



STONINGTON FREE LIBRARY

# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

*Annual Report 2019-2020*



# FROM THE DIRECTOR

*"A library is....one of the greatest human expressions of hope, of understanding, of possibility"*  
- Susan Orlean, "The Library Book"

*"This is my thank you note to every librarian who's ever helped a kid like me, nobody from nowhere, find her doorway through a library shelf into citizenship of the world."*  
- Barbara Kingsolver, author of "Unsheltered" and "The Poisonwood Bible"

Dear Library Friends and Patrons,

These quotes bring to my mind the experience of James Baldwin as described by David Leeming in his compelling biography of Baldwin. He tells how, when Baldwin was a very young boy living in dire poverty in Harlem he was encouraged by his teachers to go to the public library at 135th Street "where he read voraciously in the newly established Schomburg Collection. The library became his sanctuary and, in his mind, as he never went to college, his alma mater – the place where on his deathbed he was to ask that his papers be deposited". So, it was a particular shock – a heart piercing shock – to hear on July 17th of this year the NPR correspondent announcing the death of the Civil Rights Leader Congressman John Lewis and saying that as a young boy, in his hometown of Troy, Alabama, he was denied a library card because he was black. Because he was black.


Now, in 2020, there has never been a moment in our history when libraries have been of greater importance to the social and civic health of every community.

A library, any library of any size in any location, by its very nature offers free access to information to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, or age.



A library is the economic and social leveler in an increasingly stratified society. Libraries bridge the digital divide that does so much to perpetuate the systemic ills of racial and economic injustice of our times.

Another story, received recently from a former Library patron who grew up in Stonington. He wrote "I remember vividly when I was a young boy and my mother would bring me to the library with her. It was a year or two later that I began to check books out on my own - the library had a series of biographies of important Americans written for young readers which I devoured and which led me later to earn a B.A. in U.S. History. I am sure that there are many others like myself who grew up in Stonington, made the library an integral part of their lives, were enriched by it and are grateful that such a special place continues to serve not only young minds but all members of the community in so many different ways".



When the Pandemic hit and we had to close our doors we had already established a 'library without walls', a digital library with a highly functional website, creative use of social media and a new high speed fiber optic internet connection thanks to a grant from the CT State Library. We were able to assure our patrons that the Library continued to offer information, books, e-books and audio books, programs, book groups and knitting groups via Zoom and, most importantly, an online Summer Reading Program and online story times. Our staff immediately began to think of creative ways to increase ease of access for our patrons, to offer help and information to guide people in this digital world and to offer opportunities for social contact through Zoom so that our various groups could continue to meet. This is an ongoing exercise in being proactive and intentional in our thinking as new challenges face us all.

Libraries are also key resources for information across the spectrum of political and social opinion, building their collections to reflect current thought while maintaining and curating a core collection of classic works in all genres. This is of particular value at times of national crisis, political unrest and racial and economic injustice. Libraries by their nature are able to play a vital role as forums for conversation – conversations that can continue virtually even when our doors are closed. In response to the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and the Black Lives Matter movement, the Library issued a statement condemning racism. We have also posted a list of books available in the library collection that touch on the subject of systemic racism in addition to a link to an anti-racism resource list for patrons to access. In July, the Library hosted a Thoughtful Thursday program via Zoom on Frederick Douglass in New London. This started a conversation about racism as it has played out in our own local history. Two follow up programs were scheduled for September and October.

All this has provided, and continues to provide, a sense of human contact, continuity and community in a time of painful isolation. When all the world seems to be on hold, when event after event is cancelled, when children and young people cannot be in school, friends and families cannot gather, I am deeply grateful that, in spite of the Library building being closed to the public, due both to the pandemic and to our construction project, the Library continues to be the beating heart of the community. This is all due to the support, encouragement, guidance and expertise of our Trustees, our extraordinary volunteers whose dedication, talent and hard work defies description, and to the loyalty, flexibility and cheerful willingness of our wonderful staff.

I know that I speak for the Trustees and staff when I say that we are quite overwhelmed by the generous financial support from our donors, which has been unwavering during this uncertain and challenging time. We are also very grateful to the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stonington for their increased financial support which signals a recognition of the important role that libraries play in the life of the community. With our fully accessible refurbished building we will now be able to offer the 21st century Library that our community asked for some five years ago. The Stonington Free Library continues to be the vital and positive institution that it has always been.

Requiesce in Pace John Lewis, Rest in Peace. I am deeply sorry about your library card, that key to freedom and equality that should be freely available to everyone. I wish with all my heart that it had been otherwise. But as David Copperfield's inestimable aunt, Betsey Trotwood, said to him - "It's in vain, Trot, to recall the past, unless it works some influence on the present". Our Library, all libraries, are at once keepers of the past and beacons of hope in the present.

~Belinda de Kay



# FROM THE CO -PRESIDENTS

“May you live in interesting times” is said to be a curse; like it or not, we are surely living in a most interesting age! To paraphrase Robert Kennedy, “interesting” times may include their fair share of danger and uncertainty, but they also inspire more creative energy than any other periods in history.

When the pandemic began and statewide restrictions on public spaces were implemented, the Library’s resourceful and flexible staff swiftly pivoted to serving our community on a virtual basis. All of the past efforts to enhance the digital collections and redesign the Library website were put to good use, as programs like Story Times, one-on-one technology help as well as the popular Thoughtful Thursday and Sunday Evening Lecture Series moved online. Community members quickly adjusted to our online programs, and many, like children’s Bedtime Stories, provided a welcome sense of normalcy for families in an uncertain time. Lectures via Zoom were also well attended, with waiting lists for some events despite the ability to accommodate more viewers online than the Library could hold pre-renovation. (Note: Nearly all of our programs have been recorded and are available to view on our website at [www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org](http://www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org).) We were also able to provide curbside pickup and drop-off of Library materials whenever possible.

As the lockdown continued, SFL was compelled to cancel a series of planned fundraising events, the beloved Mystery Dinner, the Battle of Stonington 5K run, the book sale at the Village Fair as well as our second annual Read-a-Thon, putting a significant strain on our operating budget this past year and next.



*Co-presidents Allegra Griffiths and Denise Easton break ground for the exterior addition project October 2019.*

Fortunately, the Library was awarded a loan of nearly \$70,000 under the Payroll Protection Program to make up for the economic impact of the pandemic, which has allowed us to keep our staff members employed throughout this period. We anticipate this loan will be forgiven under the terms of the PPP later this year. The Library’s 2019-2020 Annual Appeal closed in June within 5% of goal despite these challenging times - we are so grateful for the support of the Stonington community!

Looking back, it can be difficult to remember our lives before the onset of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown that forced the Library to close its doors to the public for possibly the first time in its history. Despite continued uncertainties about the future, it is worth reflecting on the accomplishments and milestones that were achieved and will outlive the current crisis.



One silver lining of COVID-related closures has been that construction of the new addition, renovation of the existing interior and installation of high speed fiber-based broadband were able to proceed without further disrupting our services. Considering global supply chain challenges and new work protocols, we are delighted that the construction and renovation progressed essentially on schedule and within budget. As the final books are reshelfed, the physical reopening of the Library to the public is planned for the latter half of October. The capital campaign, which has made all this possible, has similarly moved forward, raising a total of \$1.475 million by June 30, 2020, more than 80% of our \$1.8 million goal; we plan to successfully conclude the campaign before the end of December.

As we move ahead with our plans for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, including safely reopening to the public, we recognize that the “how” of our ongoing services, programs and resource delivery will need to be flexible and sensitive to changes we cannot currently anticipate. The “why” remains constant - our commitment to serve the entire Stonington community as a reliable and free resource for social, cultural and educational engagement.

Together, we are building for the future.

~Denise Easton and Allegra Griffiths



George Sylvestre and Vera Harsh, both former Trustees, give t-shirts to runners during the Battle of Stonington 2019.



Trustee Sage Williams and former trustee Deb Dodds check in runners for the Battle of Stonington 5k in August 2019.



Board Co-President Allegra Griffiths checks out furry friends during the Holiday Stroll, December 2019.

## Board of Trustees 2019-2020\*

Allegra Griffiths, Co-President

Denise Easton, Co-President

Scott Muller, Vice President

David S. Purvis, Treasurer

Richard Cole, Secretary

Kevin Bowdler

Kathryn Brandl

Chris Donahue

William Griffith

Elizabeth Leamon

Susan P. Martin

Dima Rajab

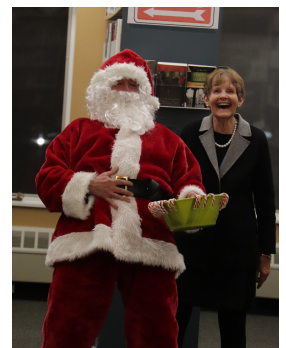
Clare E. Sheridan

Sage D. Williams

*\*As of June 30, 2020*



Assistant Director, Micayla Hall represents SFL at the Stonington Human Services Holiday Party.



Director Belinda de Kay assists Santa during Holiday Stroll Storytime.



Representative Kate Rotella meeting with the SFL Board of Trustees to discuss a State of CT grant for our Library.

# PROGRAMMING

*"Quality programs. The best library staff." ~ Library patron*

## Circulation and Adult Programming

This past year we offered 162 programs for adults which were attended by 2,456 participants. Our last in person program was held in early March before we shifted completely to virtual programs due to COVID-19. Our book groups, knitting group, tech help sessions, SFL Nightclub, Sunday Evening Lectures and Thoughtful Thursdays all went virtual.

Before the pandemic began, we started several new programs including a Wednesday Evening Book Group, an introduction to PowerPoint class led by volunteer Sharon Sisitzky, an outreach book group and branch at Stonington Human Services and a regular presence at the Stonington Farmers' Market in conjunction with the Stonington Non-Profits group of which the Library is an active member.

Even though the building was closed for several months due to both COVID-19 and our construction project, our combined physical and digital circulation was still an impressive 46,139. Our digital library usage increased by 206% year over year! Since June, we have offered curbside pick-up services and we look forward to safely having members of the public back in the building once the interior renovation is complete.

Dan Post Senning  
presents  
"What are  
Manners Today?"

August 11, 2019



## Sunday Evening Lectures

- Joeb Moore on Historic Preservation & Modernism in Dialogue
- Deborah Royce on Finding Mrs. Ford
- Dan Post Senning on What are Manners Today?
- Tolly Boatwright on Imperial Women of Rome
- Peter Filkins on Writing History and Writing Biography: Capturing H.G. Adler's Many Worlds
- Howard Park on Circumnavigating the World
- Paul Janssens on A Child's Witness to War
- Russell Jinishian on Marine Art of Today and Yesterday
- Harry Martin on Grant and Lee: Good Comrades, Great Adversaries

## Thoughtful Thursdays

- Sarah Dove and Tara Kennedy on Conservation of the James Merrill House and Museum Collections
- Linda Christensen on Getting Started on Ancestry
- Mark Seth Lender and Valerie Elaine Pettis on Smeagull the Seagull

Speaker Programs July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

### SFL by the Numbers:

Physical & Digital Checkouts.....46,139  
Webpage Views.....36,087  
Programs Offered.....328  
Program Attendees.....6,554  
YouTube Views.....9,331

Active Cardholders.....3,372  
Summer Reading Program Registrants.....285  
Volunteers.....133  
Trustees.....14  
Part-time Staff.....10  
Little Free Libraries.....4



# YOUTH SERVICES

*“Love the [summer reading] program and appreciate all the effort that went into making it happen this summer.”  
– Parent of a Summer Reading Participant*

Our year began as many others have, with Drop In and Preschool Outreach Story Times, third grade visits to the library for the Look It Up collaboration between the library, the Rotary Clubs of Mystic and the Stoningtons, the Holiday Family Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop, the Village Stroll Story Time and Winter Reading Challenges. A donation from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Del Balso funded our Winter Reading Challenges, 50 to Grow On for children ages 7 and younger and our Family Reading Challenge for those in grades 1 – 8. We were able to offer books and prize chances to participants and we had a fabulous visit from Pete the Cat on Take Your Child to the Library Day, thanks to the Del Balsos generosity. Many thanks to Dan Brandl, who captured the true spirit of Pete and delighted all of our attendees.

Construction in the library necessitated that some story times be moved upstairs, and access to the Children’s Room harkened back to the days when a reader placed a request for a book and a librarian retrieved the requested materials. We persevered through the changes and then the world changed.

To offer options to families in quarantine and with schools closed, we began offering story times and read aloud chapter books on our YouTube channel. In total, we made 179 videos which were viewed 3,455 times. We received many thanks from families, who appreciated the sense of continuity and also the opportunity to have an uninterrupted cup of coffee. In order to finish up our Winter Reading Challenges, the closing date was extended and logging of books

moved to email. All prize entries were made remotely and we offered curbside pickup for all final prizes.

These adjustments gave us a framework for reimagining Summer Reading as a virtual program. The elementary schools requested a video to be incorporated in their remote learning, highlighting the program and we remained committed to providing the sense of continuity for the children and teens in our community. Realizing that live performances could not safely be offered, after conferring with our donor, we used the funds normally spent on performers to purchase multiple gift cards from the small local businesses who have been loyal supporters of our Summer Reading Program. Local, small businesses have been our heroes for years; this year, we had the opportunity to give back and stand with them. The gift cards proved to be very popular surprises in our Mystery Bags. Our program is about fostering reading skills and independent decision making, encouraging higher level thinking and providing all readers a competition free opportunity for rewards. Running the program remotely allowed us to adapt what we do best to a changing environment while keeping our young friends safe and healthy. We asked our participants to answer a short survey and we were so encouraged by the responses.

We will continue to modify and fine tune our offerings to our patrons as we move forward in our “new normal”. We are so grateful for the support of our community.

# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

## Campaign to Update and Fund a Library for the 21st Century

Planning for the future is an exciting, challenging and ultimately rewarding undertaking. Our beautiful and historic Library building was not designed for over 70,000 annual visits, more than 50,000 items checked out, 600 average summer reading program participants and standing room only events and programs. We clearly needed to address the challenges of the present as well as the future that we could only begin to anticipate.

All our decisions since the inception of this project have been guided by paying attention to what our community wants today and what it will require in the future. The overall goal of the Campaign is to provide increased access to Library services for all patrons, which will be delivered through three interdependent initiatives.

### Increase Floor Space and Improve Accessibility

The first part of the building project improved physical access to all areas of the Library for everyone, regardless of disabilities, as well as digital and other infrastructure access for our cardholders.

This part of the project is the most visible, and required thoughtful integration of a 700sf addition on the east side of the Library's central section for an accessible entrance, elevator, and bathrooms. Construction broke ground on November 3, 2019, and the final result is what we hoped for: "it looks like it has always been here."

The newly freed up 575 sf of floor space within the existing building has created a feeling of much more space. What you don't see but is critical to our digital world, are the upgraded electrical infrastructure and fiber-based broadband that deliver up-to-date technology and digital access for all users. Access to reliable, high-speed internet is essential to our operation and one of our most utilized services is free access to public computers and Wi-Fi to all who step through our doors.

### Refurbish and Upgrade Interior

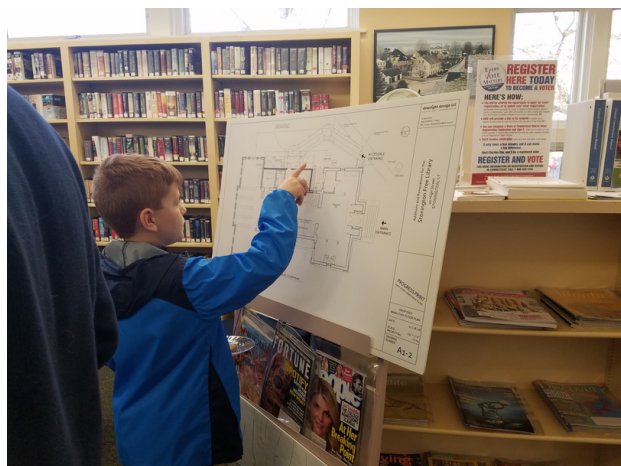
The second phase of the building project addressed the renovation of the Library's existing interior to improve flexibility and enhance access for users, programs, and community connection.



In December 2019, CT State Representative Kate Rotella informed the Board that the state bonding commission had approved funding for our CT State Library Construction Grant, meaning that detailed planning for our internal refurbishment could begin in earnest. Now what you see are open areas, mobile shelving that makes it easy to create functional meeting and public program spaces, easily configured furnishings and seating, including club chairs with built in outlets.

A perfect example of how both parts of the building project came together is the newly configured children's tech and collaboration area. We transformed recaptured space on the lower level into a technology-enhanced area within our children's library including new work stations, computers and outlets.





### Build Financial Sustainability

The third stage of building for the future acknowledges that SFL depends upon its endowment for funds to maintain its physical plant, sustain its programs and services, and attract and retain our talented and caring staff. Successful completion of the Capital Campaign will add to our endowment, safeguarding the Library's future financial stability while also generating increased current income to fund enhanced programs, services and operating hours for an ever expanding and diverse group of users.

### How is this Plan Funded?

In order to afford the strategic initiatives outlined above, the Library determined that it needed to raise an estimated \$1.8 million. A Capital Campaign was quietly launched with the participation of the Board of Trustees and other supporters, and by June 30, 2020 a total of \$1.475 million in pledges had been received from more than 80 leadership donors, including grants from the Town of Stonington and CT State Library. Since the end of our fiscal year, SFL has launched its public Capital Campaign 2020 with a \$100,000 matching challenge, and has received pledges totaling more than 90% of our goal. We hope that the entire community, from river to river and beyond, will join together to help us reach our goal and make this plan a reality.

## Capital Campaign

### Donors

January 2017 - June 30, 2020

#### \$50,000+

Connecticut State Library Board  
Town of Stonington  
Frances Ashley  
Marc and Barbara Ginsberg  
Thomas and Marguerite Moore  
Scott and Caroline Muller  
Charles M. and Deborah Royce  
Wimpfheimer Foundation

#### \$25,000+

John and Judy Alexander  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dixon  
Gregory Smith and Deborah Dodds  
Richard and Denise Easton  
William Robert Griffith  
Brian and Allegra Griffiths  
John and Mary LaMattina  
Ann Lobdell  
Harry and Susan Martin  
David and Cheryl Purvis  
Tom and Candy Sanford  
Raymond Uzanias

#### \$15,000+

Ben and Marggie Blake  
Samuel and Beth Chapin  
William J. Griffin, IV  
Charles and Elizabeth Harding III  
Susan K. Clapp and Charles Hatton  
The Kepple Family  
The Chester W. Kitchings  
Family Foundation  
Archie and Diana Leslie  
Spike Lobdell  
Wright and Anna Maria Palmer  
Michael and Julia Roberts  
Alexander Roepers  
William Fowler and Mary Wolf

#### \$5,000+

Damon and Sally Ball  
Alan and Patience Banister  
Elizabeth Tobin Brown  
and Duncan Brown

Charles T. Clark  
Richard and Lois Cole  
Cornelia W. Dickinson  
Declan and Dorothy Doogan  
Alessandra Devine and Patrick Dorsey  
David and Wendy Eck  
Kevin Bowdler and Anne Fix  
Howard and Sandy Fromson  
Max Greenberg  
Nicholas Bacopoulos and Calypso Gunti  
John and Elizabeth Leamon  
Bruce and Catherine Littman  
Dorothea B. Moore  
Dan and Alexa Pearson  
David MacKenzie Smith  
Josh and Alejandra Welch  
James and Karen Wittliff

#### Up to \$5,000

The Alice Fund c/o The Community  
Foundation of Eastern CT  
Susan Ayers  
Ted and Diana Beck  
Stephen and Heather Bessette  
Peter and Deborah Castle  
Tom and Dorrit Castle  
Jonathan and Denise Collins  
Christopher Tilley and Pauline Cullen  
Michael and Dudley Del Balso  
Chris Donahue  
William and Patricia Follett  
Chris and Nancy Houlihan  
Rita T. Nason  
Francis and Joyce Pandolfi  
Pfizer Foundation  
Farouk and Dima Rajab  
David Rathbun  
Clare E. Sheridan  
Larry and Kathleen Snoddon  
Rowland and Carla Stebbins  
George and Brenda Sylvestre  
Janet and Alan Vaskas  
Thomas and Sage Williams

#### Gifts given to Capital Campaign 2020

In memory of Jeff Brown  
Duncan Brown and Elizabeth Tobin Brown  
In Memory of Bettie Kepple  
The Kepple Family



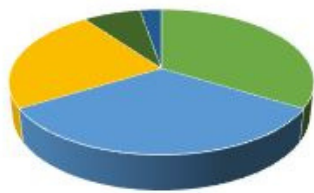
# FINANCIALS

Preliminary Financial results for the Year Ended June 30, 2020 (unaudited)

## Operating Income

Over the past fiscal year, the Stonington Free Library recorded approximately \$550,000 in operating income, including a \$15,000 restricted bequest that cannot be used to offset current expenses. \$185,000 or 34% came from Municipal funding including the Town and Borough of Stonington. Draws from the endowment amounted to \$130,000 providing 24% of the total. The remaining 42% of income came from private donations and fundraisers. The operating income was \$15,000 less than budgeted (-3%) due to lower than projected private donations of \$6,000, fundraising income was lower by \$5,000 and service fees were by \$4,000. This was an excellent achievement considering that the Mystery Dinner fundraiser was canceled, and the library was closed for nearly four months which impacted service fees. We were running both a Capital Campaign and Annual Appeal at the same time which we believe had a negative impact on the annual appeal.

Operating Income - \$550,000

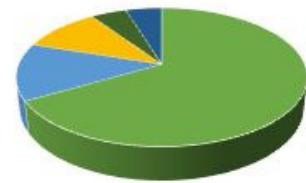


- Municipal Funding - \$185,000
- Annual Appeal - \$180,000
- Endowment Draw - \$130,000
- Other Fundraising, unrestricted bequests and Service Fees - \$40,000
- Restricted Bequests - \$15,000

## Operating Expenses

Expenses for the year were \$525,000 before depreciation. This was about the same amount as the previous year's expenses but \$40,000 below budget. As you would expect, payroll costs represent most of the budget at \$350,000 or 67% of total expenses. The next largest expense category is library materials, programs, and digital resources at \$70,000. We budgeted \$90,000 in library materials, programs, and digital resource expenses thus under investing \$20,000 in these critical categories. This was a conscious decision to hold off spending on these discretionary items due to the library closing because of COVID-19. Ideally, we would like to increase the spend on library materials and digital resources in the coming year. We also saved money on publicity, fundraising expenses and supplies, due to the cancelation of programs and the library being closed for COVID-19. Unrestricted operating income of \$535,000 was sufficient to cover cash outlays of \$525,000. These numbers do not include any of the income or expenses associated with the current capital campaign which are being managed separately until the campaign and project are completed.

Operating Expenses - \$525,000



- Personnel Costs - \$350,000
- Programs, Materials & IT Resources \$70,000
- Building Maintenance, Insurance & Utilities \$55,000
- Publicity and Professional Fees \$25,000
- Other \$25,000

## Endowment Update

The endowment had a significant change in July 2019. The Board approved the transfer of the Equity portion of the Endowment to very low-cost ETF's from Vanguard which are designed to track the S&P 500 and a midcap and low cap index, as well as an International index. The fixed income portion stayed with the existing manager. The Endowment balance grew by about 0.6% to \$3.4MM, as net returns of 4.4% slightly outpaced our withdrawal rate of 4%.



# Youth Volunteers

Helen Godshall

Clare Leamon

Bailey McCarney



Summer traditions continue- fun tie dye with shirts from 50 to Grow on



Readers are future leaders



Summer reading shoppers



Listening to a guest reader during Read-a-thon 2019



Winter Reading Challenge winner



A new teen program



A little Library friend watching story time with Mrs. Frey during COVID-19.



Holiday story time



Holiday craft time



Teen advisory club

*"The SFL Reading Program is a highlight of every summer--especially this summer! Our children love reading and being read to, and they enjoy keeping track of their minutes and selecting the amazing prizes!" ~ Anonymous Parent*

# LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

## Building Committee

Denise Easton (Chair)  
Phil Biondo  
Rory Contin  
Chris Errichetti  
John Malmros  
George Sylvestre

## Night Club Social Group

Jean Baur and Therapy Dog  
Rudy  
Eileen Fiore  
Officer Tom Paige  
Deidre Toole

## Book Group Moderators

Mary Kelley  
Carol Roper  
Judy Westwood

## Seed Library

Noreen Kepple

## Window Cleaning

John Adams

## Flyers/Marketing

Nan Danforth

## Little Free Libraries

Rory Contin  
John Malmros  
Judy Westwood

## Village Fair Book Sale

Dori Abele  
Judith Alexander  
Sally Ball  
Elizabeth Bartholet  
Stephen Bessette  
Jeff Callahan  
Jane Charbonnier  
Susie Clapp  
Anne Collette  
Rory Contin  
Barbara Corbeil  
Polly Dufresne

Judy Dupont  
Jerry Fingerut  
Joyce Fingerut  
Marcia Fix  
Allegra Griffiths  
Elizabeth Harding  
Vera Harsh  
Charlie Hatton  
Barbara Heuer  
Sophia (Maya) Heyniger  
Mary Hughes  
Pamela Kenny  
Beth Leamon  
John Leamon  
Frank Lioneli  
Jane Lioneli  
Katherine Love  
Sibby Lynch  
Beth Barrett Lynn  
Kathleen Macdonald  
Malcolm Macdonald  
John Malmros  
Susan Martin  
Janet Mattiucci  
Dhannon McNeil  
David Moore  
Thea Moore  
Scott Muller  
Sandy Murray  
Rita Nason  
Cormac O'Malley  
Joyce Pandolfi  
Jonathan Post  
Will Quell  
Linda Rutan  
McKenna Sisneros  
Kevin Sisson  
Steve Slosberg  
Elizabeth MacLeod Stevens  
Melanie Sullivan  
Pat Talar  
Chris Taylor and her sister  
Patty Tucchio  
Chris Turrentine  
John Turrentine  
Timothy Tyler  
Lissa van Dyke

Judy Westwood  
Meg Wilhelms  
Sage Williams  
Karen Wittliff  
Kathy Williams

## Battle of Stonington 5k

Jeff Anderson  
Chris Calhoun  
Emma Calhoun  
Jack Calhoun  
Deb Dodds  
Bob Burdick  
Emma Smith  
Bob Buckingham  
Terri Smith  
Steve Dinsmore  
Kelley's Pace  
The Mohegan Striders  
US Coast Guard  
Dime Bank  
George Sylvestre  
Sage Williams

## Read-a-thon

John Bale  
Pat Boyle  
Holly Chase  
Donna Currie  
Tertius de Kay  
Deborah Downie  
Anne Marie Doyle  
Hillary Evans  
Hailey Fish  
Amy Gaby  
Alexa Garvey  
Maria Haring  
Lisa Kenyon  
Nick Kepple  
Noreen Kepple  
Rebekah Kepple  
Morgan King  
Christina Korinek  
Harry Martin  
John McCarthy  
with granddaughter Emilia  
Robert Palm

Farouk Rajab  
Kathleen Smith  
Bob Statchen  
Judy Westwood

## Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and Stonington Human Services Library

Beth Freeman  
Rory Contin  
Barbara Corbeil  
Joyce Fingerut  
Annick Gillis  
Fred Souza  
Susan Terkanian  
Patricia Tuccio  
Meg Wilhelms

## Program Committee

Susan Martin (Chair)  
Sally Ball  
Kathryn Brandl  
Dodie Bump  
Laurie Cameron  
Pam Leeming  
Robert Palm  
Vivie von Walstrom

## Christmas Wreath & Lights

Dodie Bump  
David Burchenal  
Kathryn Burchenal

## Holiday Stroll Story Time

Doug Rice  
Cynthia Elliott

## High School Volunteers

Jesyka Pacheco

## Tech Classes for Patrons

Sharon Sisitzky

## Stonington Non-profit Round Table

Katherine Milde  
Leanne Theodore



### Book Coverers

Barbara Corbeil  
Patricia Tuccio  
Meg Wilhelms

### Summer Reading Help

Gail Woodrow

### Landscaping

Terra Firma Landscaping  
- Kathy Weinberger

### Circulation Desk Volunteer

Christine Nickerson

### Mystery Dinner Committee

Elizabeth Leamon (Chair)  
Sage Williams (Chair)  
Ann Buffum  
Susie Clapp  
Nan Danforth  
Polly Dufresne  
Anne Fix  
Barbara Ginsberg  
Allegra Griffiths  
Barbara Heuer  
Sibby Lynch  
Sally McBee  
Jennifer O'Brien  
Margaret O'Neill  
Maggie Perkinson  
Clare Sheridan  
Chris Turrentine  
Alejandra Welch

### Development Committee

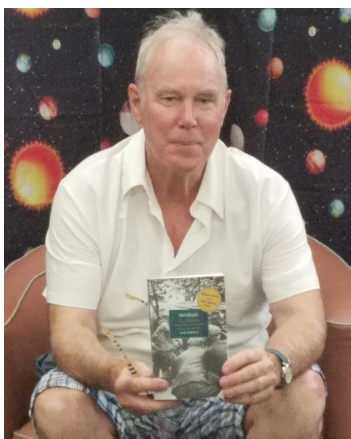
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Susie Clapp  
Chris Donahue  
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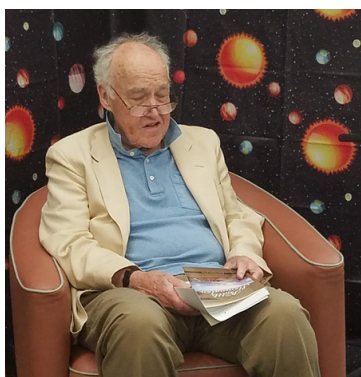
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Local author Tertius de Kay reading a selection during Read-a-thon 2019.



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John McCarthy with his granddaughter doing a team read for Read-a-thon 2019.



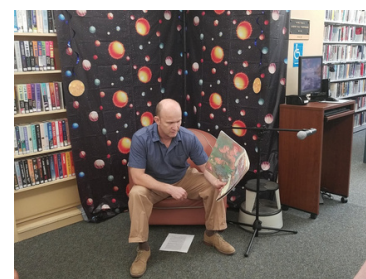
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Christina Korinek reading some of her favorite children's books for Read-a-thon 2019.



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