Message from the CEO

I am always amazed by the generosity of the Stamford community. The CT STEM Kids Club is an outstanding example of big-hearted local giving. This club supports youth development in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math, and for the last several years I have had the honor of being invited to their annual awards ceremony. A whole curriculum has been developed by parents and community members to create a learning environment where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. The older students teach and tutor the younger ones, then donate their earnings to the Ferguson Library. I am humbled by the amount they give each year, and overwhelmed by the students’ enthusiasm and support for one another. It truly is one of my favorite events!

—Alice Knapp, CEO

Support for Summer Sundays

Many thanks to Pitney Bowes for a generous $35,000 grant to underwrite Sunday hours this summer at the Main Library. Sundays are one of our busiest and most important days of the week and we are grateful for the support. If you are interested in helping us provide Sunday service, please contact Linda Avellar at 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

Harry Bennett Branch Gets an Upgrade

Work is underway at the Harry Bennett Branch to soundproof the auditorium, which will allow us to show films and hold more programs at the branch. We’re also updating our circulation desk with a modern check-out counter to better serve you.

You might have noticed a new fountain outside the front entrance. That was generously donated by Gary Gepner in honor of his late wife, Susan Baldwin, who was the longtime Harry Bennett Branch Supervisor.

Kids Summer Learning

Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Our Kids and Teen Summer Learning Clubs are in full swing. Keeping kids learning over the school break is critical to their success. Kids and teens can register online at fergusonlibrary.org, or on the Readsquared app from the Apple App Store or Google Play store. Or sign up at any library location. Get a free water bottle for signing up!

DIGITAL LIBRARY: PRONUNCIATOR

Whether you are a student or teacher of modern languages, you must add Pronunciator to your arsenal of resources. It is a free comprehensive language learning software that supports learning of 164 languages and ESL lessons for speakers of 146 different languages. It features flashcards, conversations, downloadable textbooks, learners’ manuals, phrasebooks and video pronunciation guides. More recent offerings include films with integrated drills and quizzes, music with lyrics and city tours. Check out Course Designer, a service that allows educators to easily create language courses, and Bluebird, a collection of 12 million downloadable audio lessons. You can find this resource under Research & Learn/A to Z Resources on our website. Once you are in the site, enter your library card number to begin learning.
It's Not Too Late: Join the 2022 Reading Challenge

Grab a copy of our challenge list and join us in exploring new book genres, subjects and themes to be entered into a drawing for a literary prize. The challenge ends mid-December. For the challenge list, visit fergusonlibrary.readsquared.com.

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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, July 11 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom
The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Spanish Book Discussion
Thursday, July 14 from 5 to 6 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Martita, te recuerdo por Sandra Cisneros

Harry Bennett Branch
Monday, July 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom
Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner

South End Branch African & African American Authors Book Discussion
Monday, July 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. via Zoom
Waiting for the Waters to Rise by Maryse Condé

Friends Author Series: An Evening with David Baldacci
Wednesday, July 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
International bestselling author David Baldacci will discuss his latest book, The 6:20 Man, a thriller about a cryptic murder that pulls a former soldier turned financial analyst deep into the corruption and menace that prowl beneath the opulent world of finance. Reception at 6:30 p.m.; presentation at 7 p.m. Book sale and signing. Tickets: $15 per person; $10 for Friends members. Proceeds benefit the library.

Art Exhibit: The Art of the Community
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Display of a juried art show featuring works by local and regional artists. The exhibit examines how art can lift all voices in the community through engagement, awareness and support. On view through the end of September. Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association, in partnership with the Ferguson Library and Stamford Pride.

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups Summer Sessions via Zoom
Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events.

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
New students: noon
Basic: 12:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: 2:30 p.m.
Advanced: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27
High intermediate: 10 a.m.
Beginner: 3 p.m.

Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side (Part 1)
Main Library, DiMattia Building, Third Floor Technology Center
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World Around Me by Rujuta Paradkar.
**Business & Career**

**Understanding Student Loans**  
*Wednesday, July 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.*  
*ML, Third Floor Technology Center*  
Learn about the components and terminology of student loans, the types of loans and different kinds of financial aid available, and ways to decrease what you will owe.  
*Presented in partnership with CONNTAC Inc.*  

**Financial Literacy for Families**  
*Wednesday, July 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.*  
*ML, Third Floor Technology Center*  
Learn basic financial concepts that will help you start family conversations about creating a budget, spending, saving and borrowing.  

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**Technology**

**Main Library, DiMattia Building Third Floor Technology Center**  
*RR* for all technology classes.  
Face masks required.  
Familiarity with Windows and use of a mouse and keyboard necessary.

**Basic Microsoft Word**  
*Thursday, July 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.*  
Learn how to navigate MS Word, create and save a document, and format text. No experience with MS Word necessary.

**Introduction to Video Editing**  
*Saturday, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*  
Learn how to cut and merge video files and apply visual and audio effects using Lightworks editing software. No experience with video editing necessary.

**Basic Microsoft Excel**  
*Thursday, July 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.*  
Learn how to create and save a spreadsheet, enter data, and write formulas. No experience with Excel necessary.

**Tech Tuesdays: Smartphone Tips for Older Adults**  
*Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.*  
*SE, Second Floor Program Room*  
Free weekly classes with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team. No registration required.

**Introducing BiblioBoard**  
*ML, Third Floor Makerspace*  
*Saturday, July 30 from 2 to 3 p.m.*  
Learn about the library’s newest service, which offers community members powerful tools to create, share and discover. A must for new and established authors.  
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**Family Programs**

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FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

Book Shop News
Need a book for the beach? The Friends Book Shop has a great selection of summer reads, perfect for laz ing away hot afternoons. Stop by and browse. 
Note: The Harry Bennett Branch Book Shop will be closed through the end of the month while construction is underway. All donations should be brought to the Main Library. Please visit the Main Library Book Shop or shop online at StamfordFriendsBookshop.org.

New Service Consolidates Library’s E-book and Audiobook Collections in One App
Now you can find e-books and audiobooks all in one place. The Palace Project lets you search, browse and check out items in the Ferguson Library’s collection in just a few taps. No searching through different platforms.
Just download the Palace Project App from your device and search for Ferguson Library. Then enter your library barcode number and PIN. You’ll be able to start browsing our e-book and audiobook collections right away. The Palace Project also includes books from the Connecticut State Library’s collection, so you have lots to choose from.

Ferguson Launches Screen/Play Writing Workshop
The Ferguson Library is hosting a free workshop for actors and writers interested in polishing their scriptwriting skills. The group will meet for nine sessions beginning September 15, then stage a public reading.
Please submit a sample of your work, three pages maximum, in proper final draft format. Actors can send a resume of their experience (experience required). Send submissions or questions to herbachjackie@gmail.com. Deadline is August 1.

STAFF RECOMMENDS:
Summer Reads

- The Beach House by Rochelle Alers
- Six Days in Rome by Francesca Giacco
- The Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller
- Beach Wedding by Michael Ledwidge
- Beach House Summer by Sarah Morgan
- One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle
- French Braid by Anne Tyler

Missed one of our programs? Catch up whenever you have a chance. Many of our programs are available on our YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe.

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Sunday 1 to 5

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10 to 6
Wednesday 10 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

South End Branch
34 Woodland Avenue 06902
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Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30
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
Monday through Thursday 11 to 6
Friday & Saturday 11 to 5
Sunday 1 to 5

Harry Bennett Branch
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 & Saturday 10 to 4
Sunday 1 to 4

Harry Bennett Passport Office
Wednesday 10 to 6 (walk-in only)
Saturday 10 to 4 (walk-in only)

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Main Library Adult Services/Reference Desk: 203 351-8231
Youth Services: Main Library: 203 351-8242
Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8294
South End Branch: 203 351-8280
Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8287

Check out our Youth Services page at 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 service for students in need, and more.

Visit our 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 southendbranch_lib
Facebook facebook.com/thefergusonlibrary
YouTube youtube.com/thefergusonlibrary

All library facilities will be closed Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

Stamford students can use their student 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 fergusonlibrary.org/linked-libraries-contact-us-form.

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Summer Learning Clubs

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Outdoor Storytimes by Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures

Fridays, July 1 & 22 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at HB
Music faculty from Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures will lead special outdoor readings of picture book classics about music, sounds and songs. Books include Yankee Doodle by Mary Ann Hoberman and Change Sings by Amanda Gorman on July 1, and Summer Song by Kevin Henkes and Zin Zin Zin A Violin by Lloyd Moss on July 22. For ages 4 and older, with caregiver.

Teen Artwork (bottom, right) by Elizabeth Duan, winner of the Ferguson Library 2022 Teen Art Contest

Calling All Makers: A Chance to Learn New Skills

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Meet Your Makers

Thursday, July 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Check out the library’s new makerspace. Try some hands-on projects and have all your questions answered. Grades K to 5.

Make Your Own Journal

Saturday, July 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn some book-making basics and go home with a brand new journal. Grades 6 to 12.

Survival Skills: Fact or Fiction

Thursday, July 21 from 2 to 3 p.m.
We’ll take a closer look at common myths about survival and you can decide what is fact or fiction. For ages 8 to 12.

Learn How to Knit

Saturday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to noon
A workshop covering the basics, including casting on, basic stitches, binding off, and what you will need to know to continue on your knitting journey. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

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**Kids Summer Learning Club**

Follow us on Instagram @ferglibraryyouth for storytimes, songs, fingerplays and more.

**Budding Bookworms**

Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:30 am, via South End Branch Instagram

Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

**Family Storytime**

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11:15 am.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A participatory storytime for the whole family that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For families with children ages 18 months to 4 years. No walk-ins. RR. Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

**Kids Book Discussion**

Tuesday, July 19 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room

In The Losers Club by Andrew Clements.

Local author Joe Belisle will read from his picture book, *What If Wilhelmina*, listed as one of Bank Street College of Education’s best books of 2022. Drawing activity to follow. For ages 3 and older.

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**Toddler Time**

Saturday, July 2 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

A participatory storytime for toddlers that includes songs, fingerplays, stories and movement activities. For walking babies up to age 3 with an accompanying adult.

**Outdoor Family Storytimes**

Fridays, July 1 & 22 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

At HB

Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park

Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH

Monday, July 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Commons Park

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to these drop-in programs. For ages up to 4 years, with caregiver, weather permitting.

**Outdoor Arts & Crafts**

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at WMH

A drop-in arts & crafts program on the lawn. Art supplies will be provided. For ages 6 and older with caregiver, weather permitting.

**Chess Club**

Saturdays, July 16 & 30 from 10:15 a.m. to noon

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Chess Club is back! Beginners are welcome to come and learn everything you need to know about the game from instructor Alex Eydelman. Grades 2 to 5. Presented in partnership with the National Education Chess Teachers Association. RR for each session.

**Movie Nights**

Thursdays, July 7, 14 & 21 from 5 to 8 p.m.

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**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**Friday Flicks**

Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 2 to 4 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Spend Friday afternoons at the movies with us. For ages 6 and older.

*July 1*: Clifford the Big Red Dog

*July 8*: Encanto

*July 15*: Sonic the Hedgehog

*July 22*: Sing 2

*July 29*: Space Jam: A New Legacy

**Mad Science of Fairfield County**

Wednesday, July 20 from 2 to 3 p.m.

ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium

Mad Science of Fairfield County will captivate you with amazing experiments that include a fire cannon, dragon breath, combustion, a dry ice bubbly “shower” and a giant cloud finale. For ages 5 and older.

**Book Bunch Club**

Wednesday, July 27 from 4 to 5 p.m.

ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room

Get your copy of *Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight* by Wendy Mass at the library, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Refreshments served. Grades 2 to 3. RR.

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