Ferguson librarians are on the go with our new Ferguson Library book bike. It's perfect for bringing books to parks and other community locations. The bike had its first outing at a storytime and book giveaway in Latham Park last month. Many thanks to our partners, the Junior League of Stamford & Norwalk, Domus and the Woodworkers Club of Norwalk, for helping make the project possible.

Howard Kaplan Memorial Lecture on Law and Society

Associate Justice Andrew J. McDonald of the Connecticut Supreme Court will deliver the inaugural Howard Kaplan Memorial Lecture on Law and Society Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

Justice McDonald will discuss state government from his unique perspective of serving in all three branches. The lecture is the first of a series supported by the Stamford law firm Wofsey, Rosen, Kveskin and Kuriansky and the family of the late Howard Kaplan. Kaplan, who was a long-time partner at the firm, also served on the Stamford Board of Representatives, and was a founding member of the Stamford Board of Ethics, president of the Stamford Child Care Center, and director and counsel to the Stamford Land Conservation Trust. The lecture is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Now your kids can check out books themselves. We have a new self-checkout machine on the first floor of the Youth Services Department that is designed at a kid-friendly height so your little ones can learn how to check out books on their own.

As we enter baking season, you can now borrow rolling pins, cake pans and other bakeware for free from the library. The baking supplies are part of our growing “lending library of things” and if it’s something you might just use once in a while, why not borrow instead of buying? You can also borrow ‘maker’ equipment such as a microscope, telescope, sewing machine and selected musical instruments. All items are searchable in our catalog.

Have you heard of the Teacher Reference Center? It’s a digital database of articles, many of them peer-reviewed, covering such topics as assessment, best practices, continuing education, curriculum development, literacy standards, and much more. You can begin with simple searches—by subject or term. But if you’re looking for something specific, go to advanced search to tailor your parameters by type publication—academic journals, magazines, newspapers, case studies, reviews, trade publications, biographies—author, title, publisher, language or date.

The Main Library will close at 6 p.m. on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11. The branches will operate on their regular schedule. The Main Library and Harry Bennett and South End branches will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24, and all library facilities are closed November 25 for Thanksgiving. Have a happy holiday.
Registration Required at fergusonlibrary.org/events/. For virtual programs, Zoom details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the program. For Zoom programs that don’t require registration, visit our online calendar for login details.

Proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours is required to attend library programs in the Main Library Auditorium.

**Book Discussions**

If the discussion is presented via Zoom, login details are on our online calendar. Registration is not required. Book discussions are open to all.

**Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch**

**Monday, Nov. 1 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom**

Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia

**Harry Bennett Branch**

**Monday, Nov. 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom**

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

**Spanish Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

ML, Third Floor Board Room

Temporado de huracanes por Fernanda Melchor

**South End Branch**

**Monday, Nov. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.**

(also via Zoom)

Blacktop Wasteland by S.A. Cosby

**BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES**

**Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla Saad**

**Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom**

A five-week program to facilitate the journey to anti-racism. Co-sponsored by First Congregational Church Stamford, Ferguson Library South End Branch, Friends of the Ferguson Library, Stamford Stands Against Racism, Domus and Everyday Democracy.

**Lawyers in Libraries:**

**Looking for Legal Advice?**

**Thursday, Nov. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

**ML, Second Floor Study Room**

Meet with a volunteer attorney for 20 minutes. Bring relevant materials with information about your case. Appointment and face masks required; to book a time, call 203 351-8221. Supported by The Connecticut Bar Association.

**Civility in America Series**

**Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**

Greg Zuckerman, author of A Shot to Save the World: The Inside Story of the Life-or-Death Race for a COVID-19 Vaccine, and a special writer for The Wall Street Journal. Sponsersed by The Dilsenschneider Group, Hearst Media Group in Connecticut and the Ferguson Library. RR.

**Healthy Aging: Diabetes Prevention**

**Tuesday, Nov. 23 at noon at HB**

(also via Zoom)

Risk factors, prevention habits and screening recommendations. Q&A to follow. With Brittany Dube, a behavioral health, health promotion, and emergency response specialist for the City of Stamford’s Department of Health. In partnership with the City of Stamford Department of Health.

**English Language Learners**

**Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners**

**Fall Sessions via Zoom**

Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events/.

**Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30**

**New students: noon**

**Basic: 12:30 p.m.**

**Low intermediate: 3 p.m.**

**Advanced: 6 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17**

**High intermediate: 10 a.m.**

**Beginner: 3 p.m.**

**U.S. Citizenship Course Fall 2021**

**Mondays and Thursdays, Nov. 1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 22 & 29 at 10 a.m.**

**No classes Nov. 11, 25**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Six-week study course for the U.S. naturalization test. Students must read, write and comprehend basic English. Applicants age 50 and older with 20 years of legal permanent residency or 55 and older with 15 years of legal permanent residency could be excused from the English literacy requirement. RR. Register in person at the Second Floor Information Desk at the Main Library, online, email at yelena@fergusonlibrary.org, or call 203 351-8228.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Reading is Grand! A Celebratory Intergenerational Story Circle and Craft**

**Saturday, Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom**

Celebrate the important role African American grandparents and older adults play in the lives of children. Pick up your grab-and-go craft and free book at the South End Branch through Nov. 4. Grandparents, older adults and children of all ages welcome; no registration required. Sponsered by Black Caucus of the American Library Association. Inc.

**Diwali Play and Story**

**Saturday, Nov. 13 at 3:15 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium (also via Zoom)**

Performed by children of the India Cultural Center. Playwright Akruti Babaria of Kulture Khazana. Co-sponsored by India Cultural Center (ICC) and Kulture Khazana. RR if attending in person.

**Diwali: Festival of Lights**

**Sunday, Nov. 14 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium (also via Zoom)**

Featuring traditional dance performances and a rangoli exhibition. Diwali, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, is one of the most important holidays in India. All ages. Co-sponsored by GOPIO-CT and the Consulate General of India in New York. RR if attending in person.

**Intergenerational Story Circle**

**Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 and Craft**

**Monday, Nov. 1 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom**

**Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia**

**Community Mindfulness Project Meditation**

**Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at noon**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium**

For beginners and up.

**Notary Services**

**Wednesdays, Nov. 10, 17 & 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at HB**

Our notary public will be available to notarize your official documents for free. By appointment only. Call 203 351-8292.

**Death Cafe Stamford**

**Wednesdays, Nov. 10 & 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom**

Discuss increasing awareness of death and dying recommendations. Q&A to follow. Presenter: Pat Ippo, Co-sponsored by Senior Services of North America.

**Medicare Educational Seminar**

**Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Auditorium. (also via Zoom)**

Find a Medicare plan that makes sense for you. Q&A to follow. Presenter: Pat Ippolito. Co-sponsored by Senior Services of North America. RR if attending in person.
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Book Shop News
Shop small. Shop local. Visit the Friends Book Shop for your holiday gift giving. We have locations at the Main Library and Harry Bennett Branch or online at stamfordfriendsbookshop.org. You can browse inventory in our online shop, then pick up in the store at your convenience. Great selections for kids and adults and best of all, proceeds benefit the library.

The Book Shop at Arts & Crafts on Bedford in October

Passport Services
You can apply for a passport at the Main Library or Harry Bennett Branch. No appointment needed. We take photos, too. We can renew for children under age 16. Check our website for information, or call 203 964-1000.

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.

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Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 10 to 2

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street 06907
203 351-8285
Monday & Thursday 10 to 6
Tuesday 12 to 7
Saturday 10 to 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 to 6
Friday & Saturday 11 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5

Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop
Monday through Saturday 10 to 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 Thursday 10 to 7
Friday 10 to 5
Saturday 10 to 4
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Harry Bennett Passport Office
Saturday 10 to 4 (WALK-IN ONLY)

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How to Contact and Follow Us

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Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk: 203 351-8231
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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.

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Curbside pickup is still available by appointment.

Celebrating Diwali at the Ferguson Library

Kids! Help us decorate for the library’s November 14 Diwali Celebration.
Help us prepare for Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights, by creating your own paper rangoli to display in the library. We will provide several templates for you to choose from, and you can make them as colorful as you like. Make one for yourself and return one to us for display to get a special prize. Templates are available at the Youth Services Department desks. Please return your rangolis by Saturday, November 6, so we can include your artwork in our display.

Diwali Play and Story
Saturday, November 13 at 3:15 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium (also via Zoom)
Learn about the story behind Diwali and its significance. A play performed by children from the India Cultural Center (ICC). Playwright Akruti Babaria of Kulture Khazana. Co-sponsored by India Cultural Center (ICC) and Kulture Khazana. RR if attending in person.

Celebrate Diwali: Festival of Lights
Sunday, November 14 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Auditorium (also via Zoom)
The festival will feature traditional dance performances and a rangoli exhibition. Diwali, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, is one of the most important holidays in India. All ages. Co-sponsored by GOPIO-CT and Consulate General of India in New York. RR if attending in person.

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/.

Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library.
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 lawn of the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch and at Latham Park in downtown Stamford. For children up to age 4, with caregiver.

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
Thursday, November 4 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Latham Park, Downtown Stamford
Tuesdays, Nov. 9 & 16 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Latham Park is located between Bedford, Forest and Prospect streets.

Children’s Programs

Sing & Stomp
Mondays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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
Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 10:30 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram
Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week. Watch on the South End Instagram at the scheduled time.

Crafternoons @ Home
Thursdays, November 4 & 18 from 4 to 5 p.m. via Zoom
A picture book read-aloud and art project. Bring coloring supplies and have your imagination ready! Grades K to 5. Families, parents and caregivers are encouraged to join. RR.

Kids’ Book Discussion
Tuesday, November 16 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. via Zoom
Cog by Greg Van Eekhout. Cog is just like any other twelve-year-old boy, except his brain and body were created by a kind scientist who built him to learn. When his scientist caretaker goes missing, Cog embarks on a mission to find her and learns more than he expected along the way. Grades 4 to 6. RR.

Book Bunch Club Discussion and Activity
Thursday, November 18 from 4 to 5 p.m. via Zoom
A special Book Bunch Club celebrating National Native American Heritage Month. We will share a story during the program and follow up with a fun discussion and activity. Please have blank paper, a pen or pencil, crayons or markers, and scissors handy. Grades 2 to 3. RR.

Teen Programs

Creative Writing Club
Wednesdays, November 3 & 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom
Join us for a special creative writing series in honor of National Novel Writing Month. We will talk about story structure and begin writing our own novels. Grades 5 to 9. RR for both dates.

Ecology Craft: I Dig a Clean Planet
Tuesday, November 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom
Cape Cod-based ecology enthusiast and crafter Sarah Thornington will do a presentation on beach ecology using display art she has created with items scavenged on the beach. A craft instruction will follow. Craft materials will be available for registrants to pick up at the Main Library. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Indian Classical Dance II
Thursday, November 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
A Bollywood dance class that is sure to give you a workout. Presenter: Shaifali Kansal. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Reading is Grand!
A Celebratory Intergenerational Story Circle and Craft
Saturday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
Share your favorite pictures of you and a grandparent or elder during this celebration of the important role African American grandparents and older adults play in the lives of children. Pick up your grab-and-go craft and free book at the South End Branch through November 4. Grandparents, older adults and children of all ages welcome; no registration required. Sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc.