We are grateful to Pitney Bowes for generously supporting Sunday hours at the Main Library this summer. Thank you also to the Boehm family, who sponsored two Sundays in memory of former Ferguson Library Board Chair, Dudley Williams, and the Batkin family, who underwrote one Sunday this month.

Sundays are one of our busiest and most important days of the week. If you are interested in helping us provide Sunday service, please contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208/linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

Just finished reading an amazing book and don’t know what to read next? We can help! Our librarians are great at reading recommendations. Just complete a short form on our website and a librarian will send you three suggestions. You can find the form under Borrowing/Find Books & More/Recommendations. Of course, you can always stop by any library location and chat with a librarian in person.

Stamford is celebrating Pride Month in August with a series of events showcasing the local LGBTQ+ community. The Ferguson Library is proud to be a Stamford Pride partner. We welcome you to attend Pride events here at the library, including a Drag Storytime on the Plaza Saturday, August 7 at 11 a.m. and a talk with film critic Michael Koresky on August 9 at 6:30 p.m. He’ll discuss his book, Films of Endearment: A Mother, a Son and the ‘80s Films That Defined Us. Visit our calendar for more information or stamfordctpride.com/events/ for details on all community-wide Pride events.

Many thanks to First County Bank for a generous $10,000 grant to support a new technology lending library. You’ll be able to borrow equipment like a microscope and telescope, as well as crafting and cooking supplies. (Need a baking pan?) For our job seekers and entrepreneurs, we’ll offer video call kits for virtual interviews and meetings. The funds will also allow us to host programs on topics such as robotics, social media for entrepreneurs and tools for successful interviews.
Community Mindfulness Project
Meditation
Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
at noon via Zoom
A brief discussion about meditation practice, a guided meditation, and 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 five minutes early. Zoom details are on our online calendar.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry
Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE
For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Death Cafe Stamford
Thursdays, August 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom
A discussion about increasing 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. Zoom details are on our online calendar. Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.

Lawyers in Libraries:
Looking for Legal Advice?
Thursday, August 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
ML, Second Floor Study Room
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. Please bring any materials you may have with information about your case. Appointment and face masks required; to book a time, call 203 351-8221. Sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association.

Film critic Michael Koresky set out on a journey with his mother to discover more about their shared cinematic past. They rewatched ten films that she introduced to him as a child, one from every year of the 1980s, each featuring women leads. RR. Book sale and signing. This program will also be available on Zoom; login link can be found in our online calendar.

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Community Family Giveback Day
Saturday, August 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at SE
Live music, grocery giveaways, free books and more. Flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines available. All ages. Co-sponsored by the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut.

Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners
Sumner Session via Zoom
Registration not required. New students welcome.
For meeting information, visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events/
Tuesdays, August 3 & 10
New students: 11 a.m.
Basic: 12:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: 3 p.m.
Advanced: 6 p.m.
Wednesdays, August 4 & 11
High intermediate: 10 a.m.
Beginner: 4 p.m.

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-audiobooks, and movie streaming. To make an appointment, visit https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/.

The UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. and the Ferguson Library Present the 2021 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
Saturday, August 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. via Zoom
A panel discussion featuring Dr. Frantz-Antoine Leconte, who will talk about the legacy of the Haitian Revolution on global slave trade, and Mr. James Moss, who will discuss the impact of the enslaved Africans on American performing arts. Q&A session to follow panel presentation. Zoom login information on our online calendar.

Friends Virtual Author Series: An Afternoon with Susan Ronald, Author of The Ambassador: Joseph P. Kennedy at the Court of St. James’s, 1938–1940
Thursday, August 5 at 2 p.m. via Zoom
Biographer Susan Ronald examines Joseph P. Kennedy’s deeply controversial tenure as Ambassador to Great Britain on the eve of World War II. Thorough and utterly readable. RR.

Registration is Open: The Friends of the Ferguson Library, in Partnership with Darien Library, Presents An Evening with Zakiya Dalila Harris, Author of The Other Black Girl
Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium
The Other Black Girl is a whip-smart, dynamic thriller and sly social commentary that is perfect for anyone who has ever felt manipulated, threatened or overlooked in the workplace. Book sale and signing. RR. This program will also be available on Zoom; login link can be found in our online calendar.
Book Shop News
We are taking a pause on accepting large volume donations so our dedicated volunteers can catch up. Right now we cannot accept books at the loading dock behind the Main Library. You are welcome to donate one bag or box inside the shops at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch. Please call 203 351-8278 for more information.

Our volunteers sorting books

Book Shop on Bedford
Look for the Book Shop at Arts & Crafts on Bedford Saturday, August 7. Great deals on kids’ books, hardcover fiction and CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. Mix and match any three items for two dollars!

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

FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

STAFF RECOMMENDS:
Celebrate Stamford Pride with These LGBTQ+ Titles

Naturally Tan: A Memoir by Tan France with Caroline Donofrio
Queer: A Graphic History by Meg-John Barker
Coming Out Stories: Personal Experiences of Coming Out from Across the LGBTQ+ Spectrum edited by Emma Goswell and Sam Walker
Raising LGBTQ Allies: A Parent’s Guide to Changing the Messages from the Playground by Chris Tompkins
On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong
You Know Me Well by Nina LaCour and David Levithan

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Saturday 10 – 5

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Monday through Thursday 10 – 5:30
Saturday 10 – 2

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1143 Hope Street 06907
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Monday & Thursday 10 – 6
Tuesday 12 – 7
Saturday 10 – 5

Bookmobile
Check our online calendar at https://www.fergusonlibrary.org/locations-hours/bookmobile

The Friends Book Shops at the Ferguson Library

Main Library Book Shop
Monday through Thursday 11 – 6
Friday & Saturday 11 – 5
Sunday 1 – 5

Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop
Monday through Friday 12 – 5
Saturday 1 – 5

Passport Services
Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298.

Main Library Passport Office
Monday through Wednesday 10 – 5
Thursday 10 – 4
Friday 10 – 4
Saturday 10 – 4
Sunday 1 – 4

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How to Contact and Follow Us

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Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

YS Website fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids for information for kids, teens, parents and educators. You’ll find information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources, Wi-Fi for students in need, and more.

Online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/events/ for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at fergusonlibrary.org/newsletters.

Instagram @ferglibrary, @ferglibraryyouth, @harrybennettbranchys and @southend-branch_lib.

Facebook http://facebook.com/TheFergusonLibrary/.

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary.

Grab and Go Meals

Wednesdays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE

The South End Branch, in partnership with Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut (CAAWC), is offering free meals for kids this summer on Wednesdays through August 25. For kids up to age 18. Drop-in program. No registration needed.

Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.

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/.

Kids’ Summer Learning Club

Summer Learning continues through Tuesday, August 31.
Register online at fergusonlibrary.org, or on the READsquared app from the Apple App Store or Google Play store.
Be sure to visit the library this summer to pick up your FREE library wallet with lanyard!

TEEN SUMMER LEARNING CLUB TAILS AND TALES

Image designed by Hailey Archer, winner of the Ferguson Library 2021 Teen Art Contest

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The Ferguson Outdoors
Please note: These programs will take place, weather permitting.

Outdoor Family Storytimes
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs to these drop-in programs on the lawns at the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch and at the Harry Bennett Branch. For children up to age 4, with a caregiver.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Thursdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Harry Bennett Branch
Fridays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Family Storytime
Mondays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:15 to 11 a.m. via Zoom
The whole family is welcome to join this storytime full of rhymes, picture books, flannel boards, music and movement. For children up to age 6. RR.

Crafternoons @ Home
Thursday, August 5, 12 & 19 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. via Zoom
A picture book read-aloud and art project. Bring coloring supplies and have your imagination ready! Grades K-5. Families, parents and caregivers are encouraged to join. RR.

Children’s Programs

Sing & Stomp
Tuesdays, August 3, 19, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom
A song and dance party! For 18 months to 4 years, with adult. RR.

Budding Bookworms via South End Branch Instagram
Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 a.m.
Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week. Watch on the South End Instagram at the scheduled time.

Community Family Giveback Day
Saturday, August 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at SE
Live music, grocery giveaways, free books and more. Flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines available. All ages.
Co-sponsored by the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut.

Teen Programs

Creative Writing Club
Wednesday, August 4 from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom
Bring your imagination, paper and something to write with. We’ll work on different writing prompts, then share our work. Grades 5 to 9. RR.

Teen Book Discussion
Tuesday, August 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom
Refugee by Alan Gratz. Three powerful stories, set at different times in history, of children seeking refuge. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

FOR OLDER TEENS
The UNESCO Center for Global Friendship, Inc. and the Ferguson Library Present the 2021 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
Saturday, August 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. via Zoom
A panel discussion featuring Dr. Frantz-Antoine Leconte, who will talk about the legacy of the Haitian Revolution on global slave trade, and Mr. James Moss, who will discuss the impact of the enslaved Africans on American performing arts. Q&A session to follow panel presentation. Zoom login information on our online calendar. Adults also welcome.