the mysterious Area X, where strange phenomena distort reality and erode the explorers' sanity. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Silent Book Club

Saturday, December 13

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, December 13

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+ and allies are welcome. Teens and adults. **RA.**

Presented in partnership with Stamford Pride.

Improv Comedy Jam


Saturday, December 13

from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at HB

Learn the basics of improv through games and practice. Teens and adults. **RA.**

Happy Holidays





1,000 BOOKS

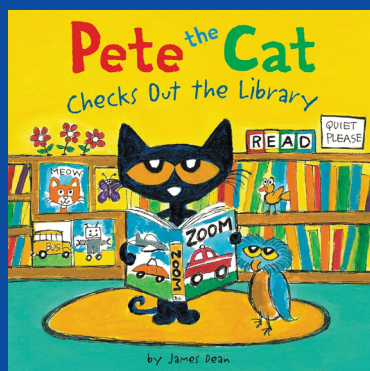
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

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.

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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

LAFAYETTE POP-UP LIBRARY

821 East Main Street

203 809-2147

Monday 1 to 6

Wednesday & Friday 10 to 3

SOUTH END BRANCH

203 351-8280

Check online for reopening updates.

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/](http://fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile)

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