

Friends of The Ferguson Library



Friends Book Shop Accepting Donations

The Book Shop is now accepting donations at both the Main Library, and Harry Bennett Branch. At the Main Library if you have more than one bag or box of books, please drop them at the loading dock behind the Library (off Spring Street) Monday and Friday between 1 and 4 p.m. and Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

You may drop one bag or box at the Harry Bennett Branch during Book Shop hours. (see below). For questions, please contact 203-351-8278 or bookstores@friendsoffergusonlibrary.org.

The Book Shop will be participating in Arts & Crafts on Bedford Saturday, September 12. Great books at great prices.



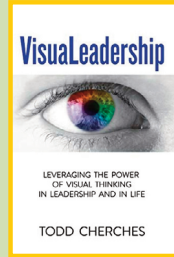
Volunteers sorting donated books at the Main Library.



September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Young readers just need to be able to sign their name.

Staff Recommends:

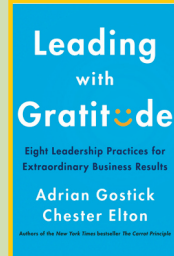
Lean Into Leadership



Visual Leadership: Levering the Power of Visual Thinking in Leadership and in Life by Todd Cherches



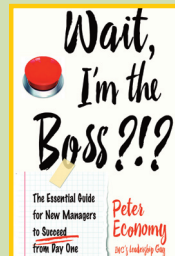
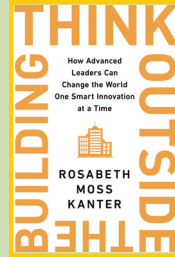
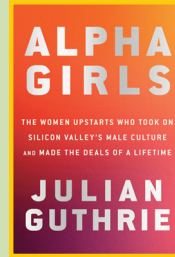
Alpha Girls: The Women Upstarts Who Took On Silicon Valley's Male Culture and Made the Deals of a Lifetime by Julian Guthrie



It's About Damn Time: How to Turn Being Underestimated Into Your Greatest Advantage by Arlan Hamilton

Think Outside the Building: How Advanced Leaders Can Change the World One Smart Innovation at a Time by Rosabeth Moss Kanter

Wait, I'm the Boss?!?: The Essential Guide for New Managers to Succeed from Day One by Peter Economy



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THE NEWSLETTER OF STAMFORD'S PUBLIC LIBRARY • SEPTEMBER 2020

From the President's Desk



September marks the beginning of a new school year, and while there are many differences this year because of COVID-19, it still feels like a fresh start. Whether you are returning to physical school or continuing with distance learning, The Ferguson Library has a host of resources for you.

As was true in the spring, any Stamford Public School student can access the library's online resources by typing 21118800 plus his/her student ID number. You can find numerous resources through the Youth Digital Library off the Library's homepage. Of note, is live homework help from Tutor.com that is available every day from 3 to 7 p.m. Tutor.com also offers online tutorials and study guides.

Teachers can get special teacher cards that allow for extended loan time for materials. In addition, our librarians can curate a collection for your classroom based on reading level and subject. And we still provide our Learning Kits to Go on a variety of themes and concepts.

Both students and teachers can place reserves on physical materials that we will deliver to your school via our Linked Libraries program.

The Ferguson Library is here to help you succeed in this unusual school year.

Alice Knapp, President

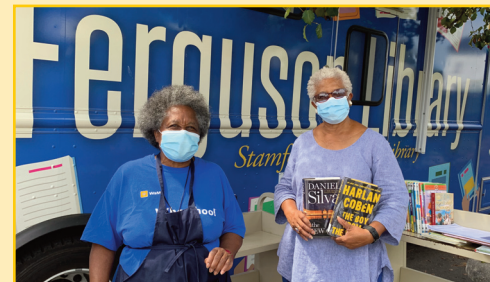
The Passport Office is Back in Business



The Library's Passport Office is open by appointment at the Main Library and on a limited walk-in basis. Our staff can help you and your family apply for a new passport and take photos too. Please note by law we cannot handle renewals. For information or to make an appointment, call 203 351-8298.

Bookmobile On the Road

Thanks to generous support from donors Sue and Ed Greenberg, the Bookmobile is visiting neighborhood parks and other locations Saturdays and Sundays through September. You can find the schedule on the Locations page of our website, fergusonlibrary.org. We're glad to be out and about again! Come visit and take advantage of free WI-FI outside the Bookmobile.



What You Need to Know About Using the Library

Basics

- Everyone in the building is required to wear a mask.
- Library materials are quarantined for 3 days. When you return items, they will still be on your record for that period. Don't worry, late fees will not apply.
- Fines are waived through the end of September.
- Books are automatically renewed as long as they do not have a hold on them.
- Curbside pickup is available by appointment.

Technology

- Public access computers are available at the Main Library for one hour on a first-come basis. Youth Services computers for 30 minutes.
- Mobile printing and online faxing are available.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library will be closed Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday.

MakeFest: Saturday, September 12

This year, we're finding creative ways to hold our annual celebration of making and creativity. MakeFest will feature online events and an array of grab & go items at the Main Library. Check the calendar for details or stop by September 12.



Read your Favorite Magazines Online

pressreader You can access 7,000 plus newspapers and magazines for free with the Library's subscription to PressReader. Read *The Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Vogue*, *The Guardian* and many more whenever you want from wherever you are. You can read them right away or download for later. There's also a translation feature for sixteen languages. Access PressReader through our Research page (A to Z databases) or our Digital Media page.

DIGITAL LIBRARY

Gale Business: Entrepreneurship

Whether you're a small business owner looking to expand or a budding entrepreneur launching a startup, you can find a wealth of information on planning and operating a small business through Gale Business: Entrepreneurship. This database, available through The Ferguson Library's Research page, has information on all aspects of starting, funding and running a business, including accounting, finance, human resources, management, marketing, tax, and more. All you need is your Ferguson Library card.



THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

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NEW HOURS:

Main Library, DiMattia Building
One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904
Monday – Wednesday 11 – 6
Thursday 11 – 8
Friday & Saturday 11 – 5
Sunday 1 – 5

Harry Bennett Branch
115 Vine Road 06905
203 351-8291
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12 – 5
Wednesday 12 – 7
Saturday 1 – 5

South End Branch
34 Woodland Avenue 06902
203 351-8280
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12 – 5
Thursday 12 – 7
Saturday 10 – 2

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch
1143 Hope Street 06907, 203 351-8285
Monday & Thursday 10 – 3
Tuesday 12 – 7
Saturday 12 – 5

Bookmobile
Please check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

The Friends Book Shops at The Ferguson Library

Main Library Monday 12 – 6 Tuesday 12 – 6 Wednesday 12 – 6 Thursday 12 – 6 Saturday 11 – 5	Harry Bennett Branch Monday 12 – 3 Wednesday 12 – 5 Thursday 1 – 5 Friday 12 – 5 Saturday 1 – 5
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The Passport Office
By appointment only. Call 203 351-8298. Limited walk-ins.

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



RR Register online at fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Zoom details will be sent to all registrants in advance of the program.



Please check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/ for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at <http://fergusonlibrary.org/news/#toggle-id-1>.



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Check out the Library's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary>

ADULT

ZOOM Book Discussions

Book Discussions are presented live on Zoom. Registration is not required. Zoom meeting details for each discussion are on our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/.

Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover, and Me by Adrienne Brodeur
Monday, Sept. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear
Monday, Sept. 14 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Spanish Book Club: Las hijas del agua by Sandra Barneda
Saturday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m.

Jasper's Cafe on the Boulevard by Tracey Fagan Danzey
Monday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Beethoven Demystified: Heroism of the Everyman
Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.
via the Library's YouTube channel
With Stamford Symphony violinist and educator Gabriel Schaff. In partnership with the Stamford Symphony. The Library's YouTube channel is: <http://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary>.

Remote Book-A-Librarian
Reserve up to one hour with a librarian for information or technology assistance, including help with our virtual resources like eBooks, eAudiobooks and movie streaming. To make an appointment, visit <https://fergusonlibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/>.

Technology



All technology classes will be presented on our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/c/TheFergusonLibrary>

Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Sept. 1: Basic Microsoft Word
Learn basic features of Microsoft Word. Mouse and keyboard skills required.

Sept. 8: Intermediate Microsoft Word
A more advanced class for those already familiar with Word basics.

Sept. 15: Advanced Microsoft Word
Learn how to use features such as outlining, managing long documents, and working collaboratively with other people.

Sept. 22: Basic Microsoft Excel
Learn how to name worksheets, enter data and write formulas. Must be familiar with Windows.

Sept. 29: Intermediate Microsoft Excel
Designed for those who know how to set up a basic spreadsheet and perform simple calculations and wish to expand that knowledge with keyboard shortcuts, templates and conditional formatting. Must be familiar with basic Excel, keyboard, and Windows.

Community Mindfulness Project Meditation
Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at noon via Zoom
A brief discussion about the meditation practice, a guided meditation, and then a chance to share and reflect. All sessions are appropriate for people who are completely new to meditation and also those who have long-standing practices. Please log on at least 5 minutes early at <https://us02.web.zoom.us/j/84840527453> to join the Zoom meeting.

Death Cafe Stamford
Thursdays, Sept. 3 & 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. via Zoom
At a Death Cafe, people gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death in a group-directed discussion. The objective is to increase 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. For Zoom meeting details, visit fergusonlibrary.org/event/. Note: Death Cafe is a discussion group, not grief support or counseling.

Conversations About Art with Helene Rheingold
Thursday, Sept. 10 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. via Zoom
Self portraits. Helene E. March Rheingold, docent at the Neuberger Museum of Art, instructor at Learning in Retirement and an arts enrichment facilitator at the Stamford Public Schools, will lead the discussion. **RR.**

English Language Learners

Let's Talk: Conversation Groups for English Language Learners
Fall Session via Zoom

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

Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22 & 29
New students: 11 a.m. to noon
Basic: 12:30 p.m.
Low intermediate: 3 p.m.
Advanced: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 & 30
Virtual vocabulary games: 2:30 p.m.
Beginner: 4 p.m.
High intermediate: 5:30 p.m.



SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

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Foundation Information Network: Introduction to Proposal Writing
Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
Learn the basic elements of a foundation proposal, the "do's" and "don'ts" of writing and submitting a proposal and how to follow up. This session will also include a 30-minute hands-on exercise to develop a proposal outline. Instructor: Susan Shiroma. **RR.**

Woke Vote
Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
A series of discussions about voting in America for people of color. For meeting details, visit fergusonlibrary.org/event/.



An Evening with Carol Kinsey Goman, Ph.D., Author of Stand Out: How to Build Your Leadership Presence
Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. via Zoom Webinar
Dr. Goman is an international keynote speaker and authority on leadership presence and how body language can help (or hurt) a leader's effectiveness. **RR.**

All our programs are generously supported by the Friends of The Ferguson Library

Business & Career

TechXel Stamford
Fairfield County's First Enterprise Accelerator

Venture Expert Talks
Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.
Main Library, DiMattia Building
Third Floor Board Room
Face masks required. Space is limited to 12 persons for social distancing. No walk-ins. **RR.** Registration required for each session.
Sept. 10: Business Formation and Contracts
Kelly O'Donnell, Pullman & Comley, LLC
Sept. 17: Team Building
Doug Campbell, The Success Coach
Sept. 24: Sales
Guy Sullivan, Silicon Parkway Ventures

Grow with Google

Grow with Google Online Workshops with Sixcia Devine, Grow with Google Presenter
RR. Registration required for each workshop.
Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps

Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 12 to 1 p.m.
Learn about Google My Business, a free tool for businesses that want to connect with customers on Google Search and Maps. Get hands-on help creating or updating your business profile or a simple website.

Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks
Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 12 to 1 p.m.
Learn how to manage work and life tasks more effectively using Google tools. Whether you want to build a budget, create a meeting agenda or organize your priorities, these best practices will boost your productivity.

Reach Customers Online with Google
Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 12 to 1 p.m.
Learn how Google Search works and how you can improve a website's visibility with Search Engine Optimization (SEO). The session also introduces products like Google My Business, Google Trends, Search Console, Google Analytics, Google Ads, and more.

Use Data to Drive Business Growth
Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Learn best practices and analyze trends about how customers engage with your business online, then turn these insights into well-informed, actionable decisions.
Use YouTube to Grow Your Business
Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 12 to 1 p.m.
Get best practices for creating a YouTube channel and compelling video content that promotes your products and services and drives engagement with your brand.

CHILDREN

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Storytime for ages 18 months to 4 years. New content every week. Watch on the South End Instagram: @Southendbranch_lib.

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BACK TO SCHOOL!



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Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. via Zoom
Read *The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey, then join us to discuss and do a fun activity. Grades 2 to 3. **RR.**

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Virtual 50th Anniversary Celebration of the South End Branch
Saturday, October 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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Civility in America with Robert B. Zoellick
Thursday, October 8 at 5 p.m. via Zoom
Robert B. Zoellick has served as Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary, and Counselor of the State Department; Ambassador and U.S. Trade Representative; Counselor to the Secretary of the Treasury; Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House; and President of the World Bank. He is the author of *America in the World: A History of U. S. Diplomacy and Foreign Policy*. **RR.** Sponsored by The Dilenschneider Group, Hearst Media Group in Connecticut and The Ferguson Library.



THE FERGUSON LIBRARY

YOUTH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2020

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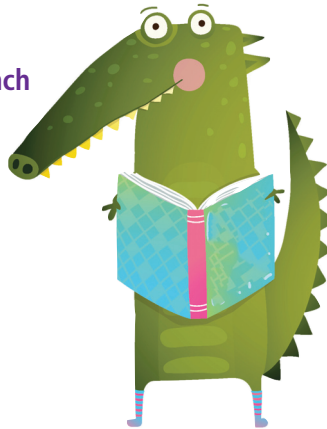
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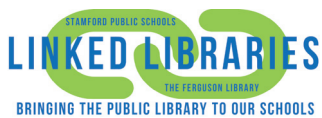
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Stamford students can use their school ID to access our many digital materials, even if they don't have a Ferguson Library card. For access,

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/>.

How to Contact Us



Phone Service

Need help? Call us during our hours of operation.

Main Library Borrowers Services: 203 351-8261

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

Youth Services: 203 351-8242

Harry Bennett Branch: 203 351-8292

Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch: 203 351-8285

South End Branch: 203 351-8280

Virtual Chat

Chat online with a librarian Monday 9 – 7; Tuesday & Wednesday 9 – 6; Thursday 9 – 8; Friday 9 – 5; Saturday 9:30 – 5 at <https://fergusonlibrary.org/virtual-chat/>.

Please check our online calendar at fergusonlibrary.org/event/ for updates and pop-up programs and subscribe to our newsletter/weekly emails at <http://fergusonlibrary.org/news/#toggle-id-1>.



The Youth Services Digital Library

Check out <https://fergusonlibrary.org/remote-resources-for-youth/> for information about our digital books, movies and music, Linked Libraries, digital resources, WI-FI service for students in need, and more.

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