The Ferguson in the Community

Apply for a passport at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center. The Library's Passport Office will be on site at the Nature Center on Sundays, through November 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check our passport page for information on what to bring with you.

The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present by David Treuer

Our History is the Future: Standing Rock versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance by Nick Estes

This Land is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving by David J. Silverman

The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement in America by Andrés Reséndez

When the Light of the World was Subduéd, Our Songs Came Through: A Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry edited by Joy Harjo

Tadwe: Progressive Indigenous Cuisine by Shana M. Chartrand with Jennifer Cockrall-King

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From the President’s Desk

With COVID-19 cases ticking up statewide and locally, we all need to stay safe. Please know The Ferguson Library is here for you. If you are shy about coming into the building, curbside pickup is still available at all branches. When your reserved materials are ready, you can choose this option if you prefer. We also have a large assortment of online resources and digital media, including streaming movies, e-books and audio books. (https://fergusonlibrary.org/digital-resources) in several different languages.

If you are a Stamford Public School student, you can request materials through our Linked Libraries program and we’ll make sure the items are delivered to your school.

For all and ages, if you need help, you can chat with a librarian seven days a week. We also have a variety of virtual programs, everything from book discussions to CrimeOH! (a true treat for a mystery lovers). Missed one of our programs or are looking for interesting content? Please visit The Ferguson Library’s YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary.

Support The Ferguson Library’s Annual Appeal

Your support of our end-of-year appeal helps us buy books in print and digital formats and offer important services like English language learning, technology training and job skills workshops. Now, more than ever, our community depends on the free services the Library provides.

Donate securely online at fergusonlibrary.org or look for a donation envelope in the mail. Thank you for supporting your public library!

Optelec Reader at HB

The Harry Bennett Branch now has an Optelec ClearReader thanks to a generous donation. The equipment magnifies text or converts it to speech for people with visual disabilities. Just put your printed newspaper, book or document underneath the camera, push the “scan” button and the ClearReader starts reading. You can choose a male or female voice. If you need help, our staff is happy to assist.

Teens Raise Money for Children’s Services at the Library

Stamford Teen Outreach Partners (S.T.O.P.), a group of Stamford high school students who offer free tutoring/mentoring to elementary school kids, has raised $1,400 to support the Library’s youth services. Their goal is $2,000 by the end of November.

Visit their GoFundMe page if you’d like to help at: https://www.gofundme.com/f/Stamfordteenoutreachpartnersfergusonfundraiser. A big thank you to this great group of dedicated kids!

Support the Library with a monthly gift. Donate at fergusonlibrary.org.
ZOOM Book Discussions
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, even if you have not participated in that discussion group before.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch Monday, Nov. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
Spanish Book Club Saturday, Nov. 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. Una casa llena de gente by Matiana Sánchez
Harry Bennett Branch Monday, Nov. 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. Transgender: documenting a personal and political awakening
South End Branch Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. From Scratch by Tembi Locke
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-audios, and streaming movies. To make an appointment, visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/

Business & Career TechXel Stamford
Venture Expert Talks Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom
No Registration required for each session.

Nov. 5 – Term Sheets Frank Eucalitto, Robinson+Cole

Nov. 19 – Financial Modeling Ted Stone, Tech XO

Technology
Live-streaming classes will remain in January but if you can catch up on our technology classes by visiting our YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/therergusonlibrary. There are lots of classes available, including Microsoft Word, Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, an Intro to Web Building: HTML & CSS, and more.

Virtual Haitian Book & Arts Festival Saturday, Nov. 7 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook
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Save the Date Lawyers in Libraries: Looking for Legal Advice? Thursday, December 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

M, Second Floor Study Room – Masks and Appointments Required
Looking for legal advice? If your case involves personal injury, landlord/tenant, immigration law, family law, employment, consumer rights, or other areas of law, you can meet with a volunteer attorney for 20 minutes regarding your case. To book an appointment, call 203 351-8221. Please bring any materials you may have with information about your case.

English Language Learners
Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners Fall Session via Zoom Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events/
Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10 & 17
New students: 11 a.m.
Basic: 12:30
Intermediate: 1:30
Advanced: 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 4 & 18
Virtual vocabulary games: 2:30 p.m.
Beginner: 4 p.m.
High intermediate: 5:30 p.m.
Side-by-Side (Part 4) Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon via Zoom
Nov. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30
English course for beginners. Learn language and life skills through reading, speaking, understanding and writing activities. The course is based on the Side by Side language program and book series by Molinsky and Bliss.

Russian–English Language Exchange Group
Sundays, Nov. 1 & 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Language practice for Russian and English speakers and learners at 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. If additional information is needed, call 203 351-8221 or email yelenag@fergo- suslibrary.org. Co-sponsored by Duolingo.

Remote Book-A-Librarian: CrimeCONN Express: You Have Questions; We Have Answers Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12 & 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom Webinar Based on the popular Mystery Writers of America/ Friends of The Ferguson Library CrimeCONN series, Presented by the Friends of The Ferguson Library and Mystery Writers of America/NY Chapter. Each live-streamed event is free, but registration is required for each session. RR. Register at https://fergusonlibrary.org/crimeconn-express.

Nov. 5: How Do I Get It Write? The writing craft during quarantine and isolation.
Moderator: Jill Fletcher; Panelists: Alexia Gordon, Reed Coleman, Richie Navarrez.

Nov. 12: How To Connect In A Time of Disconnection? Clever communicators turn the virtual into reality.
Co-Moderators: Charles Saberg, John Valera; Panelists: Lauren Bright Pacheco, Barbara Peters.

Nov. 19: How & Why Do You Do It? Walter Mosley and S.A. Cosby have a conversation about how they’ve turned their passion for writing into successful careers.
MC: Chris Knopf; Panelists: Walter Mosley, S.A. Cosby

Community Mindfulness Project Meditation Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24 at noon via Zoom A brief discussion about the meditation practice, a guided meditation, and 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.

Speaking Screen Virtual Film Screening and Panel Discussion Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Speaking Screen features diverse representations of grief throughout diverse communities, and the profound and enduring pain that comes with them. The documentary is part of a multi-platform project aimed at elevating a national conversation around grief by creating the space for the journey to recovery. A panel discussion will follow the screening. "Giveaway of the book, Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss or Sopa de Lagrimas: Una Receta Para Sanar Después de una Perdida, for everyone who participates. RR.
Co-sponsored by Ray卦y Pes Guy and GALE (Grief and Loss Education) to mark Nov. 13 as "Children’s Grief Awareness Month.”

Death Cafe Stamford Thursday, Nov. 12 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 Farguno, 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.

Mindful Listening & Speaking Workshop Sunday, Nov. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. via Zoom Learn tools for open communication on any topic. Mindful Listening & Speaking empowers us to speak openly with and hear each other even when we don’t agree. Please plan on staying for the entire Zoom workshop with videos on RR. Co-sponsored by Community Mindfulness Project.

Off the Rails: Connecticut’s Transporta- tion Future Post-COVID Thursday, Nov. 17 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom Webinar Long-time commuter advocate and newspaper commentator Jim Cameron offers the history of Connecticut transportation and Q&A on Connecticut’s transportation crisis, including the issues of whether riders will ever return to commuter rail and who will pay to keep the trains running. RR.

Meeting the Author An Evening with Jerry Zimra, Author of Every Day is Saturdays: Sleeping Late, Playing with Grandchildren, Surviving the Quarantine, and Other Joys of Retirement Monday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. via Zoom Webinar Finding happiness in retirement, Everyday is Saturday is a funny look at life after work and a cheerful guide to making it through a lock down. Jerry Zimra will be hanging out in our ‘After Dark’ column for Hearst Connecticut Media Group, which includes his hometown paper, the Stamford Advocate. RR.

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Conversations with Our EIR Mondays, Nov. 2 & 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Supporting Our Local Entrepreneurs. The goals of these sessions are to launch and support small businesses, strengthen the local entrepreneurial community, share insights, practice pitches and learn from experienced presenters, our Entrepreneurs-in- Residence, Doug Campbell and Steven Szyma, RR. Sponsored by CT Next.

Introduction to Fundraising Planning Monday, Nov. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Session via Zoom Fundraising as a tool for building your business and growing your non-profit. Work through the planning process, and the budgeting for fundraising. A chance to have a mini-counseling session on Valuation and Capital Tables.

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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.

Main Library
Monday – Wednesday 11 – 6
Thursday 11 – 8
Friday and Saturday 11 – 5
Sunday 1 – 5

Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 12 – 5
Wednesday 12 – 7
Saturday 1 – 5

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Monday and Thursday 10 – 3
Tuesday 12 – 7
Saturday 12 – 5

South End Branch
Monday – Thursday 10 – 5:30
Saturday 10 – 2

How to Contact Us

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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 9 – 8; Friday 9 – 5; Saturday 9:30 – 5; Sunday 1 – 5 at https://fergusonlibrary.org/virtual-chat/.

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.

The Youth Services Digital Library

Check out https://fergusonlibrary.org/remote-resources-for-youth/ for information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources, Wi-Fi service for students in need, and more.

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HOLIDAY HOURS
The Library will observe holiday hours Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11. The Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch will close at 6 p.m. The South End Branch and Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch will be closed. The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and all library facilities will be closed Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving. We will be open regular hours Friday, November 27 and the rest of the holiday weekend.

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Second Saturday Storytimes

Second Saturday Storytimes Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

The whole family is invited to enjoy this Saturday morning storytime. For families with children 5 and under. RR.

Kids’ Book Discussion

Kids’ Book Discussion Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 7 to 7:50 p.m. via Zoom

Restart by Gordon Korman. Chase can’t remember anything! ANYTHING! Not his name, not his mother, not his friends. When he goes back to school, some people treat him like a king and some run the other way. Who was Chase before the accident? Is this a chance to restart his life and be a better person? Grades 4 to 6. RR.

Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity

Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Read Bad Kitty for President by Nick Bruel and then join us via Zoom to discuss and do a fun activity. Grades 2 to 3. RR.

Book Duos: Read-Alikes for Young Readers

Book Duos: Read-Alikes for Young Readers Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Have you ever read a book and wondered if there was another one “just like it”? Whether you like fiction or non-fiction, mystery or fantasy, realistic stories or graphic novels, we’ll offer many possibilities for future reading. Ages 8 – 12. RR.

Teen Programs

T-MAD

T-MAD Friday, Nov. 6 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Meet with other teens to talk/hear about books and learn what’s going on at the Library. Help create a mystery story playing The Fog Knows Your Name, from the website, Choice of Games. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Bring Your Own Book Discussion: Mysteries

Bring Your Own Book Discussion: Mysteries Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom

Do you love a good heist or whodunnit? Join us as we talk about mystery novels and share our favorites! Come prepared to share a couple mystery books that you love. Grades 6 to 9. RR.

Kazoo That Tune

Kazoo That Tune Monday, Nov. 16 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Pick up a free kazoo at the Main Library, take it home and learn to play a popular tune, then challenge other teens via Zoom to guess your song! Grades 6 to 12. RR.

LGBTQIA: What Does It All Mean for You and Your Teen?

LGBTQIA: What Does It All Mean for You and Your Teen? A Lighthouse Queer & Questioning Forum Monday, Nov. 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

Featured presenter, Micaela Scully, LCSW, will walk us through the often confusing terminology of what it means to identify on the LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual or ally) spectrum. Scully works at Silver Hill Hospital and has a private psychotherapy practice. For adults and teens. No registration required. Zoom meeting details are on our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Co-sponsored by Lighthouse, a program of Kids In Crisis.

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