

# SPOTLIGHT ON FERGUSON LIBRARY

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## A Novel Affair Registration Is Open

**A Novel Affair** is just two months away! Early registration is now open for the library's major fundraiser, to be held Thursday, April 16 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Main Library. We're delighted to honor Susan and Edward Greenberg for their service to the Ferguson Library and the Stamford community. Tickets are \$175 until March 16, then \$200. NextGen tickets (ages 40 and younger) are \$75 until March 16, then \$100.

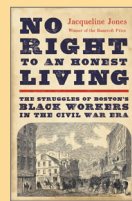
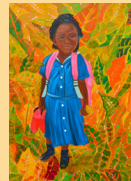
Register online. For sponsorship information, contact Linda Avellar at [lavellar@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:lavellar@fergusonlibrary.org) or 203 351-8208.

See our sponsors to date at [fergusonlibrary.org/support/a-novel-affair](http://fergusonlibrary.org/support/a-novel-affair).



## Black History Month

Our Black History Month art exhibit, *Dreams in Full View*, opens February 1 and will be on display until March 26 at the Main Library; an opening reception will be held February 11 at 5:30 p.m. The exhibit is curated by Tara Blackwell in partnership with the Stamford Art Association and features work by local and regional artists of color. Shown above: *Ego* by Chardel Studio



On February 26 at 6:30 p.m., Jacqueline Jones, the Ellen C. Temple Professor of Women's History Emerita at the University of Texas at Austin, will discuss her book, *No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era*, winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for History. Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. Register online. For more Black History Month programs, visit the Events page on our website.

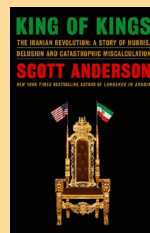
## Author Events



Join us Tuesday, February 10 for an evening with former presidential candidate, entrepreneur and author Andrew Yang as he discusses his book, *Hey Yang, Where's My Thousand Bucks?* The event will be moderated by Chris Bruhl, former

President and CEO of The Business Council of Fairfield County.

Scott Anderson, veteran war correspondent and *New York Times* best-selling author of *King of Kings*, will talk about his Kirkus Award-winning book, on Thursday evening, February 19.



Both events are at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Book sale and signing by Elm Street Books. Register online.

## Avon on Tour

The Ferguson Library is pleased to partner with Stamford's Avon Theatre to host weekly films at the library during the Avon's year-long renovation. Avon on Tour will offer free films at the Ferguson every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Screenings include *BlackKlansman* on February 13, *The Imitation Game* on February 20 and *The Six Triple Eight* on February 27. Register online. See our online calendar for more titles. Winfield Street Coffee will remain open until 8 p.m. on these Fridays.



Deborah & Chuck Royce Cinema Arts Center

## Mini-Golf at the Harry Bennett Branch

Bring the family for a fun weekend of mini-golf at the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$5 per person, per round. Ages 3 and younger play for free. A big thank you to all our sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor, First County Bank. Register online.



## Lunar New Year Celebration

Join us for a family event celebrating the Year of the Horse on Sunday, February 22 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Dancing, storytelling, traditional paper cuttings, calligraphy and face painting. All ages.

On February 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., kids can enjoy a game and story about the Chinese zodiac, then decorate their own glass lantern. Supplies will be provided. Grades K to 8. Register online.



## Tax Help at the Library

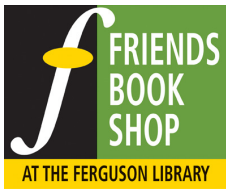
You can get free tax assistance on a walk-in basis at the library through April 15. AARP volunteers will be available to help with federal and state income tax returns at the Harry Bennett Branch Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., (except Mondays, February 9 and 16) and at the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring a government issued photo ID, all 2025 tax documents and a copy of your 2024 returns. For more information call 203 351-8292.



All library facilities will be closed Monday, February 16 for Presidents Day.

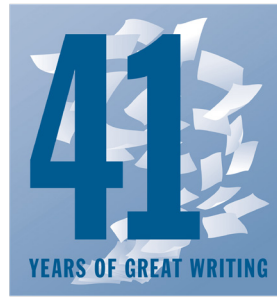
## Friends of Ferguson Library



### Literary Competition Entries Due February 6

Get those entries in! The Stamford Literary Competition, sponsored by the Friends of Ferguson Library, celebrates excellence in student writing and is open to young writers in grades 3 to 12 who live in or go to school in Stamford. Students may submit fiction, nonfiction and poetry. All entries must be submitted online.

An award ceremony will be held at the library on April 26. You can find the link to our entry form at [fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events](http://fergusonlibrary.org/friends/events).



The Annual Stamford Literary Competition 2026

### Book Shop News



Treat yourself or someone you love to a "Blind Date with a Book" for Valentine's Day. Each book is \$5 and wrapped to hide the cover, title and author. You might discover a hidden gem!

Donation days will be held January 3 and January 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Please bring up to two bags or boxes only. We greatly appreciate your donations and can also accept them at the Main Library any time.

## Follow Us on Social

Have you seen our latest reels and posts? We're sharing highlights from around the library, upcoming events, and behind-the-scenes moments you won't want to miss. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn to stay up to date and join the conversation.

## Digital Library

### LearningExpress Library

This popular database has everything you need to achieve your goals for educational success and career development. With vocational guidance tools and test prep exams for real estate, law enforcement, the allied health professions, and many other fields, the LearningExpress Library offers a wealth of helpful content. It includes a large selection of technology and computer science courses as well as a High School Equivalency Center for students taking the GED. To get started, visit the library's A-Z Resources page on our website.



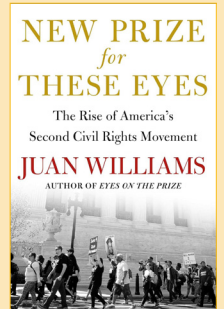
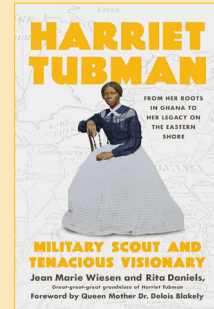
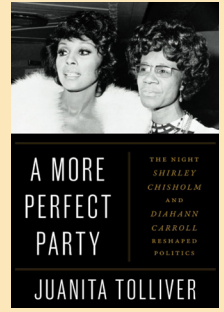
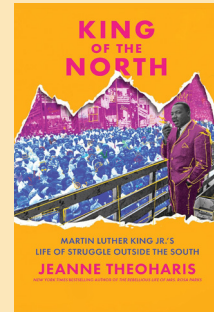
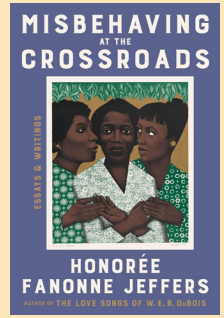
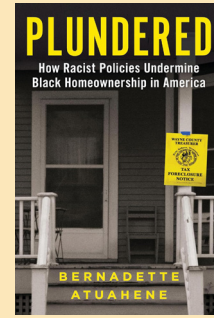
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Call 203 351-8298  
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visit [fergusonlibrary.org](http://fergusonlibrary.org) or scan the QR code.  
Visit our YouTube channel to view our programs.

## Staff Recommends:

### Black History Month



Turner Classic Movies host Dave Karger visited the library to talk about his new book, 50 Oscar Nights.

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