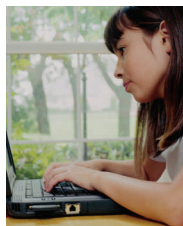


Services and Borrowing

Our services include programs for adults and children, reader's advisory, reference, requesting materials from other libraries, photocopy machine (black & white and color), and fax service (sending and receiving). We loan books, magazines, movies and audio books.

Public Internet



The Stonington Free Library offers free access to the Internet through our public personal computers or through open wireless access points. You may use your own laptop to connect to the access point or borrow one of the library's laptops.

A Library laptop is checked out on your library card for use in the library. Printing from the laptop will be available soon.

There is no charge to use the Internet; the cost per printed page is 15¢.

The maximum time available per patron is one hour; additional time may be allowed if no one is waiting.



One of our public Internet workstations.

| Material Type | Days Borrowed | Overdue Fee |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Books | 21 | 10¢ |
| DVDs & swap | 2 | \$1.00 |
| VHS | 10 | 50¢ |
| Audio books | 21 | 10¢ |

A Brief History

The original library building on Wadawanuck Square opened in 1900 through the generous support of Samuel Denison Babcock, Erskine M. Phelps and the townspeople. It replaced the original library housed since 1887 in the Howe home on Main Street. In 1956, the generosity of Dr. Frederic C. Pafford allowed for an addition on the north side. The 1990 wing was added through a generous gift from the Wimpheimer Family. The tremendous support of the community allowed for renovations and restoration of the older sections.



Mondays 10 AM—5 PM
Tuesdays 10 AM—5 PM
Wednesdays 10 AM—8 PM
Thursdays 10 AM—5 PM
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Saturdays 10 AM—3 PM

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Who We Are

Located in the center of Wadawanuck Square in the Borough of Stonington, the Stonington Free Library is a private, not for profit library serving all residents of the town of Stonington, including Pawcatuck, Mystic, Old Mystic and the Borough of Stonington.

A Stonington Free Library card allows access to any public library in the state of Connecticut. A state operated delivery service allows materials to be borrowed and returned between libraries.

A book drop, located at the east corner of the library, is available for returning materials when the library is closed. Materials can also be renewed on line at www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org or by phone 860-535-0658.



One of the quiet study corners in the library

Library Funding

As a private association, the Stonington Free Library is funded from three equally important sources: our endowment, government funding (State, Town of Stonington and Stonington Borough) and annual appeal donations and grants. We appreciate all of our supporters.

The objective is to provide users with a comprehensive collection of materials and programs to fulfill the community's informational, recreational and educational needs.

—Mission statement adopted by the Board of Trustees



Library Volunteers

The Stonington Free Library is grateful to the many volunteers who give their time and talents to support the mission of the Library. The opportunities available for volunteers include, but are not limited to: covering books, providing programs, building maintenance, or serving as a board member. If you are interested in volunteering, an application identifying areas of interest is available at the desk and on our website.



Adult Programs

We invite you to attend **Books Sandwiched In**, offered the first Thursday of the month between October and May. The presentation begins at noon and you are encouraged to bring a sandwich to enjoy while a speaker presents a book or author. We provide tea and coffee.

If you prefer an interactive discussion, join our **Wednesday Night Book Group**, which generally meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The group selects the books and the discussion is led by a staff member.

Our **Sunday Evening Lecture Series** offers an eclectic group of speakers on a wide variety of current topics. The lectures are scheduled October through May and begin at 5 pm.

The monthly calendar of events is available on our website or in the library.



Children's Programs

We offer a variety of programs for children, birth through teen years, and their caregivers. Formal story time sessions, offered several times a year with registration required, include stories, crafts, songs and finger plays. A series of informal, drop in story times are offered between formal sessions and include special play activities encouraging child and caregiver interaction. Book groups for beginning readers, designed to encourage reading for enjoyment, are offered throughout the year.

Special family programs include such favorites as a story time with Mrs. and Mr. Claus, Dad and Me story time, Dr. Seuss's Birthday Stories, and a free performance of a Children's Opera.

Our unique Summer Reading Program encourages children entering first grade through high school to keep track of their reading time to earn library "money." They redeem their "money" in our store for merchandise or for a chance to win one of our themed baskets. We are pleased to have our many teen volunteers help manage our "Flea Market." We also offer an age appropriate program for toddlers and children entering kindergarten.

The Library, working with the Rotary Clubs and the Leslie Buck Memorial Fund, coordinates third grade class visits to the library. Each child receives a dictionary, a library card and an introduction to library services.



Learning about bees and beekeeping