# Friends of The Ferguson Library



### **Book Shop News**

Don't miss the Book Shop's big January sale. Everything in the store is 40% off through January 19. Stop in and browse our locations at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. All proceeds support the Library.



### **Literary Competition is Open**

Entries are now being accepted for the 35th annual Stamford Literary Competition. The contest is open to Stamford students in grades 3 to 12. Entry forms are available at the Main Library and branches, through the

Stamford schools, and on the Friends program page of the Library's website, fergusonlibrary.org/friends-of-the-ferguson/programs-events/. Entries are due February 7.

### Art at The Ferguson

Join us for a wine and cheese reception as we launch our winter exhibit, Winter Wonderland, Thursday, January 23 at 6 p.m. in the Ferguson's Third Floor Auditorium Gallery. The juried show is curated by the Stamford Art Association. It will run through May. Shown: Winter Serenity by Maria Friscia

### **Passport Services**

You can apply for a passport at the Library. We have passport offices at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. No appointment needed and we take photos too. We can renew for children under age 16. Check our website for hours and information, or call 203 964-1000.



# Staff Recommends:

The 6 Keys: Unlock Your Genetic Potential

for Ageless Strength, Health, and Beauty

by Jillian Michaels

Do What Feels Good: Recipes, Remedies,

and Routines to Treat Your Body Right

by Hannah Bronfman

How to Be Well: The Six Keys to a

Happy and Healthy Life

by Frank Lipman, M.D.

The Beauty Diet: Unlock the Five Secrets of

Ageless Beauty from the Inside Out

by David Wolfe

The Longevity Solution: Rediscovering

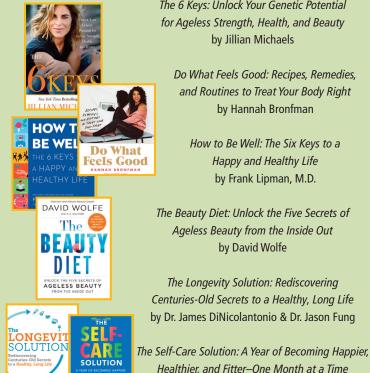
Centuries-Old Secrets to a Healthy, Long Life

by Dr. James DiNicolantonio & Dr. Jason Fung

Healthier, and Fitter–One Month at a Time

by Jennifer Ashton, M.D.

Self-Care in the New Year





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The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch Open during Library hours

The Passport Offices in the Library For information call 203 964-1000 Main Library hours: Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. Harry Bennett hours: Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



The Heart of the Community

# From the President's Desk



It's hard to believe the South End Branch is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

It all started in 1970, when former Stamford Mayor Julius Wilensky announced the formation of a new community center in the city's South End that would include a collection of books from The Ferguson Library. The original collection

began with a federal grant of \$28,898, and in the branch's early years, an outreach librarian tended to the collection and offered programs. The community center was later renamed after community activist Lathon Wider and the simple collection became our South End Branch, providing a full range of programs and services from Homework Help Café to the popular jazz and poetry nights. From the beginning, the South End Branch has provided services to the local community as well as drawing residents from throughout Stamford who enjoy the storytimes, book discussions, and special events.



We are hosting programs throughout this year to mark South End's 50th anniversary. Please join us in celebrating this small branch with a big heart. Alice Knapp, President

### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Library will be closed Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day. On Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch will be open 10 to 6. The South End Branch will be open 10 to 5:30 and the Weed Branch will be open 11 to 4.

# Save the Date: February 8 & 9 Mini-Golf at Harry Bennett Branch

Mini-Golf is back! The Friends are hosting miniature golf at the Harry Bennett Branch Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds to support the Library. Bring the whole family for a fun



outing! Many thanks to our presenting sponsor, First County Bank.

# Your Faves from the Last Decade

Last month, we asked you to share some of your favorite books from the last decade. Here are a few that you loved: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders; Educated by Tara Westover; All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr; The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen; Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan; A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

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# There's Still Time to Give to the Library's **Annual Appeal!**

Your gift helps us buy books and provide vital library services like homework help and job skills training. Donate securely at fergusonlibrary.org or any library location.

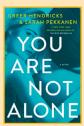


# A Novel Affair April 23

A Novel Affair, the Library's spring fundraiser, is April 23! It's a festive evening of entertainment and fun, with delicious food donated by local restaurants. This year, we're delighted to honor Tom Cassone for his longstanding service to the Library and the Stamford community. Many



thanks to our sponsors to date: Friends of The Ferguson Library; SL Green Realty Corp; OdysseyRe; Judith Block; Jane Carlin & Benjamin Gifford; Garden Homes Management; Thomson Reuters; Bankwell; David and Andrea Cohen; Amy & Tony Downer; Harman; Stamford Town Center; Melvina Callion; Mimi Cohen; General Assembly; Sam and Emily Gordon; Stephen Perry and Susan Toliver. Tickets will be available in early February, but we are accepting sponsorships now. For information contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208/ linda@fergusonlibrary.org.



# **Friends Author Series** March 19

Join us for an evening of food, wine and conversation, Thursday, March 19 with #1 New York Times bestselling authors Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. This

writing team penned An Anonymous Girl and The Wife Between Us. They'll be talking about their new thriller, You Are Not Alone, about a circle of friends with deadly intentions. Registration will open in early February.

### HOME PAGE: Ferguson's Internet and Online Resources

### Mergent Intellect

Looking for business information? Mergent Intellect is an expansive directory database that includes more than 100 million private U.S., Canadian and global businesses, more than 6,000 U.S. public companies and over 200 million residents and local businesses. It also includes industry profiles and has job search and executive search capabilities.

Mergent Intellect is available through A to Z Databases on the Research page of our website, fergusonlibrary.org. You will need a valid Ferguson Library card.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

ML Main Library, DiMattia Building

HB Harry Bennett Branch SE South End Branch

WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

**RR** Registration Required

# **Adult Book Discussions**

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Monday, Jan. 6 at 11:30 a.m. Conversations with Friends by Sally Rooney

### **Harry Bennett Branch**

Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

South End Branch African and **African-American Authors Book Discussion Group Celebrating 25th Year Anniversary** Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at SE

*Getting to Happy* by Terry McMillan – the sequel to Waiting to Exhale, which was the group's first discussion book in 1995. The community and all book clubs are welcome. Refreshments.

### Main Library, DiMattia Building

Third Floor Board Room Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. Conversations with Friends by Sally Rooney

### French Book Discussion

Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. ML, Fourth Floor Journal d'un amour perdu by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt

### 2020 Census Recruiting

Be a Census worker and earn extra income. Flexible hours, paid training. Census Bureau representatives will explain Census employment, assist with the application process and answer questions. (Applications also available at 2020Census.gov/iobs.)

HB – Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. SE – Tuesday, Jan. 7 & 21 from 11 a.m. to

ML, Third Floor – Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.

WMH – Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# and Monday, Jan. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. 3 p.m.

HAPPY **NEW YEAR!** 

### ML, Third Floor Auditorium (unless otherwise noted)

Films

### **Thursday Night Talking Pictures** Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Board Room Room I Am Big Bird: The Caroll Spinney Story. An affectionate portrait of Caroll Spinney, the beloved puppeteer responsible for creating worldwide icons out of Sesame Street's Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch. With Caroll Spinney, Jim Henson, Frank Oz. Directed by Dave LaMattina and Chad N. Walker. Not rated. 2014. USA. 86 minutes. RR. Call 203 351-8258 or email caucella@fergusonlibrary.org to reserve a copy of the DVD, or stream the film by using the Library's Kanopy service, and come ready to discuss.

## Second Saturday Cinema

Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. The Art of Racing in the Rain. Golden Retriever Enzo learns from his race car driver owner that the techniques needed on the racetrack can be used to successfully navigate the journey of life. With Kevin Costner, Milo Ventimiglia, Jackie Minns. Directed by Simon Curtis, Rated PG, 2019, USA, 109 minutes,

### Third Thursday @ One Thursday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m.

Shoplifters. A Japanese family of small time thieves takes in a young child off the street, but after the girl is reported missing, the family tries to keep her from being discovered. With Lily Franky, Sakura Andô, Kirin Kiki, Jyo Kairi, Sôsuke Ikematsu. Directed by Hirokazu Koreeda. Not rated. 2018. Japan, 120 minutes, (In Japanese with English subtitles.)

### 2020 Affordable Care Act Enrollment Monday – Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ML, Second Floor Study Room

Representatives from Access Health CT enroll members in the health insurance marketplace. 2020 open enrollment has been extended until January 15 (except January 1). Plans sold during open enrollment start January 1, 2020.

### Family Program: Lunar New Year Celebration

Sunday, Jan. 19 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Celebrate the Year of the Rat and enjoy a performance by a Chinese acrobat, Korean drummers and dancers, a Tae Kwon Do demonstration and arts and crafts for children. Ages 5 and up and their families. Co-sponsored by the Chinese Language School of CT.

### **CT Bail Bond Reform** (Postponed from an earlier date) Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. ML. Third Floor Auditorium Learn about bail bond in the state of Connecticut from members of the legal and corrections community who are pursuing bail bond reform. Refreshments. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Co-sponsored by DOMUS, 100

Stamford Restorative Justice Project.

Black Men, Stamford's Everyday Democracy and

# **English Language Learners**

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners (ELL) Practice English at these free drop-in conversation aroups.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Tuesday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

South End Branch Thursdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Auditorium Tuesdays, Jan. 14, 21 & 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Transitions to Success: Literacy **Volunteers at Family Centers at** The Ferguson Library Daytime sessions: Tuesdays, from 10:15 to 2:15 and Fridays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Jan. 3, 7, 10, 14 & 17 ML, Third Floor Technology Center Evening Sessions: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15 & 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ML. Third Floor Workplace English and career development for qualified students. For more information,

contact Cynthia at 203 517-1029 or Yelena at 203 351-8228.

### **Registration for the New Semester of** Literacy Volunteers ELL Courses, including **Transition to Success** Monday, Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday,

Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

ML. Third Floor Auditorium Register in person only on the third floor of the Main Library, DiMattia Building. (The new semester of courses will begin at the end of January or beginning of February.)

### Russian-English Language Exchange Group Sundays, Jan. 12 & 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Rotary Room

Language practice for Russian and English speakers and learners at the intermediate and advanced levels. Participants should install the Duolingo app, create a free account and register for the program on Duolingo prior to each meeting. They will receive free "tickets" from Duolingo. RR. To register, contact Susan Benthall at sbenthall.duolingo@gmail.com.

### **Genealogy Basics: Getting Started**

Saturday, Jan. 4 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at HB A basic class that will teach you how to begin the first steps of recording your family history.

### The Literary Hour of La Tertulia/La hora literaria de La Tertulia

Sundays, Jan. 5, 19 & 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. ML. Third Floor Board Room A literary salon with a focus on Latin American authors. IN SPANISH.

### Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry (New hours begin Jan. 7)

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE For an appointment, call 203 655-0048.

# Makerspace

### ML, Third Floor Technology Center (unless otherwise noted) **Registration required for all classes unless**

otherwise noted. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event or call 203 351-8221 or 8222.

### **3D Modeling and Printing: Part I**

Saturday, Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Use software to design your own 3D models, then make them real with a 3D printer. With Ralph Bernabei of Fairfield County Makers Guild. (Part II is on February 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

### **Introduction to Knitting: Part II** Saturday, Jan. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Third Floor Board Room Kathryn Mirto continues her knitting class for beginners. Review of the basics taught in Part I: slip knot, casting on, and the basic knit stitch. This class will also teach the purl stitch and casting off. Yarn and needles will be provided.

### **Mindfulness and Meditation**

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. ML. Third Floor Auditorium Meditate with a group. Led by the Community Mindfulness Project.

### Meet Mike Barlow and Cornelia Lévy-Bencheton, Co-Authors of Smart Cities, Smart Future: Showcasing Tomorrow Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

ML. Third Floor Auditorium

The presentation will focus on the idea of the "multigenerational city" and the need for cities to develop services for all ages and abilities. We will also discuss the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in the design of smart cities. Book sale and signing.

### **Bullet Journaling for Beginners**

Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at HB Learn how bullet journaling can increase your productivity and boost your creativity. Participants will receive a blank journal, RR, Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

### How to Get Rid of Cable and Get More from Streaming

Thursday, Jan. 9 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Technology Center Are you thinking about cutting the cable cord but don't know where to start? Founder & CEO of CobbleCord (and former Showtime Networks executive). **RR.** Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. (Afternoon session is full but you can register for the waiting list.)

### World Affairs Forum: Hong Kong's Last Stand? Sunday, Jan. 12 from 3 to 4:45 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium Hong Kong's Last Stand with Victoria Tin-Bor Hui, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame. Free for Forum members, faculty and students. All others, \$20. RR. To reserve a seat, call 203 356-0340.

### **Knit & Needles**

Mondays, Jan. 13 & 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at HB Work on your project in a social setting.

# Technology

# ML, Third Floor Technology Center

If you are interested in learning the basics of using a computer, the internet, or email, make a **Book-a-Librarian** appointment by calling the Information Desk at 203-351-8221 or visit us on the second floor of the DiMattia Building Main Library. Appointments are available for a wide range of library services and instruction. Please visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-alibrarian/ for more information.

### Microsoft Word **Basic Word**

Saturday, Jan. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn basic features of Microsoft Word. Mouse and keyboard skills required. Intermediate Word Saturday, Jan. 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. A more advanced class for those already familiar with Word basics. Advanced Word Saturday, Jan. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Focus on outlining, managing long documents, and working collaboratively.

### **SCORE: How to Hire a Good Website** Developer

Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at HB Not sure how to hire a good website developer? Learn what to look for so you end up with a great partner and website that grows your business. Presenter: Jennifer DeRosa. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event. Co-sponsored by Pitney Bowes.

### **CT Money School Financial Literacy Workshop** - How to Identify, Open and Maintain a Healthy Banking Relationship

Thursday, Jan. 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. ML, Third Floor Technology Center An overview of banking services designed to help participants build a positive relationship with a financial institution. RR. Register online at ferguson library.org/event/. Co-sponsored by CT Money School (CMS), a project led by CAHS, which provides financial empowerment services for individuals and families across Connecticut.

### Woke Vote Series

Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at SE Woke Vote is a series of discussion forums addressing issues that affect people of color. Child care and a light dinner provided. Co-sponsored by Stamford NAACP.

### Art at The Ferguson: Opening Reception Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Auditorium Gallery Opening of Winter Wonderland. Wine and cheese reception. Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association. Save the Date: Poet Reginald Dwayne

Betts, Author of Felon Monday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium The effects of incarceration in fierce, dazzling poems. Reginald Dwayne Betts is a poet, essayist, and national spokesperson for the Campaign for Youth Justice. Book sale and signing. Co-sponsored by DOMUS, Stamford Everyday Democracy, Stamford NAACP, MLK Committee and UCONN-Stamford.

**Registration required for all classes unless** otherwise noted. Call 203 351-8221 or 8222 or register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

# **Business & Career**

### **Stamford 1 Million Cups** Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 8 a.m. ML, First Floor Lobby

Presenters: Demetrius Glover of Solhaus and Jeff Cohen of E-bration.1 Million Cups is a free, national program designed to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs. Coffee and networking at 7:30 a.m. Program at 8 a.m. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

### **Career Moves: Tips for Mature Workers** Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. ML, Third Floor Technology Center

Overcome obstacles you may face as a mature candidate looking for employment. Learn how to tweak your resume and answer challenging interview questions. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.com/event/.

### Bottom Line Presents: Passion to Profit: Make More Money in 2020 Doing What You Love

Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Make a profit while following your passion. Expert advice from top career advisors Nancy Collamer and Jane Pollak. Led by Sarah Hiner, CEO of Bottom Line Inc. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Co-sponsored by Bottom Line, Inc.

### Entrepreneurs-in-Residence



Mondays, Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 12 to 3 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ML, Third Floor

Entrepreneurs-in-Residence are available by appointment to help early stage entrepreneurs conceptualize and grow their ideas. RR Schedule a one hour appointment at calendly.com/eirferguson.



**Global Game Jam** Friday, Jan. 31 from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday, February 1 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, February 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ML, Third Floor

Be a part of the 2020 Global Game Jam – the world's largest game creation event. Free to game. Meals provided. For gamers over 16. (Guardians required for participants under 18, according to Global Game Jam policy.) Register at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Co-sponsored by UCONN-Stamford, Sacred Heart University Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Quinnipiac University, Norwalk Community College, Fairfield University, the Business Council of Fairfield County and the Werth Institute.

# Children's Programs

## for more info and library locations, visit fergusonlibrary.org

### **Homework Café**

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 and Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15 & 22 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at SE

Homework help, arts & crafts, computer research, educational games, and pleasure reading. Ages 7 to 12.

### Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev

Monday, Jan. 6 at 1 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium Music-making and movement with Dr. Ev. Ages 5 and under with an adult.

### WOW! S.T.E.A.M. Class

Mondays, Jan. 6, 13 & 27 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at HB

Discovery and critical thinking activities using the S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math) method. A hands-on class using the scientific method and observation skills. Ages 5 to 8.

### The Bookworm Society

Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ML, Lower Level Program Room A beginner's book discussion for early readers. Practice critical thinking skills with beautiful books. Grades K to 2. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.



**Rookie Readers** Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 4 to 5 p.m. at HB Read aloud and book discussion, followed by a craft/activity. Snacks. Ages 5 to 7.

### **Picture Us Reading Book Club** Thursdays at 4 p.m.

Read aloud and discuss. Ages 7 and up.



Jan. 9: I Have a Dream by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Kadir Nelson and I Have a Dream speech discussion and craft. Jan. 23: Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor

### Fact or Fiction: Finding Bigfoot, Searching for Sea Monsters & Other **Mythical Beasts**

Thursday, Jan. 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. ML, Lower Level Program Room

Learn about cryptozoology and unravel the mystery of the world's most mysterious creatures. Grades 4 to 7. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

### **Chess Club for Kids**

Saturdays, Jan. 11 & 18 from 10:15 a.m. to noon

ML, Third Floor Auditorium



iust two classes. Register for one or both sessions. Grades 2 to 5. Preference

Learn the moves in

given to Stamford residents. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

### **The Little Studio**

Saturday, Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon ML, Lower Level Program Room Create winter scenes inspired by Robert Frost's beloved poem, Stopping

by Woods on a Snowy Evening Grades K to 2. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

### **Book Bunch Club**

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Monday, Jan. 27 from 4 to 5:15 p.m.

ML, Third Floor Board Room OALD Read *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl, then join us for **C**FINGER a fun discussion and activ-1.1 ity. Refreshments. Grades 2 to 3. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.



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### **Kids' Book Discussion**

Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 7 to 7:50 p.m. ML, Lower Level Program Room

All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor. Perry T. Cook is being raised in a minimother. When Perry is forced to live outside for the first time, he where you are loved, even if it is

Grades 4 to 6. RR. Register online at ferguson library.org/event/, then drop in and pick up a copy of the book.





# Children's Storytimes

- ML Main Library, DiMattia Building
- ΗB Harry Bennett Branch
- SE South End Branch

WMH Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

Registration Required RR Register at the Main Library in person or call 203 351-8242.

Winter storytime registration begins January 6 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library, DiMattia Building. In-person only on the first day. Phone registration begins January 7 at 10 a.m. Call 203 351-8242 for information. Registration limited to one program per child/per session. Winter storytimes at the Harry Bennett Branch, Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch and South End Branch are drop-in. No registration required.

### No storytime programs are held when Stamford schools are closed or delayed.

### **Baby Time**

Traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. Pre-walking babies with an adult.

*ML* – *Fridays at 10:15 a.m.* Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 and Saturday, Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m. HB – Fridays at 11:15 a.m. Jan. 17. 24 & 31 WMH – Mondays at 11:15 a.m. Jan. 13 & 27 and Saturdays, Jan. 11 & 25 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Budding Bookworms**

Books, songs and movement at this participatory storytime. Ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult. SE - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28

### **Every Child Ready to Read**

Before children can learn how to read, they must develop a range of skills. In this researchbased early literacy initiative, kids and parents will have fun practicing the five skills necessary to become readers. Supported by The Ferguson Library Foundation's Harvey Fund. Ages 3 to 5 with an adult. **RR**. ML – Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Jan. 16, 23 & 30

**Family Storytime** The whole family can drop in for this weekend storytime. Families with children ages 5 and under. WMH – Saturdays at noon

Jan. 11 & 25

**Mother Goose** with an adult. RR. ML – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

**Pajama Storytime** 

Jan. 14, 21 & 28

HB – Mondays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 13 & 27

### Sing & Stomp

A song and dance party! Walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult. ML – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 HB – Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Jan. 15, 22 & 29

### **Step Ahead**

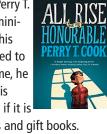
A preschool program with stories, music and movement using puppets, flannel boards and videos. Ages 3 to 5. ML – Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29

### **Toddler Time**

A participatory storytime for a wider age-range of toddlers that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. Walking babies up to age 3 with an adult. WMH – Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28 HB – Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Jan. 13 & 27

### **Two's Company**

A special toddler program that features picture books, rhymes, fingerplays, music and movement. Two-year-olds with an adult. RR. ML – Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Jan. 13 & 27



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# Focus on Ferguson YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR & PROGRAMS THE NEWSLETTER OF STAMFORD'S PUBLIC LIBRARY • JANUARY 2020

Rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement for walking babies. For independently walking babies under two years

Join us for some of our favorite stories, songs and activities the whole family can enjoy. For families with children ages 5 and under.

# **Teen Programs**

### Plav & Watch: Jumanii Saturday, Jan. 4 from 12 to 2 p.m. ML, Third Floor Auditorium

Learn how to play Jumanji while watching the classic fantasy adventure film about kids who get stuck inside a game. Starring Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst, Bradlev Pierce, Bebe Neuwirth. Directed by Joe Johnston. 1995. USA. Rated PG. 104 minutes. Grades 6 and up.

### T-MAD

### Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ML. Third Floor Auditorium

Library's teen advisory program. Perky Pairing: Coffee and Fine Chocolate. Learn about the history of coffee, its benefits, and then sample coffee and chocolate combinations. Grades 6 to 12. Call 203 351-8245.

### In-Between Book Discussion Thursday, Jan. 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. ML, Lower Level Program Room

The Witch Boy by Molly Knox Ostertag. In Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. But when a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help – as a witch. It will take the encouragement of a new friend, the non-magical Charlie, to convince Aster to try practicing his skills. Grades 5 to 9. RR. Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

### **Teen Book Discussion** Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 7 to 8 p.m. ML. Lower Level Program Room

*Posted* by John David Anderson. When cell phones are banned at Branton Middle School, students post sticky-notes on each other's lockers, with surprising results. For teens in grades 6 to 12. **RR.** Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

### **Teen Wednesday**

Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. at HB Play PS4, board games and arts & crafts. Snacks provided. Grades 6 to 12.

### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Library will be closed Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day. On Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch will be open 10 – 6. The South End Branch will be open 10 – 5:30 and the Weed Branch will be open 11 – 4.

# The Ferguson Library Youth Services JANUARY 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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•	Winter Storytime registration begins, in person only, 10 and			<b>Stomp,</b> walking toddlers up to the an adult. 10:15 am <b>ML</b>	<b>Picture Us Reading Book Club,</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. book and Martin		Baby Time, pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am ML	Chess Club for Kids, grades 2 to 5, 10:15 am ML, RR
	Sing-A-Long with Dr. Ev, ages 5		age Step Ah	<b>1ead</b> , ages 3 to 5, 11:15 am <b>ML</b>	Luther King, Jr.'s T Have a Dream speech, ages 7 and up, 4 pm <b>SE</b>		<b>Baby Time,</b> pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:30 am <b>WMH</b>	
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5	<b>Pajama Storytime,</b> ages 5 and with their family, 6:30 pm <b>HB</b>	under Bookworm Society, grades K to 2 4:30 pm ML, RR		Perky Pairing: Coffee and Fine e, grades 6 to 12, 4 pm <b>ML</b>		9	10	1.
0000	<b>Toddler Time,</b> walking babies up age 3 with an adult, 10:15 am, <b>HB</b>	Mother Goose, for independently walking babies under two years with		<b>Sing &amp; Stomp,</b> walking toddlers up to age 3 with an adult. 10:15 am <b>ML</b> , <b>HB</b>		ild Ready to Read, ages 3 to adult, 10:15 am ML, RR	<b>Baby Time,</b> pre-walking babies with an adult, 10:15 am <b>ML</b>	Chess Club for Kids, grades 2 to 5, 10:15 am ML, RR
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