



FERGUSON LIBRARY

YOUTH SERVICES

APRIL 2026

How to Contact Us



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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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Trash to Treasure: Earth Day Craft

*Saturday, April 18
from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
at HB*

Turn recycled materials into creative treasures limited only by your imagination. Supplies will be provided. All ages.

Meet Janice Hechter, Author of *The Power of Her Paintbrush*

*Saturday, April 4
from 2 to 3 p.m. at HB*

Author and illustrator Janice Hechter will share insights from her latest children's biography of Theresa Bernstein. Ages 5 to 9. **RR.**



Crafternoon: Tissue Paper Flower Pin

Tuesday, April 21 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at WMH
Make a colorful flower pin using tissue paper and glue. Supplies will be provided. Ages 8 to 14. **RR.**



Slime Time!

Tuesday, April 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. and Thursday, April 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. at ML

Create your own color-changing slime and learn what causes it to change colors. Supplies will be provided. All ages. **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 \$50 Michaels 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.



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.
- 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.



Family Storytime

Wednesdays, April 1, 15, 22 & 29
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML
Ages 18 months to 5 years. **RR.**

Cuddlers & Crawlers

Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Ages 12 months and younger; pre-walking only. **RR.**

Toddler Stay & Play

Wednesdays, April 8 & 22
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH
Ages 3 months to 3 years. **RR.**

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Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29
from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at HB
Spanish-language storytime. Ages 2 and younger. Siblings welcome. **RR.**

Storytime Stomp

Thursdays, April 9 & 23 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays, April 10, 17 & 24 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
All ages.

Storytime with Sarah

Mondays, April 13, 20 & 27
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Ages 2 and younger. **RA.**

Wee Ones @ Weed

Mondays, April 13, 20 & 27
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at WMH
Ages 3 and younger. **RR.**

NEW! Play & Read

Tuesdays, April 14 & 28
from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at SE
Ages 12 months to 4 years.

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, April 14, 21 & 28
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML
Ages 18 months to 4 years.

Budding Bookworms

Tuesday, April 14
from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. at WMH
Story and craft. Ages 2 to 5. **RR.**

Sensory Storytime

Tuesdays, April 14 & 28
from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at HB
Ages 3 to 6. **RR.**

Babytime

Fridays, April 17 & 24
from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at ML
Ages 18 months and younger.
Siblings welcome. **RR.**

Bilingual Storytime

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

After-School Homework Help

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 4 to 5:15 p.m. at SE
A welcoming and supportive program designed to give students the guidance they need to succeed. Snacks will be served. Grades 1 to 8.

Preschool Movie Matinees

Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
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, April 2, 16 & 30
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.

Food for Thought: Edible Crystals

Monday, April 6
from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at ML
Learn how to make edible crystal candies from high school student Isha Jaishiva. Grades 3 to 8. **RR.**

Video Game Club

Monday, April 6
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.

Board Games Bonanza

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28
from 4 to 5 p.m. at WS
An afternoon of fun playing checkers, Monopoly or any other game from our collection. All ages. **RA.**

LEGO® Play Day

Wednesday, April 8
from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at WS
Tuesday, April 28
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, April 9
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.

Celebrate Poem In Your Pocket Day

Friday, April 10
from 3 to 4:15 p.m. at ML
Bring a favorite poem or write your own during Poem in Your Pocket Day. Bilingual poetry is encouraged (with translations). Ages 8 to 12. **RR.**

Little Picassos Art Club

Friday, April 10

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.**

Cookies & Coloring

Tuesday, April 14

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.**

Littles Art Club: Leonardo da Vinci

Wednesday, April 15

from 2 to 3 p.m. at ML

Celebrate Leonardo da Vinci's birthday by creating an al fresco painting inspired by his style.

Supplies will be provided. Ages 18 months and older. **RA.**

Kindergarten Prep

Saturday, April 18 and Thursday, April 23 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. **RR.**

Free Literacy Screening

Saturday, April 25

from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at ML

Trained teachers will screen children on reading and language skills. Families can expect: 20 to 30-minute screenings, private conversation with a trained specialist, resources and next steps, activities for the whole family. Grades K to 3. **RR.**

Made possible by the Early Literacy Endowment. Presented in partnership with The Windward Institute

Read to a Therapy Dog

Saturday, April 25

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.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

Dungeons & Dragons

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

Teen Edition

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at ML

Ages 12 to 16.

YA Edition

Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at ML

Ages 16 to 18.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturdays, April 4 & 18

from 1 to 3 p.m. at ML

Choose your character and try to outlast your friends during the library's Super Smash Bros. Ultimate game tournament. Controllers will be provided. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

Mellow Mondays

Mondays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27

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.

Meet New York Times Crossword

Constructor Robyn Weintraub

Wednesday, April 8

from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at ML

Robyn Weintraub will discuss her work as a professional constructor of crosswords. Teens and adults.

RR.

Sci-Fi Book Club: *Neuromancer* by William Gibson

Wednesday, April 8

from 7 to 8 p.m. at ML

A washed-up computer hacker named Case, who is hired by a mysterious employer for a high-stakes data heist, teams up with a cyborg mercenary to infiltrate a powerful artificial intelligence. Teens and adults. **RR.**

STEMfluence

Fridays, April 10, 17 & 24

from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. at ML

Put your skills to the test building towers, bridges and unique

structures during this high school student-led workshop. Snacks will be served. Grades 5 to 8. **RR.**

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.

*April 10: **Trees and Other***

***Entanglements** (2023)*

*April 17: **Black Swan** (2010)*

*April 24: **42** (2013)*

Silent Book Club

Saturday, April 11

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, April 11

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.

Open Lab: Resume Assistance

Thursday, April 23

from 5 to 6 p.m. at ML


Use our technology lab for one-on-one help creating, formatting and proofreading a resume. Bring a written or digital copy of your resume. Teens and adults. **RR.**

TMAD: Teen Volunteers

Saturday, April 25

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.**



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

**THE FERGUSON LIBRARY NO LONGER OFFERS
PASSPORT APPLICATION SERVICES.**

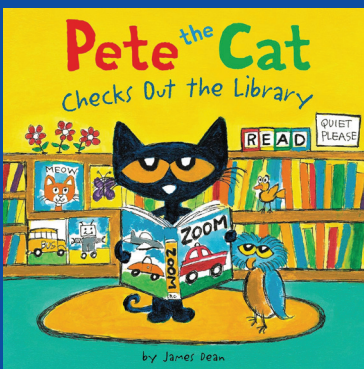
**We will continue to offer professional
photo services for passports and visas
at the Main Library, DiMattia Building.**

\$18 for printed photos and \$22 for digital.

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Walk-ins only at this time.

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