The Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch will now be open Wednesdays from 10 to 6 beginning October 12. The branch is currently open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Check our website for hours for all our locations.

Message from the CEO

The rising number of challenges to books at public libraries across the country is gravely troubling. Intellectual freedom is the cornerstone of a democracy and it is essential that people have access to multiple viewpoints. The American Library Association has noted an increase in the number of attempts to ban books at both public, academic and school libraries. The targeted books were mainly by authors who were Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC) or LGBTQ+, or the subject matter reflected those topics.

Here in Connecticut there have been several cases of censorship at libraries. In February 2022, the Connecticut Library Association recognized this growing problem and published a strong statement against censorship, which said in part, “We oppose the restriction, removal, banning, and censorship of books and other library materials that limit the freedom to read, speak, publish, or obstruct intellectual freedom.”

What can you do? Thank your librarians and teachers. They are on the front line defending intellectual freedom—your right to obtain information and read whatever you want. Read a challenged book. Talk to your local and national politicians. Let them know the importance of intellectual freedom and that you care about this fundamental issue. —Alice Knapp, CEO

Hear Robert Livingston, Leading Expert on Racism, at the Main Library

Join us for a special discussion Monday, October 3 at 6 p.m. with Dr. Robert Livingston, a Harvard social psychologist and leading expert on the science underlying bias and racism in organizations. Dr. Livingston will discuss his book, The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth about Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations.

The program is co-sponsored by the City of Stamford, Fairfield County’s Community Foundation and the Ferguson Library along with Domus Equity Institute, the Mayor’s Multicultural Council, 100 Black Men, Stamford Community, Stamford Cradle to Career, Stamford Public Education Foundation, and Stamford Stands Against Racism. Registration required.

The Main Library will close at 6 on October 10 for Columbus Day and Indigenous People’s Day.

The Friends Pub Crawl Is Back!

Grab some friends and sign up for the Friends Literary Pub Crawl Wednesday, October 12. It’s a fun evening of food, conversation and literary-themed entertainment at downtown restaurants. We’re delighted to partner with Bar Rosso, Hudson Social, Towne Parlor and ZAZA Italian Gastrobar. Register at fergusonlibrary.org. Tickets are $40; $30 for Friends members.

West Side Branch Opens at Chester Addison Community Center

Our new West Side Branch at the Chester Addison Community Center opens October 11. The community center is operated by the Stamford Police Activities League, which will offer sports and other activities for kids. The library branch focuses on youth collections and will initially be open Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Calling for Volunteers to Help English Language Learners

We’re looking for a few good volunteers interested in helping English language learners develop their speaking skills in our weekly Let’s Talk English Conversation Groups. No teaching experience required. We do ask that you are at least 18 years old, friendly, reliable and positive, and can commit to working once a week for at least one semester. Please contact Yelena Klompus at 203 351-8228 or yklompus@fergusonlibrary.org if you are interested.

DIGITAL LIBRARY: OVERDRIVE MAGAZINES VIA LIBBY

Overdrive’s Libby app has hundreds of popular magazines that you can download on your tablet or smartphone without holds or waiting time requirements. You can enjoy old favorites like Vogue, The New Yorker, The Economist, Newsweek and Bon Appetit or find a new favorite by browsing the large selection of lifestyle, science, sports, history, business, health, technology and hobby magazines. The collection includes magazines in a variety of languages, as well as titles for kids and teens. To download the Libby app, visit Borrowing/Download & Stream/Read on our website. When prompted, enter your library card number to start reading.
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
Meet Victoria Buitron, Author of A Body Across Two Hemispheres
Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 to 3 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Victoria Buitron reads from her award-winning memoir of essays, A Body Across Two Hemispheres, where she explores the theme of bicultural identity and belonging through explorations of ancestry and coming of age between two countries.

Dance Performance: Taller Portal Norteño
Sunday, Oct. 2 from 3 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Local dance company delivers a performance of the traditional Peruvian marina, an elegant dance representing courtship and love.

Community Conversation: Stamford Pride
Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Stamford Pride hosts a discussion for members of Stamford’s Latinx LGBTQ+ community.

Film Screening: La Bamba
Saturday, Oct. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Biopic about the life and short-lived career of Mexican-American rock ‘n’ roll star Richie Valens, starring Lou Diamond Phillips.

Concert: William Mendoza and the Latin Heartbeat Ensemble
Sunday, Oct. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
William Mendoza and members of the Latin Heartbeat Orchestra perform Latin jazz and salsa originals and classics.

Film Screening: The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez
Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
After he is accused of murdering a lawman in 1901 Texas, a Mexican-American farmer flees and eludes a large posse for two weeks before he is finally captured. Starring Edward James Olmos.

Poetry Recital: La Voz de Hermandad
Sunday, Oct. 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Poetry reading by La Tertulia de Stamford featuring Latin American verses that celebrate the abundant perspectives that make up Hispanic culture and language. To be presented entirely in Spanish.

Meet Historian Sara Cedar Miller, Author of Before Central Park
Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Join Sara Cedar Miller, historian emerita of the Central Park Conservancy, as she chronicles the history of the Central Park area, once the site of farms, businesses, churches, wars and burial grounds, and home to many different kinds of New Yorkers.

Community Mindfulness Project: Meditation
Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SE
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.

Cryptocurrency Explained
Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
ML, Third Floor Rotary Room
An interactive presentation explaining what fintech terms like crypto, Bitcoin, NFTs and blockchain mean, how these work and their impact on the world.

Mah-Jongg Club Kickoff
Wednesdays, Oct. 12 & 19 & 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at WMH
Come out and play mah-jongg with us. Beginning to advanced players welcome.

Death Cafe Stamford
Thursdays, Oct. 13 & 27 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.

Community Presentation: Identifying Domestic Abuse
Thursday, Oct. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Domestic Violence Crisis Center presentation that covers the different types of domestic abuse, how to recognize red flags and practical steps you can take to help a loved one in an unhealthy relationship. Also available via Zoom.

Old Folks Acoustic Singalong
Saturday, Oct. 15 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at HB
An afternoon outdoors of toe-tapping, finger-snapping acoustic delights with Dr. Ev, who will take requests. Complimentary refreshments. Weather permitting.

An Evening with Bobby Valentine
Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Stamford’s own Bobby V in conversation about all things baseball with Andy McAleer, co-editor of Valentine’s Way.

Art at the Ferguson: Celebrating Work Created Since 2020
Thursday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.
ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium
Co-sponsored by the Stamford Art Association.
**English Language Learners**

*Let’s Talk: Conversation Groups Fall Sessions via Zoom*

Registration not required. New students welcome. For meeting information, visit fergusonlibrary.org/lets-talk-events. **Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 18 & 25**

- **New students: noon**
- **Basic: 12:30 p.m.**
- **Low intermediate: 2:30 p.m.**
- **Advanced: 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19 & 26**

- **High intermediate: 10 a.m.**
- **Beginner: 3 p.m.**

**Easy English for Beginners: Side by Side (Part 2)**

- **Mondays and Thursdays, Oct. 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31**

**ML, 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.

**Fun with Line Dancing**

- **Friday, Oct. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at SE**

Bring your friends to learn some popular line dancing moves. No dance experience necessary.

**All About Audiobooks with Peter Lerman**

- **Saturday, Oct. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.**

**ML, Lower Level Makerspace**

Learn how audiobooks are made and sold, who listens to them and why, from Peter Lerman, a professional narrator and producer. **RR.**

**Historic Walking Tour: Springdale**

- **Sunday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at WMH**

Preservation planner and architectural historian Wes Haynes will lead a one-hour walking tour of historic buildings that mark Springdale’s journey from industrial village and streetcar suburb to bedroom community. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. **RR.**

**Conversations About Art: From Monet to Pollock**

- **Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at HB**

A discussion about masterpieces that changed art history. Helane E. March Rheingold, a docent at the Neuberger Museum of Art, to lead the discussion. **RR.**

**Stamford Science Café: The Known and Unknown Wildlife in Our Backyards**

- **Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Lower Level Teen Area**

Biologist professor Jason Munshi-South will speak about the animals that share Stamford with us and the inevitable challenges of coexistence.

**Lawyers in Libraries**

- **Thursday, Oct. 27 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.**

**Technology**

**Main Library, DiMattia Building**

**Third Floor Technology Center**

**RR** for all technology classes.

- **Must be familiar with Windows and able to use a mouse and keyboard**
- **No prior experience necessary**
- **Basic experience with MS Excel necessary**
- **Intermediate experience with MS Word necessary**
- **Basic experience with MS PowerPoint necessary**
- **Intermediate experience with MS Excel necessary**

**Microsoft Excel**

**Basic Microsoft Excel ▲ ▼**

- **Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Learn how to create and save a spreadsheet, enter data, and write formulas.

**Intermediate Microsoft Excel ▲ ●**

- **Saturday, Oct. 15 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.

**Advanced Microsoft Word ▲▼**

- **Thursday, Oct. 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Learn how to use outlining, manage long documents, and work collaboratively.

**Introduction to Web Building:**

**WordPress ▲ ●**

- **Saturday, Oct. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Learn how to create and organize content using the built-in editor, and modify the way your site looks with themes.

**Microsoft PowerPoint**

**Basic Microsoft PowerPoint ▲ ▼**

- **Thursday, Oct. 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Learn how to create and save presentations, design slide shows, and insert images and text.

**Intermediate Microsoft PowerPoint ▲ ●**

- **Thursday, Oct. 20 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

Learn how transitions and animations make your presentations pop and use the Presenter View to your best advantage.

**Google Sheets for Excel Users ▲▼**

- **Thursday, Oct. 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

Google Sheets is the free cloud-based alternative to Microsoft Excel. Learn about the differences and similarities between the two applications.

**Tech Tips for Older Adults**

- **Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at SE**

Free weekly help on smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices with our experienced bilingual (English and Spanish) team.

**Ukraine: Stories of Strength and Hope**

- **Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 7 p.m.**

**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**

Vincent Lyn, CEO and founder of We Can Save Children, speaks about ongoing humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and shares first-hand accounts of life in the war-stricken country. **RR.**

**Business & Career**

**FAFSA Assistance**

- **Thursdays, Oct. 6 and 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.**

**ML, Third Floor Technology Center**

Sign up for one-on-one help in filling out the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form to receive grants and/or loans for college. To book a required 30-minute appointment, call 203 351-8221. Presented in partnership with the CONNTEC Educational Opportunity Organization.

**TechXel Stamford Accelerator Series**

- **Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom**

**RR** for each session. Register by noon on the program date. Zoom invitations will be sent by 1 p.m.

- **Oct. 6 – Marketing**

**Brenda Lewis, Principal, Transactions Marketing, Inc.**

- **Oct. 13 – Customer Acquisition, Development and Retention**

**Robert Oros, Founder, Business Development Resources**

- **Oct. 20 – Positioning & Marketing**

**Giulia Gambale, Founder, She So Social; Co-founder, Agents of Branding**

- **Oct. 27 – Cybersecurity**

**Sergio Pedro, Cybersecurity Pro**

**Centennial Celebration: Haitian Writer Jacques Stephen Alexis**

- **Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at SE**

Commemoration of the life of Haitian novelist, poet and activist Jacques Stephen Alexis, featuring a screening of Mort sans sépulture, a documentary by Arnold Antonin, and a presentation by Dr. Frantz-Antoine Leconte, author of A la rencontre de Jacques Stephen Alexis. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Ferguson and Heart & Purpose.

**Civility in America Series: Alan Murray, CEO of Fortune Media**

- **Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m.**

**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**

Alan Murray will deliver his talk Getting Capitalism Back on Track and discuss his new book Tomorrow’s Capitalist: My Search for the Soul of Business. Also available via Zoom. Sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group, the Ferguson Library and Hearst Media Services, Connecticut.

**Family Programs: Halloween**

**Family Celebration**

- **Saturday, Oct. 29 from noon to 1 p.m. at SE**

Wear a costume for this DIY adventure, where you can decorate your own balloon pumpkin head, trick-or-treat bag and show off your outfit during the parade. Prizes for the best-dressed. All ages welcome.

**Haunted Libraries Near Us**

- **Saturday, Oct. 29 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**

After rigorously investigating libraries in Westchester County and Connecticut, the Eastern Connecticut Paranormal Society presents its findings. For ages 12 and older.
Book Shop News

Looking for scary or not-so-scary reads for your favorite goblin? The Book Shop is highlighting Halloween this month, with a collection of adult and children's titles. They also have a selection of books celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Stop in and browse at the Main Library or Harry Bennett shops. All books are donated and proceeds support the library.

Let us Help Your Book Club

Need a suggestion for your book discussion group, or help locating copies? We're here to support your book group with a variety of resources. The library has a well curated book discussion collection with multiple copies of each book. We can also get books for you if we don't have the title and share resources about how to have a successful book discussion. And of course, our readers advisory services can help you find your group's next great read.

For book group services, contact Anthony Marrocolla at amarrocolla@fergusonlibrary.org.

Art at the Ferguson

Celebrating New Art: Work Created Since 2020

Our fall art exhibit, Celebrating New Art: Work Created Since 2020, launches October 20 at 6 p.m. with an opening reception at the Main Library. The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, features works by local and regional artists. The exhibit will be on view through January 19, 2023. Pictured: See Through by Cecile Roberfroid

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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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The Friends Book Shop

AT THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

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A Ballad of Love and Glory by Reyna Grande

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Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch

1143 Hope Street 06907
203 351-8285
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 to 6
Tuesday 12 to 7
Saturday 10 to 5

Bookmobile

Check our online calendar at 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

South End Branch

34 Woodland Avenue 06902
203 351-8280
Monday through Thursday 10 to 5:30
Saturday 10 to 2

Passport Services

Appointments take precedence and are recommended. For more information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8288.

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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Support the library with a monthly gift. Donate at fergusonlibrary.org.

OCTOBER 2022
**Kids! Help Us Decorate for Diwali**

Create your own paper rangoli for Diwali, the Festival of Lights, using one of our templates, which will be available starting Saturday, October 8 at the library's Youth Services desks. Make one for yourself and another one for us. We will use all the submitted rangolis to decorate for our celebration, to be held Sunday, November 13.

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**HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS:**

**Scavenger Hunt**
**October 3 to October 29 at SE (during library hours)**

Find the ghosts, witches and other Halloween characters hidden in the shelves of the South End Branch to win a gift. Pick up a checklist at the branch to participate. All ages welcome.

**Pumpkins on the Porch**
**Saturday, October 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at WMH**

A drop-in outdoor event featuring pumpkin crafts and fun yard games like pumpkin bowling and pumpkin bean bag toss. All ages welcome. Weather permitting.

**Spooky Stuffed Animal Storytime & Sleepover**
**Wednesday, October 26 from 3 to 4 p.m.**
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**

Bring your favorite stuffed animals for a slightly spooky storytime, then leave them at the library for their own sleepover. For ages 3 to 8 with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. RR.

**Family Celebration**
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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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**How to Contact and Follow Us**

**Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261**
**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

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**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**Budding Bookworms**  
**Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10:30 a.m. via South End Branch Instagram**  
Bilingual storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week.

**Sing & Stomp**  
**Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 to 11 a.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
A song and dance party for ages 18 months to 4 years with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.** Registration opens six days before each program date.

**Outdoor Family Storytime**  
**Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at WMH**  
Bring a blanket and/or lawn chair to this drop-in program. For ages up to 4 years, with an accompanying caregiver, weather permitting.

**Babyltime**  
**Fridays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

**Hispanic Heritage Month Musical Storytime: Orchestra Lumos**  
**Saturday, October 8 from 11 a.m. to noon**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
A morning of Spanish and English music and storytelling featuring a musical interpretation by Orchestra Lumos of Flavia Z. Drago’s *Gustavo el Shy, Ghost* and its Spanish-language translation, *Gustavo el fantasma timido.* **RR.**

**Wildlife Superheroes**  
**Saturday, October 8 from 1 to 2 p.m. at HB**  
Discover the stories behind the amazing abilities of various animals through live-animal visits, animal artifacts and interactive activities. Grades 1 to 5. **RR.**
*Presented by the New Canaan Nature Center.*

**Family Storytime**  
**Wednesdays, October 12, 19 & 26 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 ages 18 months to 4 years with an accompanying caregiver. No walk-ins. **RR.** Registration opens six days before each storytime date.

**Book Bunch Club**  
**Wednesday, October 19 from 4 to 5 p.m.**  
**Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**  
Get your copy of *Haunted Castle on Hollows Eve* by Mary Pope Osborne at the library, then join us for a fun discussion and activity. Refreshments served. Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**

**Giant Games Play Date**  
**Thursday, October 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Lower Level Makerspace**  
An evening of fun with oversized versions of classic games like Tangrams, Bananagrams and more! Refreshments served. Grades 5 to 8. **RR.**

**Author Storytime: Ride, Roll, Run: Time for Fun!**  
**Saturday, October 22 from 11 a.m. to noon at HB**  
Join local author Valerie Bolling as she reads from her latest picture book. Q&A, book sale and signing to follow. For ages 2 and older with accompanying caregiver. Weather permitting. **RR.**

**TEEN PROGRAMS**

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**Teen Paint & Sip**  
**Monday, October 10 from noon to 2:30 p.m.**  
**ML, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. Auditorium**  
Teens are invited for an afternoon of painting and soda-sipping with our friends from Pinot’s Palette. Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

**Teen Book Discussion: Superman Smashes the Klan**  
**Tuesday, October 18 from 7 to 8 p.m.**  
**Third Floor Ann M. Sexton Board Room**  
In this graphic novel by Gene Luen Yang, teens Roberta and Tommy Lee move to Metropolis, the city protected by Superman. Soon after, their family home is targeted by the Klan of the Fiery Cross. Can Superman foil the Klan’s plot and defeat racism and hatred? Grades 6 to 12. **RR.**

**T-MAD Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 27 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.**

**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. Teens may submit up to two book reviews per week at tinyurl.com/m523vn7. For each review approved by a librarian, teens will receive one hour of volunteer credit. Reviews may be edited for clarity and will list the reviewer’s first name, last name initial and grade, unless the reviewer wishes to remain anonymous. For information, call 203-351-8242 or email ferglibraryyouth@gmail.com.