

# FERGUSON LIBRARY

## YOUTH SERVICES

MARCH 2026

### 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

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South End Branch: 203 351-8280

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West Side Branch: 203 351-8420

### Art of Pysanky: Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Sunday, March 1

from 2 to 4:15 p.m. at ML

Learn how to use a kitska, a stylus-like tool filled with hot beeswax, to adorn hollowed eggs with intricate designs before dipping them in vibrant dyes. Led by artist Irina Kuzmych. Supplies will be provided. Teens and adults. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.



### Meet Medha Singhania, Author of Goldeta

Saturday, March 21

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

The local ninth-grade author will read from her debut picture book *Goldeta*. Stick around for some chick-themed crafts based on the book. Ages 3 and older. **RR.**



### Mush with Karen Land and Her Sled Dog Sophia

Sunday, March 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML



Musher Karen Land will describe what it feels like to ride the runners behind a team of dogs, steering a loaded sled through mountainous terrain, and what it takes to care for a team of Alaskan huskies when she and Sophia, an Alaskan husky, visit. All ages. **RR.**

### Preschooler Puzzle Mania

Tuesday, March 10 from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. at WMH

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to work together on floor puzzles of 24 to 48 pieces. Ages 2.5 to 4 years. **RR.**

### Women's Self-Defense Workshop

Sunday, March 22

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

A female-centric workshop focusing on assessing threats, learning the best way to strike, and defending against chokes, grabs and mounts. Teens and adults. **RR.**



### Art Contests Exploring the 2026 Summer Learning Club Theme: Plant a Seed, Read

#### Teen Art Contest requirements:

- Open to Stamford students in grades 6 to 12.
- Paper entries must include name, address, phone, email, school and grade.
- Graphic design/digital art also accepted. Specs: minimum 300 dpi, 8.5 x 11 inches.
- The winner will receive a Michaels \$50 gift certificate. The winning submission will be displayed on assorted Summer Learning Club materials.
- Submit entries to the Youth Services Department at the Main Library, or email [sdelgado@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:sdelgado@fergusonlibrary.org).



#### Kids' Design a Bookmark Contest requirements:

- Open to Stamford students in grades K to 6.
- One design per student.
- Paper entries must include name, parent email, school and grade.
- No digital art accepted.
- One winner will be chosen from each grade.
- The winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed at the library.
- Submit entries to the Youth Services Department at the Main Library, or upload a scanned copy online.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH:

- AI generated material forbidden.
- Contests open March 1.
- Entries due April 6.



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.



### Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML  
Ages 18 months to 4 years.

### Budding Bookworms

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

### Family Storytime

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25  
from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at ML  
Ages 18 months to 5 years. **RR.**

### Babytime

Fridays, March 6, 13 & 27  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML  
Ages 18 months and younger.  
Siblings welcome. **RR.**

### Storytime with Sarah

Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB  
Ages 2 and younger. **RA.**

### Wee Ones @ Weed

Mondays, March 9, 16 & 30  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH  
Ages 3 and younger. **RR.**

### Sensory Storytime

Tuesdays, March 10 & 17  
from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB  
Ages 3 to 6. **RR.**

### Cuddlers & Crawlers

Wednesdays, March 11, 18 & 25  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB  
Ages 12 months and younger; pre-walking only. **RR.**

### Toddler Stay & Play

Wednesdays, March 11 & 25  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH  
Ages 3 months to 3 years. **RR.**

### Bebés Bilingües

Wednesdays, March 11, 18 & 25  
from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at HB  
Spanish-language storytime. Ages 2 and younger. Siblings welcome. **RA.**

### Storytime Stomp

Thursdays, March 12 & 26  
from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and  
Fridays, March 13, 20 & 27  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB  
All ages.

### Bilingual Storytime

Thursday, March 26  
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML  
English and Spanish. Ages 18 months to 4 years. **RR.**

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Homework Help

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24  
from 4 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. **RA.**

### Get Your Game On!

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25  
from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at WS  
Play chess, checkers, KerPlunk or Nintendo. All ages. **RA.**

### Preschool Movie Matinees

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26  
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.**

### Chess Club

Thursdays, March 5 & 19  
from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at HB  
Learn from chess experts how to play this game of strategy. Ages 5 and older. **RR**  
Presented in partnership with RedBandit Chess.

### Video Game Club

Monday, March 9  
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, March 10  
from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at HB  
Enjoy an hour of relaxation through the meditative act of coloring. Cookies will be served. Ages 5 and older. **RR**

### Kindergarten Prep

Thursday, March 12  
from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at ML  
Enjoy a storytime and practice counting, reciting the alphabet, basic sign language, coloring, shapes and handwriting. Ages 3 to 5.

### Little Picassos Art Club

Friday, March 13  
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**

### Build & Create

Saturday, March 14  
from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ML  
Bring your imagination to this open-play building session where you'll transform cardboard into your own vision. Supplies will be provided. Ages 5 and older. **RA.**

## LEGO® Play Day

**Tuesday, March 17**

**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.**

## Baby Social Club

**Thursday, March 19**

**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.

## Read to a Therapy Dog

**Saturday, March 21**

**from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at HB**

Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog. Registered families will be grouped together. Ages 5 to 12. **RR.**

## Littles Art Club: Vincent van Gogh

**Tuesday, March 24**

**from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML**

Explore Van Gogh and his beautiful flower art by creating flower suncatchers and handprint flowers. Supplies will be provided. Ages 1 to 5. **RA.**

## Curious Creators

**Friday, March 27**

**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.**

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Youth Astronomy Network Workshop

**Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

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

Five-session weekly workshop about robotic telescopes, astrophotography, image analysis, space exploration and science/STEM careers. Complete all five sessions and showcase your findings in the Deep Space Dive science fair in April. Ages 10 to 12. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

### Avon on Tour:

#### Movies that Build Community

**Fridays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. through March 27 at ML**

Teens and adults. **RR.**

Presented in partnership with the Avon Theatre.

**March 6: *The Automat* (2021)**

**March 13: *The Alabama Solution* (2025)**

**March 27: *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* (2019)**

### Mellow Mondays

**Mondays, March 2 & 9**

**from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at WS**

Start the week with stress-reducing activities like reading, arts, crafts and building projects. Supplies will be provided. Snacks will be served. All ages.

### Dungeons & Dragons

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

#### Teen Edition

**Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25**

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

Ages 12 to 16.

#### YA Edition

**Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26**

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

Ages 16 to 18.

### Internet Self-Defense

**Wednesday, March 11**

**from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at ML**

Acquire the tools you need to keep you safe while navigating the internet. Must be familiar with using the internet and email. Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Sit & Stitch

**Wednesdays, March 11 & 25**

**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.**

### Sci-Fi Book Club: *Leviathan*

**Wednesday, March 11**

**from 7 to 8 p.m. at ML**

In an alternate 1914, a prince on the run and a girl disguised as a soldier

navigate a steampunk World War I, forced together aboard a massive, genetically engineered airship to battle diesel-powered war machines. Teens and adults. **RR.**

### Silent Book Club

**Saturday, March 14**

**from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB**

Read the book of your choice in the quiet company of others. Teens and adults. **RA.**

### LGBTQ+ Social Book Club

**Saturday, March 14**

**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.

### Resume Workshop

**Wednesday, March 25**

**from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at ML**

A beginners guide to writing an effective resume to land a summer job. Grades 8 to 12. **RA.**

### TMAD: Teen Volunteers

**Saturday, March 28**

**from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at ML**

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

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Silent Film with Live Piano:

##### *Modern Times*

**Wednesday, April 1**

**from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at ML**

Watch Charlie Chaplin's Little Tramp wrestle with the foolishness of industrial society in this slapstick classic film. Cary Brown will provide live piano accompaniment. Teens and adults.



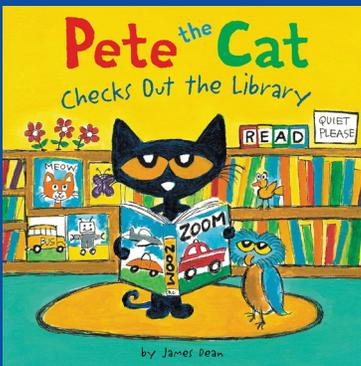
# 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

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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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

34 Woodland Avenue  
203 351-8280

Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30  
Saturday 10 to 2

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

#### NEW

The Ferguson Library no longer offers  
passport application services.

We will 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.  
Friday from 12 to 5 p.m.

Walk-ins only at this time.