Friends of The Ferguson Library

Book News

The Friends Book Shop has opened a new online store, stamfordfriendsbookshop.org. So you can always check Book Shop inventory for a specific title (fiction only for now). When you enter a search for a book, you will get an email back letting you know whether the Shop has the item, and where you can pick it up.

We hope to be able to offer actual online purchasing soon.

Literary Competition

Winners of the 36th Annual Literary Competition will be notified in mid-April. An in-person awards ceremony is unlikely this year, but winners will

The Passport Office is Open

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New titles for kids and teens

No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History

(edited by Lindsey H. McConnell, Kaela V. Dawson and Jeannette Bradley)

Staff Recommends: New titles for kids and teens

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The Ferguson Library's Major Fundraiser is April 15 at 7 p.m.

Registration is open for a Novel Affair! The event is The Ferguson Library’s major fundraiser, and this year we are honoring Tom Cassone for his service to the Library and the Stamford community. A Novel Affair is virtual this year and is free and open to all, but we welcome donations! We’re offering a special cocktail kit to enjoy with the show for donations of $100 and up (while supplies last). Register at https://bidmobility.net/Affairreservations/

Missed one of our programs? Not to worry - catch up when you have a chance. We are recording most of our virtual programs. You can find them on our YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe.

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If you would like to join us as a sponsor, please contact Linda Avellar at 203-351-8209. Linda@fergusonlibrary.org

Focus on Ferguson

From the President’s Desk

I’m very excited that our digital magazines have moved to a new platform. It’s a true upgrade in the reading experience, and for users of Libby/Overdrive a smooth transition. I spent the weekend reading Newsweek, The Smithsonian, as well as a host of food magazines.

In addition to our Overdrive collection, one of my new Ferguson Library favorites is PressReader. You can find the dailies from throughout the country as well as numerous popular magazines, PressReader has more than 6,000

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South End Branch Undergoing Renovation

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Thank you for supporting the Library on Giving Day

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the Library on Fairfield County’s Giving Day. The event is a 24-hour fundraiser for Fairfield County nonprofits, and with your help we raised $9,100 for the Library, money that will help us buy books and offer programs for children and adults. We are grateful for your donations.

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ZOOM Book Discussions

Book discussions are presented live on Zoom. Registration is not required. Zoom meeting details for each discussion are on our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Book discussions are open to all, whether or not you have participated in that discussion group before.

Community Mindfulness Project Meditation Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at noon via Zoom A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, then a chance to share and reflect. Appropriate for people who are new to meditation and those who have long-standing practices. Please log on at least 5 minutes early at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84840527453 to join the Zoom meeting.

Facing Racism in Stamford Dialogue Series Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Registration is closed. A series of dialogues uniting Stamford residents, where we will learn about each other and look at our community through the lens of racial equity. With support and in partnership with The Ferguson Library, SSAR (Stamford Stands Against Racism) and Everyday Democracy.

Death Cafe Stamford Thursdays, March 11, 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom Discuss death in a group-directed discussion. The objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives. With Sahara Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. For Zoom meeting details, visit fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Note: Death Cafe is a discussion group, not grief support or counseling.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Stamford One Million Cups Wednesday, March 3 at 9 a.m. via Zoom Spotlighting Women’s History Month. Two female founders break barriers and deliver truly unique products and services. Presenters: Kanan Ajmera – Founder and CEO of Builders Patch and Ann Murray – CEO of Schedulee.

Ladies – Maintain Your Financial Health! Wednesday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom Women are enjoying more personal and financial power than ever, but they are also living longer, and funding that longevity has truly become a women’s issue. With Arslidaa Riehl, CIMA, CRPC, CPA, Vice President, Wealth Management Advisor. RR. Great Ladies of Song! Thursday, March 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom From Ella Fitzgerald to Carole King to Norah Jones, this presentation highlights the stories and songs of these amazing women. Experience an educational journey through the cultural and historical milestones of these artists, as told by professional performing artist Ashley Pettet, (also featuring her son Todd Pettet on bass). RR.

Business & Career

TechXl Stamford Venture Expert Talks Thursdays from 5 to 6:15 p.m. via Zoom RR for each session.

March 4 – Software Development Excellence Matt Kriegier, VP, Technology Colber, Inc.

March 11 – Term Sheets Frank Eucalitto, Robinson+Cole (This session is a pre-requisite to March 18 session on Valuation and Capital Tables)

March 18 – Valuation and Capital Tables Charlotte Walker, Investor (Knowledge of Term Sheets nes- sary; prerequisite: March 11 seminar)

March 25 – Financial Modeling Ted Stone, Tech CXO

Technology

All computer classes will be presented on YouTube. Subscribe to our YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/thergusonlibrary. Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

March 4

Microsoft PowerPoint

March 11

Microsoft Office Integrated

March 18

Microsoft Office

March 25

Microsoft PowerPoint

Ladies – Maintain Your Financial Health!

Webinars Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

TEDx Ferguson Library

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SAVE THE DATE

An Evening with Melissa Bernstein, Author of Lifelines: An Inspirational Journey from Profound Darkness to Radiant Light Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Melissa Bernstein, along with her husband Doug, is the co-founder of the toy company Melissa & Doug. Throughout her remarkable career, Melissa kept secret her lifelong battle with severe depression and anxiety. She reveals her struggles in Lifelines, her first book, which she wrote to help others. RR.

SAVE THE DATE

The Friends of The Ferguson Library in Partnership with Darien Library Present An Evening with Chris Bohjalian Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. via Zoom

Join us for an evening with Chris Bohjalian, author of Hour of the Witch, in conversation with Cristina Alger. Registration opening in March.

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Masks are required for everyone ages 2 and up in our buildings. To read our Reopening Guidelines, visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/reopening-guidelines/.

We are quarantining books for 3 days. When you return items, they will still be on your record for that period, but we will check them in using the date they were returned. We are not charging late fees at this time.

How to Contact Us

Phone Service
Need help? Call us during our hours of operation.
Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261
Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk: 203 351-8231
Youth Services: 203 351-8242
Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287
South End Branch: 203 351-8283
Virtual Chat
Chat online with a librarian Monday 9 – 7; Tuesday & Wednesday 9 – 6; Thursday & Wednesday 9 – 9; Friday 9 – 5; Saturday 9:30 – 5; Sunday 1 – 5 at https://fergusonlibrary.org/virtual-chat/.

Passport Office is Open

Our Passport Office is open by appointment and on a walk-in basis. Appointments take precedence, so we suggest making an appointment if you can. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8261. Main Library Passport Office hours: Monday – Wednesday 11 – 5; Thursday 11 – 8; Friday 11 – 5; Saturday 9:30 – 5; Sunday 1 – 5 at https://fergusonlibrary.org/virtual-chat/.

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The Bookmobile will be in the parking lot Mondays 12 – 4
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10 – 4

digital libraries, Wi-Fi service for students in need, and more. Check out these as well:
The Library’s YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary
Instagram @ferglibrary, @ferglibraryyouth, @harrybennettbranchys and @southendbranch_lib.
Facebook and Facebook Live https://facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary.

Please check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/ for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at http://fergusonlibrary.org/news/#toggle-id-1.

Stamford students can use their school ID to access our many digital materials, even if they don’t have a Ferguson Library card. For access, enter 2111800+student ID number (no spaces). If you encounter any issues accessing our e-materials or databases, fill out the form at https://fergusonlibrary.org/linkedin-libraries-contact-us-form.

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Children’s Programs

Sing & Stomp

Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom
A song and dance party. For 18 months to
3½ years with adult. Registration for April
Sing & Stomp classes opens March 19 at 11 a.m. RR.

Budding Bookworms

via South End Branch Instagram

Tuesday, March 16 from 7 to
7:30 p.m. via Zoom
We’re Not from Here by Geoff Rodkey.
Earth is destroyed and Planet Choom has
invited humans to live on their planet. After
traveling for 20 years to reach Choom, humans
are no longer welcome. One family
is chosen to represent the human race. Can
they convince the species of Choom that
humans are peaceful so they can stay?
Grades 4 to 6. RR.

Teen Programs

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Based on this year’s Summer Reading Club theme: TAILS AND TALES.
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cate to Michael’s Arts and Crafts, and
will have his or her name and artwork on
all of our summer reading materials. Entries should be easily repro-
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Entries due March 15
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T-MAD
Friday, March 5 from 4 to
5 p.m. via Zoom
Meet with other teens to talk about books
and learn what’s going on at the Library.
Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Creative Writing Club

Wednesdays, March 10, 24
from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom
Bring your imagination, paper, and some-
thing to write with. We’ll work on different
writing prompts, then share our work.
Grades 5 to 9. RR.

Riddles for Teens

Friday, March 19 from 4 to
5 p.m. via Zoom
What has many keys but can’t even open
a single door? Attempt to answer a riddle
like this and try to stump other teens with
a riddle or two of your own. Grades 6 to
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