



FERGUSON LIBRARY

Finalist for 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Presentation

Locations



HARRY BENNETT BRANCH



**WEED MEMORIAL &
HOLLANDER BRANCH**



**MAIN LIBRARY (DIMATTIA
BUILDING)**



SOUTH END BRANCH



BOOKMOBILE

Branch Hours

Our branches are open more hours than before the pandemic.

Main Library (DiMattia Building) Open 7 days
per week total of 57 hours

Harry Bennett
Open 6 days per week total of 42 hours

South End
Open 5 days per week total of 30 hours

Weed Memorial
Open 4 Days per week total of 27 hours

Bookmobile
On the road 3 days per week total of 15 hours

Total of 171 hours of weekly service to the Community

As a part of preparing for the Library Strategic Plan we surveyed the Community. The results indicated that there is a want for more branch hours, open late on Friday nights, and additional hours at the Weed branch.

Annual Visitors & Cost of Materials

Fiscal Years	<u>2021-2022*</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2020-2019</u>	<u>2019-2018</u>	
Visitors to the library	192,872	376,078	454,346	673,841	*YTD-1/31
Items circulated	321,683	524,618	528,464	637,180	**Attended in person or virtual
Virtual visits	182,000	280,349	341,885	402,870	
Program attendance	19,666**	31,168**	52,227	74,010	
Fiscal Years	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2020-2019</u>	<u>2019-2018</u>		
Purchases of books and other materials	\$571,004	\$571,004	\$804,272		

Cost of Library Material Per Capita

Library Materials Expenditure
Per Capita, FY 2021



We surveyed the community as a part of preparing for the library's new Strategic Plan. The results indicated that there is a need for more best sellers, and newer books.

FTE Staffing over the last 20 years

2000	2005	2010	2015	2021
87.2	121	90.9	78	73.15

Staffing was reduced in 2020 after re-opening from the pandemic shut down. Staffing levels went from 154 to 104 employees.

4 full time union staff were laid-off by eliminating library assistants, as well as one supervisor.

THE FERGUSON LIBRARY
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,071,248	\$ 979,235
Account Receivable – City of Stamford	62,534	568,665
– Other	102,257	238,988
Prepaid Expenses	73,486	76,073
Interest in Net Assets of The Ferguson Library Foundation, Inc. – Reader’s Digest	-	208,047
– National Review	-	260,547
– Reserve	150,000	
Land, Buildings and Equipment (Net)	<u>20,451,351</u>	<u>20,696,431</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 21,910,876</u>	<u>\$ 23,027,986</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 944,621	\$ 1,382,614
Pension Liability	7,970,940	9,835,878
Note Payable – Eversource	42,624	-
Payroll Protection Plan Loan	-	1,150,400
Security Deposit	<u>9,600</u>	<u>9,600</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>8,967,785</u>	<u>12,378,492</u>
 NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	12,626,269	10,021,279
With Donor Restrictions		
Time or Purpose Restricted	316,822	483,507
Perpetuity	<u>-</u>	<u>144,708</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>12,943,091</u>	<u>10,649,494</u>
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Accrued vacation hours were reduced by capping maximum carryover. Also, we placed a limit on the amount of compensatory time employees can accumulate

Our Ask: Uphold Mayor's Recommendation

- Funds for afterschool presence at Chester Addison Community Center
- Holds materials budget at current level
- Stabilizes staffing levels
- Maintains facilities preventive repairs

Capital

- Main Library roofs
- Harry Bennett Branch modernization
- Master Facilities Plan for the Main Library and branches
- PC replacement

Community Outreach: Linked Libraries

Delivers books to students in the following schools:

1. KT Murphy
2. Julia Stark
3. Toquam
4. Strawberry Hill
5. Westover
6. Turn Of River
7. Stamford High
8. Stillwater

The first four are frequent users, request from 100 to more than 300 items every month.

The Library makes deliveries to the schools every Tuesday and Thursday

From October 2021 to March 2022, **5,912** books were checked out, delivered and returned back to the library.

Grant Funded Programs: Digital Navigators



The Ferguson Library was one of four statewide recipients of this grant that was designed to address digital inequity among Stamford citizens who lack the tools and skills to effectively access online access resources.

The grant has enabled the library to purchase 72 refurbished laptops (along with headsets with a microphone, mouse and mouse pads) and lease 100 hotspots from Verizon.

Our Digital Navigators can help you with all this and more, and even set you up with a digital device if you need one. Don't be left behind in a digital world. We can help!

- Need help accessing health or banking information online?
- Stay connected with family and friends?
- Want to get up to speed on Google tools?
- Want to help your children succeed in school?

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call the Ferguson Library at 203 351-8251.

This project is made possible by an IMLS and a CT State Library grant



The grant has enabled the library to hire 4 part time staff to assist solely with this program. To date there has been 127 appointments.

19 families have received laptops and 10 hotspots have been distributed.

LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE

Meeting the Needs of the Community



We know we are more than just BOOKS!

