Friends of The Ferguson Library

Friends Book Shop Accepting Donations
The Book Shop is now accepting donations at both the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. At the Main Library if you have more than one bag or box of books, please drop them at the loading dock behind the Library (off Spring Street) Monday and Friday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. You may drop one bag or box at the Harry Bennett Branch during Book Shop hours, (see below). For questions, please contact 203-351-8278 or bookstores@fergusonlibrary.org.

The Book Shop will be participating in Arts & Crafts on Bedford Street for the fun of it on Saturday, September 12. Great books at great prices.

Took On Silicon Valley’s Male Culture and Built a Company that Changed the World One Smart Innovation at a Time

VisuLeadership: Levering the Power of Visual Thinking in Leadership and in Life

by Todd Cherishes

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Alpha Girl: The Women Upstarts Who Took On Silicon Valley’s Male Culture and Made the Deal of a Lifetime by Julian Guthrie

It’s About Damn Time: How to Turn Being Underinvested Into Your Greatest Advantage by Ariian Hamilton

Think Outside the Building: How Advanced Leaders Can Change the World One Smart Innovation at a Time by Rosabeth Moss Kanter

Leading with Gratitude: Eight Leadership Practices for Extraordinary Business Results by Adrian Gostick and Chester Elton

Wait, I’m the Boss?: The Essential Guide for New Managers to Succeed from Day One by Peter Economy

From the President’s Desk

September marks the beginning of a new school year, and while there are many differences this year because of COVID-19, it still feels like a fresh start. Whether you are returning to physical school or continuing with distance learning, The Ferguson Library has a host of resources for you. As was true in the spring, any Stamford Public School student can access the library’s online resources by typing 21118800 plus his/her student ID number. You can find numerous resources through the Youth Digital Library off the library’s homepage. Of note, is live homework help from Tutor.com that is available every day from 3 to 7 p.m. Tutor.com also offers online tutorials and study guides. Teachers can get special teacher cards that allow for extended loan time for materials. In addition, our librarians can curate a collection for your classroom based on reading level and subject. And we still provide our Learning Kits to Go on a variety of themes and concepts. Both students and teachers can place reserves on physical materials that we will deliver to your school via our Linked Libraries program.

The Ferguson Library is here to help you succeed in this unusual school year.

Alice Knapp, President

What You Need to Know About Using the Library

Basics

• Everyone in the building is required to wear a mask.

• Library materials are quarantined for 3 days. When you return items, they will still be on your record for that period. Don’t worry, late fees will not apply.

• Fines are waived through the end of September.

• Books are automatically renewed as long as they do not have a hold on them.

• Curbside pickup is available by appointment.

Technology

• Public access computers are available at the Main Library for one hour on a first-come, basic. Youth Services computers for 30 minutes.

• Mobile printing and online faxing are available.

MakeFest: Saturday, September 12

This year, we’re finding creative ways to hold our annual celebration of making and creativity. MakeFest will feature online events and an array of grab & go items at the Main Library. Check the calendar for details or stop by September 12. The Library will be closed Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

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September is Library Card Sign-up Month.

Young readers just need to be able to sign their name.

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Read your Favorite Magazines Online

You can access 7,000 plus newspapers and magazines for free with the Library’s subscription to PressReader. Read The Washington Post, Newsweek, Vogue, The Guardian and many more whenever you want from wherever you are. You can read them right away or download for later. There’s also a translation feature for sixteen languages. Access PressReader through our Research page (A to Z databases) or our Digital Media page.

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NEW HOURS:
Main Library, DiMattia Building
One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904
Monday — Wednesday 11 – 6
Thursday 11 – 8
Friday & Saturday 11 – 5
Sunday 1 – 5
Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road 06905
203 351-8281
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12 – 5
Wednesday 12 – 7
Saturday 1 – 5
South End Branch
34 Woodland Avenue 06902
203 351-8280
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12 – 5
Thursday 12 – 7
Saturday 10 – 2

Bookmobile
Please check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/Calendar.
The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library
Main Library
Monday – Wednesday 12 – 6
Thursday 12 – 9
Saturday 12 – 5
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Bookmobile On the Road

Thanks to generous support from donors Sue and Ed Greenberg, the Bookmobile is visiting neighborhoods and parks, bringing valuable resources to the community. The Ferguson Library is here to help you succeed in this unusual school year.

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Digital Library

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ZOOM Book Discussions

Monday, Sept. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to Saturday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m.

Spanish Book Club: Maisie Dobbs

Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover, and Me by Adrienne Brodeur

Remote Book-A-Librarian

Remote Book-A-Librarian Reserve up to one hour with a librarian for information or technology assistance, including help with your virtual resources like eBooks, eAudiobooks, and movie streaming. To make an appointment, visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/.

Beethoven Demystified: Heroism of the Everydayman

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/events/.

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Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear

Community Mindfulness Project Meditation Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 11 a.m. to noon via Zoom

A brief discussion about the meditation practice, a guided meditation, and then a chance to share and reflect. All sessions are appropriate for people who are completely new to meditation and also those with long-standing practices. Please log on at least 5 minutes early at https://us02 web.zoom.us/j/88440527453 to join the Zoom meeting.

Death Cafe Stamford Thursdays, Sept. 3 & 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom

At a Death Cafe, people gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death in a group-directed discussion. The objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people who most of their (finite) lives. With Sahara Farragio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. For Zoom meeting details, visit fergusonlibrary.org/events/. Note: Death Cafe is a discussion group, not grief support or counseling.

Conversations About Art with Helene Rheingold

An Evening with Carol Kinsey Goman, Ph.D., Author of Stand Out: How to Build Your Leadership Presence Monday, September 14 at 7:45 p.m. via Zoom Webinar

Dr. Goman is an international keynote speaker and author on leadership presence and how body language can help (or hurt) a leader’s effectiveness. RR.

An evening with Aaron Blabey, then join us to discuss and do a fun activity.

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, Sept. 15, 22 & 29
New student 11 a.m. to noon
Basic: 12:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: 1:30 p.m.
Advanced: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 & 30
Virtual vocabulary games: 2:30 p.m.
Beginner: 4 p.m.
Intermediate: High level: 5:30 p.m.

Foundation Information Network: Introduction to Proposal Writing Tuesdays, Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

Learn the basic elements of a foundation proposal, the do’s and don’t of writing and submitting a proposal and how to follow up. This session will also include a 30-minute hands-on exercise to develop a proposal outline. Instructor: Susan Shrimoa. RR.

Wake Up Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom A series of discussions about voting in America this year, including how to register to vote, the basics of the voting process, and how to use our voices as citizens to effect change. For meeting details, visit fergusonlibrary.org/events/.

Budding Bookworms South End Branch Instagram Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week. Watch on the South End Branch: @southendbranch.lib.

Growth with Google Grow with Google Online Workshops with Sxicia Devine, Grow with Google Presenter

RR. Registration required for each workshop.

Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 12 to 1 p.m.

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Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Learn how to manage work and life tasks more effectively using Google tools. Whether you want to build a budget, create a meeting agenda, or check your priorities, these best practices will boost your productivity.

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Business & Career

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- Tuesday 12 – 7
- Saturday 12 – 5

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**Holiday Hours**
The Library will be closed Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

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/.

**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: 203 351-8292
- Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8285
- South End Branch: 203 351-8280

**Virtual Chat**
Chat online with a librarian Monday 9 – 7; Tuesday & Wednesday 9 – 6; Thursday 9 – 8; Friday 9 – 5; Saturday 9:30 – 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 http://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary
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**Curbside Pickup by Appointment Only**
All programs are generously supported by the Friends of The Ferguson Library.
Children's Programs

Sing & Stomp
Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
A song and dance party! For 18 months to 3½ years with adult. RR.

Crafternoons @ Home
Thursdays, Sept. 3 & 17 at 4 p.m.
Join the Ferguson Librarians on Zoom for an afternoon of stories and art creation. Note: These classes do not require special supplies beyond paper and a writing utensil. Grades K to 5. RR.

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String Art
Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m.
Join us as we create two string art projects. Supplies you will need: string (any colors), liquid glue, a round plastic lid, cardboard, pencil, scissors, a balloon, a paintbrush, and a cup or glass. Ages 7 and up. RR.

Teen Programs

Teen Books Discussion: What Have You Been Reading This Summer?
Monday, Sept. 14 from 7 to 8 p.m.
Join Ferguson librarians Steve and Jennifer to talk about what you’ve been reading this summer. They’ll share some of the books they’ve read, too. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Conversation with Connecticut’s Kid Governor
Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. via CTKG Facebook and YouTube
Connecticut’s Kid Governor (CTKG) Myra Stanfield will explain her Standing Up for Animals in Need platform, talk about her accomplishments during her one-year term as Kid Governor, and share how fellow students can help companion animals in need, encourage donations to local shelters, and promote animal adoptions. Watch on CTKG Facebook at facebook.com/CTKidGovernor/ or on YouTube at youtube.com/channel/UCSvp9geHZTerZewP6DssGnw at 11 a.m.

After Dinner Trivia
Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.
Test your trivia knowledge with us! Grades 3 to 7. RR.

Vampire Mystery Hunt
Friday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m.
Can you use the library catalog and follow the clues to find the vampire’s lair? Grades 5 to 9. RR.

Book Bunch Discussion and Activity
Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m.
Read The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey, then join us to discuss and do a fun activity. Grades 2 to 3. RR.

Back-to-School Book Giveaway
Sept. 14 – 19 during Library hours, at all our Library branches
Drop by any of our branches and get a mystery pack containing two free books. Grades Pre-K to 12.

SAVE THE DATE!
Virtual 50th Anniversary Celebration of the South End Branch
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With Stamford Symphony violinist and educator Gabriel Schaff. In partnership with the Stamford Symphony. The Library’s YouTube channel is: http://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary.

THE FERGUSON LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2020

Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Zoom details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the program.

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