The Ferguson Library will open a new branch at the former Chester Addison Community Center on the city's West Side on August 6 at 10 a.m. The new location, at 245 Selleck St., is made possible through grant funding from the Stamford Police Activities League (PAL) and will initially focus on youth collections and programming.

The branch will have regular hours beginning in the fall. It is the library's first new location in more than 20 years.

“We are thrilled to work with PAL to bring library service to Stamford’s West Side,” says Ferguson Library CEO Alice Knapp. “We look forward to a long and productive partnership that will make books and learning accessible wherever you live in our community.”

Summer is a busy time for us, with people checking out books for vacation and beach reading. What’s hot this year? Here are some of our top circulating books and movies.

The most popular items from the new Makerspace lending Library are our telescope and sewing machine. Yes, you can borrow a telescope! And much more.

For kids, the Dog Man and Diary for a Wimpy Kid series are flying off the shelves. Other great choices are the Stick Dog, Max and the Midnights and Jedi Academy series. Morbius, starring Jared Leto, is the most popular movie. Teen and adult readers love Ready Player Two by Ernest Cline. Other popular titles include Matt Haig’s The Midnight Library and Delia Owens’ bestseller, Where the Crawdads Sing.

As for me, I have been reading Hearts Touched with Fire: How Great Leaders Are Made by David Gergen as well as The 1619 Project. Need some ideas? Visit our Recommendations page under Find Books & More for personalized suggestions at fergusonlibrary.org/recommendations/what-should-i-read-next.

—Alice Knapp, CEO

The Ferguson Library Board of Trustees welcomes Lauren Meyer as a new trustee. She succeeds Robert Granata, whose term has expired. Ms. Meyer is Special Assistant and Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs for Mayor Caroline Simmons.

Board chair Stephanie O’Shea continues in her position for another year. Michael Hyman continues as vice-chair; Susana Vidan will serve as treasurer, replacing Sopong Kim, whose board term has expired. Ellen Bromley becomes secretary. Past chair Anderson Livingston rejoins the board.

Many thanks to the Batkin family for supporting Sunday hours at the Main Library on August 21. 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 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org.

First County Bank has provided a generous grant of $10,000 to support the library’s makerspace. The grant will underwrite the development of the Main Library’s new Collaboration Center, a state-of-the-art space that will serve artists, makers, founders and entrepreneurs of all ages by offering access to maker technology—fabrication tools, digital media and archival services—and workshops and demonstrations of those tools already in the space.

A big thank you also to the Louis J. Casale Jr. Charitable Foundation for their $10,000 gift to support Youth Services. The Casale Foundation’s gifts over the last several years have enabled us to buy books and other materials for our children and teen collections.

First County Bank and Casale Foundation Support the Library

This self-publishing tool, now available to all Ferguson Library users, offers unlimited access to local books and stories from self-published authors, top indie e-books and more. Here, authors can also submit e-book samples to the Indie Author Project, a collection curated by the staff of Library Journal, to have it showcased in the Indie Connecticut Collection for readers to enjoy. Authors can also create professional-quality print-ready and e-book files using the Pressbooks Public module. You’ll never experience a hold, checkout or lending limit on BiblioBoard, which is easy to use and requires no previous design or tech knowledge. Simply download the BiblioBoard Library app or visit fergusonlibrary.biblioboard.com. Need help? Ask a librarian or attend the BiblioBoard introductory workshop on August 27 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Technology Center.
Lumina String Quartet Summer Concert  
Wednesday, August 3 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Performance of Mozart’s String Quartet No. 14 in G Major, K.387 and Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K.581, featuring guest artist Phillip Bashor on clarinet.  
Supported by a City of Stamford Arts & Culture Grant.

Vigil of Light Ceremony & Performance  
Sunday, August 21 from 3 to 5 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
The International Alliance of Chaplains and Law Enforcement will lead an escort of light, followed by a musical performance to honor essential domestic workers. The event, produced by En Vivo con Maricarmen, will be transmitted live in Spanish on 103.5 FM La Voz Hispana Radio, Facebook Live and YouTube Live. Co-sponsored by En Vivo con Maricarmen, the Ecuadorian Civic Committee of Fairfield County, the Ferguson Library, La Voz Hispana, The Mayor’s Multicultural Council and Nosotras CT. Generously supported by the Stamford Arts Commission and the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

Person-to-Person Mobile Food Pantry  
Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE  
For more information, call 203 724-9111.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation  
Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from noon to 1 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
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 arrive five minutes early.

Notary Services  
Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 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  
Thursday, August 4 & 18 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom  
A discussion about increasing the awareness of death to help people make the most of their finite lives. With Sahara Farrugio, a licensed funeral director specializing in advanced planning. Death Cafe is not grief support or counseling.

Paint & Sip  
Friday, August 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE  
Enjoy some wine while creating your own abstract masterpiece on canvas and paper. No art experience necessary.

Fair Housing and Your Eviction Rights Workshop  
Tuesday, August 16 from 5 to 6 p.m.  
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium  
Learn about available resources, legal processes and your rights regarding eviction. Presented by Rashida Rattray (she/her), Education & Outreach Coordinator for the Connecticut Fair Housing Center. Also available via Zoom. RR to attend in person. Presented in collaboration with the Connecticut Fair Housing Center.

Lawyers in Libraries  
Thursday, August 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
ML, Second Floor Study Room  
Discuss your case with a volunteer attorney. To book a required 20-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221. Supported by the Connecticut Bar Association.

Old Folkies Acoustic Singalong  
Saturday, August 27 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at WMH  
An afternoon outdoors of toe-tapping, finger-snapping acoustic delights with Dr. Ev, who will take requests. Complimentary refreshments. Weather permitting.

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition  
Friday, August 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SE  
Presentation by Sheena Graham, 2019 Connecticut Teacher of the Year, an arts performance by the Anacaona Enrichment Program, a poetry recital by Angie Manigat, and more. Refreshments served. Presented in partnership with the UNESCO Center for Global Friendship.
COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics
Tuesday, August 9 from 3 to 7 p.m., ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Wednesdays, August 10 & 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HB
All ages are invited to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster. Please bring insurance card and photo ID if you have them but they are not necessary to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away. Presented in partnership with Griffin Health.

Technology
Main Library, DiMattia Building
Third Floor Technology Center
RR for all technology classes.

▲ Familiarity with Windows and use of a mouse and keyboard necessary
■ Basic experience with MS Excel necessary

Intermediate Microsoft Excel ▲ ■ Thursday, August 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn how to work with entered data, sort and filter data, use conditional formatting for data analysis, and apply keyboard shortcuts and templates.

Introduction to Raspberry Pi ▲ Saturday, August 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Learn the many things you can do with these small computers—some the size of a stick of gum.

Basic Microsoft PowerPoint ▲ Thursday, August 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to create and save presentations, design slide shows, and insert images and text. No experience in MS PowerPoint necessary.

Tech Tuesdays: Smartphone Tips for Older Adults
Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
SE, Second Floor Program Room
Free weekly tech help with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

Introducing BiblioBoard Saturday, August 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Makerspace
Learn about the library’s newest service, which offers writers and other creatives powerful tools to create, share and discover. RR.

Business & Career
Resume Writing 101
Wednesday, August 10 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn how to write a resume that best meets your job search needs. You will also learn how to identify skills and abilities that make you stand out from the competition. Experience with MS Word is highly recommended. RR.

Understanding Budgeting
Wednesday, August 24 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Technology Center
Learn how to develop a budget. Explore popular budgeting methods like the Balanced Money Formula, Cash Only Budget, Zero-Based Budgeting and more. RR.

Family Programs
Community Family Giveback Day
Saturday, August 20 from noon to 4 p.m. at SE
Live music, kids activities, gift bags, free books, health and wellness information, Bookmobile and more. Flu shots available. Co-sponsored by the Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Power Health Tour and Organized Youth Presents.

A StoryWalk® Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson Breaking Baseball’s Color Barrier
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English Language Learners
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, August 2 & 9
New students: noon
Basic: 12:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: 2:30 p.m.
Advanced: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, August 3 & 10
High intermediate: 10 a.m.
Beginner: 3 p.m.

Easy English for Beginners:
Side by Side (Part 1)
Thursdays, August 4 & 11
Third Floor Technology Center
Learn language and life skills through reading, speaking and writing, RR. Register at the Second Floor Reference Desk or by calling 203 351-8228. For information, email yelena@fergusonlibrary.org.

Calling All Makers
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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. RR.

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FRIENDS OF THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

Registration is open for the Friends’ Virtual Run
The Friends of the Ferguson Library is excited to present Book It for the Ferguson Library, a virtual 5k fun run/walk fundraiser, happening in September. Registration is now open; follow the following three easy steps to support the library.

1. Go to events.elitefeats.com/22bookit and complete your registration. You can also include a donation.
2. Your bib will be mailed to you. Run or walk on your own and track your time from your iPhone, Android or free apps like Strava.
3. Take a picture and share on social media with these hashtags: #FergusonLibrary #BookItForFergusonLibrary

During the month of September show your running bib to receive 10% off your purchase at the Friends Book Shops.

Book Shop News
The Book Shop is celebrating summer reading with beach reads and back-to-school selections. Be sure to stop by and see what’s new. We frequently have special sales. Thank you for being part of our community and supporting the library.

The Harry Bennett Shop will reopen mid-August.

Harry Bennett Branch Construction
We’re working to improve service at the branch. Construction should be finished by the end of September.

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.

STAFF RECOMMENDS:

Chew on This

The Complete Cookbook for Teen Chefs
by America’s Test Kitchen

Eitan Eats the World
by Eitan Bernath

Simply Delicious Diabetes Cookbook: 160+ Nutritious Recipes for Foods You Love
by Betty Crocker

Salad Freak: Recipes to Feed a Healthy Obsession
by Jess Damuck

Ashia’s Table: Family Recipes from India and Beyond
by Ashia Ismail-Singer

Mi Cocina: Recipes and Rapture from My Kitchen in Mexico
by Rick Martinez

Shaq’s Family Style: Championship Recipes for Feeding Family and Friends
by Shaquille O’Neal

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10 to 6
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Saturday 10 to 5

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203 351-8280
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 10 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 203 351-8289.

Main Library Passport Office
Monday through Thursday 10 to 7
Friday & Saturday 10 to 4
Sunday 1 to 4

Harry Bennett Passport Office
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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.

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Face masks are optional in library buildings but are required at children's indoor programs for participants ages 2 and older. We reserve the right to request that you wear a mask if you are working closely with staff.

Our programs are generously supported by the Friends of the Ferguson Library.

Summer Learning Clubs
The Kids and Teen Summer Learning Clubs continue through Wednesday, 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 water bottle!

Special Outdoor Storytime by Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures
Friday, August 5 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at HB
Music faculty from Concordia Conservatory Musical Adventures will lead a special reading of picture book classics about music, sounds and songs. Books include Sea, Sand, Me! by Patricia Hubbell and Curious George Goes to the Beach by Margret & H. A. Rey. For ages 4 and older, with caregiver.

End of Summer Teen Party
Friday, August 12 from 5 to 9 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Celebrate the end of Summer Learning Club with pizza and a screening of Jurassic Park while testing your luck on a raffle of fun prizes. Proof of vaccination required.

Children's Summer Celebration
Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE
All ages welcome to this must-attend party featuring balloon artists, face painters and Steve Johnson's Magic Variety Show.

Community Family Giveback Day
Saturday, August 20 from noon to 4 p.m. at SE
Live music, kids activities, gift bags, free books, health and wellness information, Bookmobile and more. Flu shots available.
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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Outdoor Arts & Crafts

Tuesdays, August 2 & 9 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 a caregiver, weather permitting.

Friday Flicks: Turning Red

Friday, August 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Spend Friday afternoon at the movies with us. For ages 6 and older.

Draw Ocean Creatures with Cartoonist Rick Stromoski

Wednesday, August 10 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski will teach you how to draw creatures like whales, sharks, octopuses, dolphins, sea horses and even a giant whale! For ages 5 and older.

OUTDOOR FAMILY STORYTIMES

Outdoor Family Storytimes

Mondays, August 1, 8 & 15 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Commons Park
Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Latham Park
Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH
Friday, August 5 from 10 to 12 p.m. at HB
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to these drop-in programs. For ages up to 4 years, with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.

Budding Bookworms

Tuesdays, August 2, 9 & 16 at 10:30 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram
Bilingual storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
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.

BABYTIME

Fridays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
A program geared for babies featuring traditional verses, bouncing rhymes, board books and more. For ages up to 18 months with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. RR. Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

TODDLER TIME

Saturday, August 6 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 caregiver. RR.

KIDS BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, August 16 from 7 to 7:45 p.m.
ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Prepare for a fun discussion of One-Third Nerd by Gennifer Choldenko, a story about fifth grader Liam, who tries to be cool in spite of his embarrassing little sisters. It all changes when their dog Cupcake can’t stop peeing in the house. Can Liam and his sisters join forces to help her without him becoming more than one-third nerd? Grade 4 to 7. RR.

BOOK BUNCH CLUB

Wednesday, August 17 from 4 to 5 p.m.
ML, Ann M. Sexton Board Room
Get your copy of Bad Kitty School Daze by Nick Bruel at the library, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Refreshments served. Face masks required. Grades 2 to 3. RR.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Movie Night: Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

Thursday, August 4 from 5 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Thursday night is movie night at the library. For ages 12 and older.

T-MAD MEETING

Thursday, August 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
Teens Making a Difference (T-MAD) advisory program. Learn about upcoming events, share reading suggestions and make a difference in the community. Participation in T-MAD counts as volunteer work. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Introducing Biblioboard

Saturday, August 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.
Learn about the library’s newest service, which offers writers and other creatives powerful tools to create, share and discover. Grades 6 to 12. RR.

Earn Volunteer Hours by Reviewing Books

The Ferguson Library is offering volunteer hours to teens in grades 6 to 12 to write book reviews. Reviews will be featured on the library’s Youth Instagram page and displayed with reviewed books at the library.

Reviews may be edited for clarity and will list the reviewer’s first name, last name initial and grade, unless the reviewer is anonymous. For information, call 203-351-8242 or email fergliblibraryouth@gmail.com.

FAMILY PROGRAM

A StoryWalk® Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson

Breaking Baseball’s Color Barrier
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Call All Makers: A Chance to Learn New Skills

ML, Lower Level Makerspace

Learn How to Knit

Saturday, August 27 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.

Calling All Makers: Make It at the Ferguson Library Makerspace

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