

Library Ends Passport Application Services Photo Services Will Continue*

Due to new federal guidelines from the U.S. Department of State, the Ferguson Library can no longer offer passport services. Under this directive, passport services may only be provided by designated government agencies, not 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations such as the Ferguson.

The Ferguson Library has offered passport services since 1999 and processed almost 8,000 applications last year. This change will have a significant impact on the library's ability to provide services to the public, and we are actively exploring sustainable funding alternatives to reduce the impact of this change.

***We'll continue to offer professional photo services for passports and visas at the Main Library, DiMattia Building. \$18 for printed photos and \$22 for digital. Monday through Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. and Friday from 12 to 5 p.m. Walk-ins only at this time.**

A Novel Affair Is April 16



Reserve your spot now! Early registration pricing for **A Novel Affair** ends March 16. A Novel Affair is 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.

We are excited to welcome some new restaurants this year, including Barcelona Wine Bar, Dhabewala Indian Shack, Kam Pei and Ninja Bubble Tea.

For sponsorship information, contact Linda Avellar at lavellar@fergusonlibrary.org or 203 351-8208. See our sponsors to date at fergusonlibrary.org/support/a-novel-affair.

How Do You Library?

This month, we're launching How Do You Library?, a new campaign that will help us shape the future of the library. Submit a quick video (20 seconds or less) that starts by saying "I library for...". Share what the library means to you, and end by asking, "What do you library for?" You can film your video anywhere you're comfortable—at home, work, or with family or friends. Submit your video at form.jotform.com/252936020498158.

To keep the discussion going, we're also hosting a series of **Community Conversations** where you can share ideas, experiences and visions for the library.

- **Harry Bennett Branch:**
Friday, March 6
from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch:**
Monday, March 9,
from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Main Library:**
Tuesday, March 10
from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **South End Branch:**
Saturday, March 14
from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

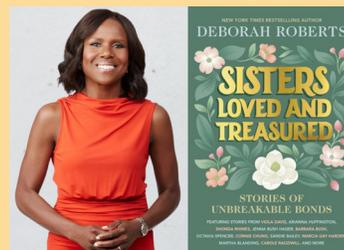


South End Reopens

We are delighted to announce that the South End Branch is reopening March 14. Please join us for an open house at the Lathon Wider Community Center on Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we celebrate the reopening of the building. There will be activities for the whole family and information about all the services at the community center.

The South End Branch will be open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Women's History Month



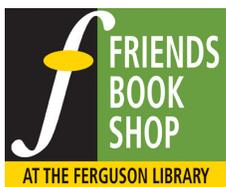
Exploring the theme, *Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future*, the library's celebration of Women's History Month (WHM) opens with a visit on March 2 at 6 p.m. from award-winning journalist Deborah Roberts. Roberts will be at the Main Library to discuss her book, *Sisters Loved and Treasured: Stories of Unbreakable Bonds*, featuring more than 50 stories from her own sisters, celebrity friends and everyday people who share accounts of how their sisters shaped their lives.

On March 25 at 6 p.m., representatives from Riehl, Dinar & Associates will lead a Women & Wealth Workshop at the Harry Bennett Branch at 6 p.m. The workshop will cover how to prioritize career advancement, plan for the future, and develop practical strategies to achieve your goals.



Grupo Quetzal and Crisol Acuarela Arte y Cultura will close out WHM events at the library with Outstanding Latinas, a bilingual cultural celebration of International Women's Day starting at 2 p.m. on March 29 at the Main Library. Register for all events online.

Friends of Ferguson Library



Donation Day

Donation Day will be held March 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harry Bennett Branch. Please bring no more than two bags or boxes of your gently used books, CDs and DVDs only. We greatly appreciate your donations and can also accept them at the Main Library any time.



March Media Madness Sale

The Friends Book Shop will hold its first March Media Madness sale Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 29, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Library lobby.

The sale will feature a wide selection of DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs, and vinyls at incredible prices. Prices start as low as \$1!

Author Deborah Goodrich Royce



Bestselling author Deborah Goodrich Royce will visit the library on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her latest novel, *Best Boy*, a psychological thriller about the arrival of a shocking letter that threatens the carefully constructed life of a woman desperate to outrun her past.

Royce began her career as an actress on *All My Children* and with her husband, Chuck, restored the Avon Theatre and numerous other Main Street revitalization projects in the northeast. Register online.

Presented in partnership with the Avon Theatre.

Digital Library

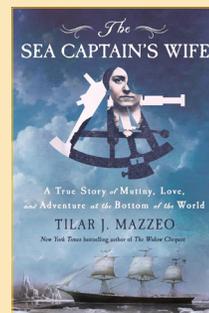
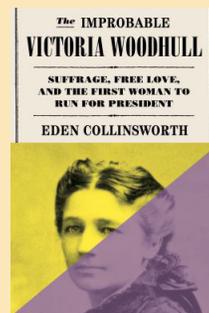
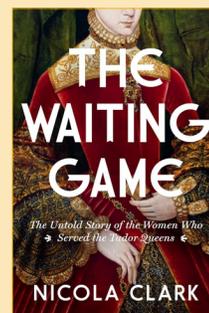
Occupational Outlook Handbook

Ready to begin a new career? Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to find key information on job growth, average wages, and required training for careers ranging from carpentry to nursing. You can find the Occupational Outlook Handbook at A to Z Resources under Research & Learn on our website.



Staff Recommends:

Women's History Month



Youth librarians visit a Head Start program at the Children's Learning Centers.



For library locations, hours and program details, visit fergusonlibrary.org or scan the QR code. Visit our YouTube channel to view our programs.

Check out our Youth Services monthly newsletter.



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