High School Students Fundraise for The Ferguson

Stamford Teen Outreach Partners (T.O.P.), a group of Stamford high school students who offer free tutoring and mentoring to elementary school kids, has started a fundraiser to support the Library’s youth services. Visit their GoFundMe page if you’d like to help!

Borrow a Laptop from the Library

You can now borrow a Chromebook laptop from any library location. At the Main Library, the circulating Chromebooks will also include a Wi-Fi Hot Spot. You can keep the equipment for 21 days with one renewal. They are available for reserve. Please ask at any of our branches or call 203 351-8281 for information.

New Online Catalog

Searching for materials is now easier than ever and all your account information will still be there. Let us know what you think of the new system. You can access the Library’s catalog at fergusonlibrary.org.

From the President’s Desk

Please join me for a very special program to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the South End Branch on October 3 at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom. We’re going to treat you to a visual history of the branch, messages from community leaders and a special talk from Newbery Medal author Jerry Craft (details below).

Fifty years ago, there was much excitement when Mayor Julius Wilesky announced the formation of a new community center in the South End that would include a collection of books from The Ferguson Library. A federal grant of $28,896 underwrote a starter collection of books, and in its early years, an outreach librarian tended to the collection and offered programs. The branch grew and expanded over the years to become the gem it is today.

The South End Branch provides a full range of services from homework help to book discussions to popular jazz and poetry nights. From the beginning, this branch has provided services to the local community and we are happy to announce that the South End Branch will be growing again soon with additional space in the building.

Alice Knapp, President

Civility in U.S. Diplomacy

Our Civility in America series resumes October 8 with Robert B. Zoellick, who will speak on U.S. diplomacy and foreign policy. Mr. Zoellick’s governance experience spans six U.S. presidencies. He has served as Deputy Secretary of State; U.S. Trade Representative; Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House; and President of the World Bank. He is the author of America in the World: A History of U.S. Diplomacy and Foreign Policy. The program will be presented via Zoom on October 8 at 5 p.m. Register at fergusonlibrary.org.

The Civility in America series is sponsored by The Dilschneider Group, Hearst Media Group in Connecticut and The Ferguson Library.

Library Welcomes New Trustees

The Ferguson Library Board of Trustees has elected Anderson R. Livingston as its new chair for 2020 – 2021. He succeeds outgoing chair Dudley R. Williams, Jr. Mr. Livingston has been a member of the Library’s Board of Trustees since 2016 and most recently served as Vice-Chair. Anderson is Managing Partner at the private equity firm, Armondale Ventures. He also held several leadership positions at American Express. Besides his involvement with the Library, he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Stamford Family YMCA.

Stephanie O’Shea will serve as the board’s vice-chair; Sopong Kim has been elected treasurer and Robert J. Granata continues as secretary. Tom Cassone, whose term has expired, leaves the board; Ellen Bromley and Susana Vidan join the board.

Focus on Ferguson

The Ferguson Library

Passport Office Reopens at Harry Bennett Branch

The Passport Office is now open at the Harry Bennett Branch as well as the Main Library. You can make an appointment by calling 203 351-8298 or visit us on a walk-in basis. Appointments will take precedence.

The Library is offering South End 50th anniversary commemorative library cards through the end of the year. If you’d like one, just come in and ask!

Support the Library with a monthly gift. Donate at fergusonlibrary.org.

Digital Library

Learning Express Library

This database provides interactive tutorials, practice tests, e-books, flashcards and articles for academic skill-building, standardized test preparation, career development and more. Resources include the Job & Career Accelerator and Computer Skills Center, with video courses to learn popular software and computer basics. You can access Learning Express Library through our A to Z Database page off the Research section of our website. All you need is your Ferguson Library card.
Classroom

All classroom programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library. Registration is not required. Zoom meeting details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the Zoom meeting.

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, whether or not you have participated in that discussion group/guest. Zoom details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the Zoom meeting.

Death Cafe Stamford

Thursday, Oct. 15 & 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom

Group-directed discussion to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their time and, perhaps, reduce their fear of death.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Virtual Workshop Series

Presented in Partnership with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC)

Mondays & Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom

Parenting During the Pandemic Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Join Jessa Wett, PsyD, the CEO & Clinical Director of the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), and Dr. spécialisé in Complex and Community Partnerships at the CUZ for information on how to help your child adjust to our “new” normal amidst Covid-19. Learn how to help your child deal with trauma and anxiety and recognize when she needs professional help. Register online at https://www.webinarregister.org/https://bit.ly/2QzPZtF

Exploring Whitness in a Racialized Society

Wednesday, Oct. 7 & 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom

Explain what makes a romantic relationship healthy, unhealthy, or abusive. Learn how to spot unhealthy behaviors, or red flags, early in a relationship, as well as how to better understand domestic violence.

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Oct. 27: Understanding the Stages of Domestic Violence

Virtual Horror Movie Discussion

Monday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

We’ll look at some of the most un-explainable, notoriously good fun. Details and registration coming.

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ALL LIBRARY FACILITIES ARE OPEN.

All library facilities are open. Masks required to enter a library building. 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.

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, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12 – 5
- Thursday 12 – 7
- Saturday 10 – 2

New hours at South End Branch beginning October 5
- Monday – Thursday 10 – 5:30
- Saturday 10 – 2

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 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.

Follow us on social media:
The Library’s YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary
Instagram @ferglibrary, @ferglibraryyouth, @harrybennettbranchys and @southendbranch_lib.

Facebook https://facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary/

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/linked-libraries-contact-us-form/.

Curbside Pickup by Appointment Only

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**Virtual 50th Anniversary Celebration of the South End Branch**

Saturday, October 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A virtual celebration for the whole family, featuring keynote speaker, Jerry Craft, the *New York Times* bestselling author of the graphic novel, *New Kid*, winner of the Newbery Medal, the Coretta Scott King Author Award and the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers’ Literature. *New Kid* book giveaways, limited edition 50th Anniversary library cards, a visual retrospective of the South End Branch and more.

**Parenting During the Pandemic**

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**Fact or Fiction: Human Superpowers**

**Thursday, Oct. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom**

Did you know that humans have incredible powers? We’ll look at some of the most amazing, un-explainable skills that everyday people possess: a woman with x-ray vision, Battery Man, telekinesis, levitation, human magnetism, the human calculator, and more! Grades 4 – 7. **RR.**

**Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity**

**Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. via Zoom**

Read *Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve* by Mary Pope Osborne and then join us for a discussion and fun activity. Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**

**Tea After-Dinner Trivia**

**Monday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom**

See how well you can answer trivia questions about books, literature, and other topics. CHEATING ALLOWED! (You may get help from family members or electronic devices.) Grades 6 – 12. **RR.**

**Creative Writing Club**

**Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom**

Bring your imagination, paper, and something to write with, and join us for a discussion and fun activity. Grades 6 – 7. **RR.**

**Teen Programs**

**T-MAD**

**Friday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. via Zoom**

Is T-MAD for you? Talk with teen librarian Steve Zampino and students in grades 6 to 12 about whether you’d like to continue T-MAD and how you’d like to get involved. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

**Bring Your Own Book Club via Zoom**

**Thursday, Oct. 8 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom**


**Family Program: Concert Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. on YouTube**

Classical guitar recital of traditional Argentine tango/folklore and original works by Carlos Pavan.

**Virtual Halloween Decorating Demonstration with Dr. Ev**

**Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 4 to 5 p.m. via Zoom**

Learn how to make Halloween decorations with translucent plastic containers like milk jugs. All ages. Registration is not required. Zoom details available on our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

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**Children’s Programs**

**Crafternoons @ Home**

**Thursday, Oct. 1 & 15 at 4 p.m. via Zoom**

Join the Ferguson Librarians on Zoom for an afternoon of stories and art creation. Note: Bags containing art supplies will be available for pickup at the Library approximately two weeks before the start of each class. Grades K to 5. **RR.**

**Sing & Stomp**

**Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom**

A song and dance party! For 18 months to 3½ years with adult. **RR.**

**Budding Bookworms via South End Branch Instagram**

**Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.**

Storytime for ages 18 months to 3½ years with adult. New content every week. Watch on the South End Instagram at the scheduled time.

**Second Saturday Storytimes**

**Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom**

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

**Kids’ Book Discussion**

**Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 7 to 7:50 p.m. via Zoom**

*The Peculiar Incident* on Shady Street by Lindsay Currie. Unexplained things start happening when Tessa and her family move into a new house. With the help of her new friends, Tessa starts to unravel the mystery of what happened in the house on Shady Street. Grades 4 to 6. **RR.**

**Craft, the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers’ Literature. **

**Readers’ Literature.**

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**Learn about the fantasy genre, and talk about some of your favorite fantasy book titles.**

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