As spring has arrived in full force, as students are finishing their school year, the Library is full of life and activity! Scroll down to check out all we have to offer to library visitors of all ages this month.

CELEBRATIONS – Knitting Group Anniversary

When the Stonington Free Library closed its doors to the public in March of 2020 it left the weekly SFL knitting group in limbo. The large and friendly group, known for filling the middle room of the library with laughter and yarn, has been meeting since April 2018 and many members have known each other for even longer. When staff member and embroiderer, Ivy Burns, reached out to see if anyone was interested in meeting on Zoom, the responses flooded back and the first official meeting happened on April 22, hardly a month after closing.

Meeting every Wednesday from 1–3pm, the Virtual Knitting Group was a respite, “I believe it has helped all of us get through the isolation of the past year” says Sue Gannon. Penny Harvard, who recently moved away from Stonington, was excited that Zoom allowed her to reconnect with her old knitting group. She said that meeting weekly was like “having an online support group for knitting problems” and that “this group has
been a ‘life saver’ for me this past year.”

When many were unable to see their friends and family, the SFL Virtual Knitting Group started welcoming new friends from outside of Stonington who found the group with clever online searches. There are now members from other parts of Connecticut, New Jersey, Kentucky, Florida, Canada, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic! Sherri Brower, a knitter from Florida, says “My sanity and my connection to other knitters and other crafters has been saved by this group”!

Over the past year the “Virtual Knitters” have accomplished so much. Many made masks or knitted items for various charities and one knitter, Joanne Murray, achieved the title Master Knitter when she earned her TKGA Master Knitter Certification. The knitters are all looking forward to meeting in person again, but until then the SFL Virtual Knitting Group is a welcome substitute.

Did you know that you can access your SFL library card account from the comfort of your home? Using the barcode number on your library card, you can sign in to our online catalog. From there, you can place holds on titles in our collection and renew eligible items that you already have checked out.

Mrs. Frey shares thoughts, books, and resources available in the Children and Teen Rooms each month.
Each month enjoy beautifully written Book Notes by our Director Emeritus, Belinda de Kay.

This month: celebrating a Poet, Walking, Nightingales and Owls. Thinking of Immigrants, the Un-Sheltered. Looking at New Books and Books that are Old Friends.

READ MORE HERE

Each month we will highlight a member of our library community. Check back each month to learn more about our staff, our trustees, our volunteers, and our supporters.

This month we honor a secret team – the BOOK COVERERS.

FIND OUT WHO THEY ARE HERE

YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Mother's Day Bath Fizzy Gift
Grab and Go Craft

Friday, May 7

MAKE A GIFT FOR MOM
Come pick up a fun weekend activity - while supplies last.

STONINGTON FREE LIBRARY
ONLINE EVENING BOOK GROUP

Evening Book Group Members will discuss:

*Weather*

by

Jenny Offill

Wednesday, May 5th at 5:30pm

New to the group? Email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org for the Zoom info.
Afternoon Book Group Members will discuss:

In the Heart of the Sea
by Nathaniel Philbrick

Thursday,
May 13th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

New to the group? Email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org for the Zoom info.
Marc Zimmer discusses the politicization of facts and how new research and innovations in the field of science are leading to life-changing and world-altering discoveries like never before.

Sunday, May 9, 2021
5 PM
via Zoom

Registration is required and limited to 100 participants. Click here to register.
Women & Money
How to Make Sense of Today’s Financial Markets
Presented By:
Liz Maccarone CRPC®, Julia Strayer CPWA® CIMA® CRPC®
& New Canaan Library

A monthly financial literacy program designed to educate women of any age about the financial matters that affect their lives.

1-2 PM on May 19, 2021
via Zoom

Registration is required.
Email karla@stoningtonfreelibrary.org to register.
Once approved, you will be emailed the Zoom link and instructions to join
How to Search Smart in the Digital Age

Presented by: Jean Baur

Career Coach Jean Baur will share creative strategies for online job searching.

May 20, 2021 at 5 PM via Zoom

Registration is required and limited to 100 participants. Click here to register.
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