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ZOOM Book Discussions

Book discussions are presented live on Zoom. Registration is not required. Zoom details for each discussion are on our online calendar. Book discussions are open to all.

Weed Memorial & Holander Branch
Monday, June 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, June 14 from 7 to 8 p.m. Housekeeping by Marilyrne Robinson

South End Branch
African and American Authors Book Discussion Monday, June 28 at 7 p.m. Deacon King Kong by James McBride

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Remote Book-A-Librarian

Reserve up to one hour with a librarian for information or technology assistance, including help with our virtual resources like e-books, e-audiobooks, and movie streaming. To make an appointment, visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/

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Learn how high school students can best prepare for a career on the stage and in the arts. Discussion about straight characters playing LGBTQ roles, and about the challenges theaters will face post pandemic. With Broadway veterans and husbands, Artistic Director, Daniel C. Levine and Music Director, Bryan Perri. We’ll also be getting the dish on some exciting projects that Daniel and Bryan are working on! Moderated by Joe Beilis from the Lighthouse LGBTQ Youth Group at Kids In Crisis. For teens and adults. No registration required. Zoom details are on our online calendar. Co-sponsored by Lighthouse, a Program of Kids In Crisis.

Business & Career

CrimeCONN Express 2: Break Out of the (COVID) Box
Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Registration required for each separate session. Register at fergusonlibrary.org/events/crimeconn. This session is focused on the writing craft, the reading adventure, and how to expand your creative minds. Loosen those writing muscles and discover new horizons. Books available for purchase at Elm Street Books. Call 203-966-4545 or visit elmstreetbooks.com.

June 3: It’s My Life (Or Not). Writing Outside Yourself.
Panellists: Caroline Kepnes, Brad Parks, Kate White Moderator: Ross Kiavan MC: Tom Straw

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June 17: We Gotta Get Out of This Place. How Changing Up Settings Can Free Your Imagination.
Panellists: Cara Black, Timothy Hallinan, Johnny Temple Moderator: Scott Adlerberg MC: Tom Straw

Family Program

Celebrate Immigrant Heritage Month
Sunday, June 6 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Main Library, Outside Plaza

1:30 p.m. Chinese Dance Group: Performances by Connecticut Chinese Dance Group (Dance Teacher: Alison Wang)
Sun of the Morning Melody in Shanghai (Chinese Classic Dance) Dao La (Mongolian Dance)

3 p.m. Polish Dance: Performances by Slowianie Polish Folklore Dance Group The Krakowiak (also known as the Cracovienne) Trojan (dances done in groups of three) Tance Lubelskie

4 p.m. Taller Portal Norteno: Traditional Dances of Peru

5 p.m. Vigil of Light in Times of Pandemic


Technology

Live-streaming classes will resume soon but you can catch up on our technology classes by visiting our YouTube channel. Many classes are available, including Microsoft Office, an Intro to Web Building: HTML & CSS, and more.

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Tuesday, June 29 at 6 p.m. via Zoom

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Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners Spring Session via Zoom
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Book Discussion Series: Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla Saad FULL Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom
A six-week reflection group to facilitate the journey to anti-racism. Co-sponsored by First Congregational Church Stamford, Ferguson Library South End Branch, Friends of the Ferguson Library, Stamford Stands Against Racism, Domus and Everyday Democracy. Registration is closed.

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