

THE E-LIBRARIAN

OCTOBER 2021

HAPPY FALL! It is such a great time of year to live in New England. We have so many new faces and new programs at the Library this fall. We hope you will be able to join us for a program, a book group, or to simply check out a book. Remember we are open more hours each week for your convenience.



AUTO-RENEWAL

Stonington Free Library aims to make your life easier by automatically renewing the items that you have checked out. Starting today, you will no longer have to remember to renew books from the adult library collection. Fiction, non-fiction, books on CD and large print will automatically be renewed before the due date.

[LEARN MORE
HERE](#)

A NOTE FROM MRS. FREY

Lots of things are happening downstairs as we move into autumn!

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HERE](#)

From the Children's Room



Each month join us as Mrs. Frey writes a special column for our children and youth.



BELINDA'S BOOK NOTES

Each month enjoy beautifully written Book Notes by our Director Emeritus, Belinda de Kay.

In October—Fall—Autumn—of all poems that speak to this moment in the year, Keats' 'To Autumn' has to be, after 200 years, still the truest, the best loved, the most familiar and yet always fresh and new.

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HERE](#)

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

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

This month we want to welcome one of our new staff members, Sarah! Please stop by and welcome her to our team of friendly helpers!

READ
MORE



SFL's expanded hours!

We asked the community what they wanted from the Library.

The answer was more access!

First, we expanded our digital library, then our space and recently
our wireless access.

Now, we are expanding our hours!

Monday - Thursday

10am - 7pm

Friday

10am - 5pm

Saturday

10am-3pm





THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, October 11, 2021

ADULT PROGRAMMING

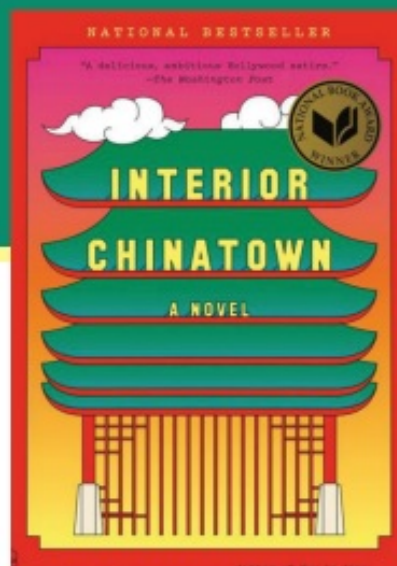
AN EVENING WITH
CHARLES YU
Author of *Interior Chinatown*

This year's **One Book One Region** selection is *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu. Winner of the National Book Award for Fiction in 2020, *Interior Chinatown* offers a poignant picture on the role of family in shaping identities; a lacerating satire on American popular culture; and a critique of the external stereotyping and the internalized racism that have defined the experience of Asian Americans for almost 200 years.

Connecticut College selected *Interior Chinatown* as its summer read for all incoming first-year students.

Author **Charles Yu** will visit New London County to discuss *Interior Chinatown* and related themes with **Ayako Takamori**, assistant professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Connecticut College. Questions may be submitted in advance to onebookoneregionct@gmail.com.

Signed bookplates will be available for attendees immediately following the event.



Ayako Takamori
assistant professor of
East Asian Languages
and Cultures



Charles Yu author

OCTOBER 5, 2021 7 P.M.

The Garde Arts Center FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. This event will be livestreamed on onebookoneregion.org.

Please visit gardearts.org for Covid-19 policies and precautions (per New London city mandate, masks are required for all Garde patrons. Proof of full vaccination or negative PCR or antigen test within 48 hours prior to events will be required for entry at the Garde).

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Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice

presented by Ray Uzan



Ray will share his recent visits to Iceland with emphasis on the currently erupting “Fagradalsfjall” volcano and its extraordinary, otherworldly activity.

October 10, 2021 at 5 PM

This in-person event is free and open to the public at Stonington Free Library.

Attendees must wear masks regardless of vaccination status.



20 High Street Stonington, CT | 860-535-0658 | stoningtonfreelibrary.org

Putting Your Garden to Bed

Presented by: Noreen Kepple



URI Master Gardener Noreen Kepple discusses cleaning up garden spaces, caring for tools, providing nesting areas for native bees, and more.

October 21, 2021
5 PM via Zoom



Registration is required and limited to 100 participants.

SFL Knitting Group

WEDNESDAYS
1 PM - 3 PM

All crafters are welcome to join us in the library every Wednesday from 1-3 pm. Masks are required in the library for everyone's safety.

Email

ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org

for more information!



Stonington Free Library

HALLOWEEN OUTDOOR OPEN MIC

**SPOOKY
POETRY**

**SCARY
STORIES**

**LIVE
MUSIC**

OCTOBER 26TH, 4-5:30PM

20 High Street, Stonington, CT. 06378

INTERESTED IN PERFORMING?

Email Brianwalls@stoningtonfreelibrary.org



BOOK GROUPS

First Wednesday of the month @ 5:30



10/6

The Exiles



11/3

**The Book Woman of
Troublesome Creek**



12/1

**The Night
Tiger**

**What are the
SFL Book Groups Reading?**

10/14

**Sabrina &
Corina**



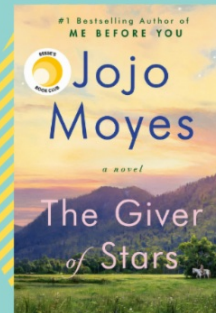
11/11

**Killers of the
Flower Moon**



12/9

**The Giver of
Stars**



Second Thursday of the month @ 2

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP

Evening Book Group Members
will discuss :

The Exiles

by
Christina Baker Kline

Wednesday, October 6th
at 5:30pm

"Master storyteller Christina Baker Kline is at her best in this epic yet intimate tale of nineteenth-century Australia. I loved this book." —PAULA McLENNAN

AUTHOR OF THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
ORPHAN TRAIN

CHRISTINA
BAKER KLINE
THE
EXILES
A NOVEL



New to the group?

Email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org
for more information.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP



Afternoon Book Group Members
will discuss:

Sabrina & Corina

by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

Thursday,
October 14th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

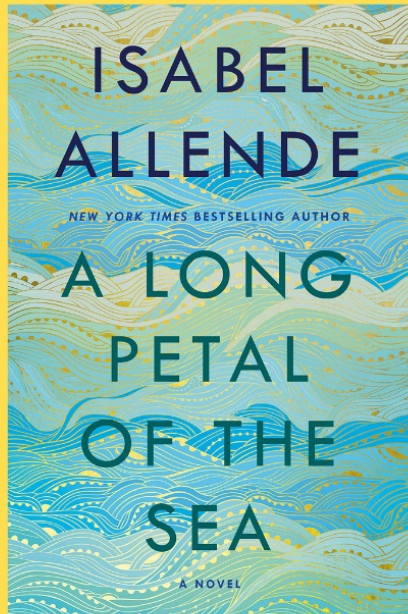
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more information.



Human Services Book Discussion

Sponsored by the Stonington Free Library

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende



Friday, October 15
12 - 1pm

at Stonington Human Services
166 S Broad St. Pawcatuck, CT



If you have questions
Call Human Services 860-535-5015
Stonington Free Library 860-535-0658
or email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Summer Reading 2021

We ran summer programs for:

EARLY CHILDHOOD
CHILDREN
TEENS
ADULTS



We registered:
479 PEOPLE



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Tails &
TALES

OF PROGRAMS AND
ACTIVITIES

63

OF NEW SUMMER
READING PARTICIPANTS

24

OF PROGRAM/
ACTIVITY ATTENDEES

297

What did our children, teen, and adult participants have to say?

74%

of participants strongly agree
they **felt welcome at the
library** this summer

68%

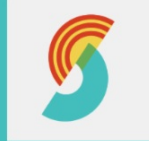
of participants strongly agree
that they **enjoyed taking part
in library activities** this
summer

56%

of participants strongly
agree they would **take part
in library activities** after
summer

**“I LIKE THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM.
THE STORE IS THE BEST AND THERE ARE SO MANY RAFFLE BASKETS!!!
I FEEL LIKE THIS SUMMER READING PROGRAM
REALLY ENCOURAGES ME TO READ MORE.”**

-TEEN



Virtual STORY TIME

Sept. 13 - Dec. 27



**MONDAY MORNINGS on our
YOUTUBE channel.**

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HALLOW-READ

AGES 2-8

September 27 - November 1

Join our celebration of autumn fun!

Spooky activities & stories to enjoy!

Pick up your Grab & Go Bag
on October 4th
While Supplies Last



Scan the QR code to sign up.



October Grab & Go Bags

Pick up your bag October 4th

While Supplies Last



Ages 2-8

Crafts to go along with our Hallow-Read challenge

AND

some bags will have a little surprise!



November Grab and Go Bags

Pick up November 1st



Ages 3-10

Bags will include a Thanksgiving version of Jeopardy
and
a sticker scene for the younger people
in your family

While Supplies Last

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

Are you a Charter Oak Member?

If so, help Charter Oak Credit Union
Give Away \$100,000 in 100 days to
The Stonington Free Library.

Charter Oak Credit Union will match all qualified* charitable donations YOU make between Tuesday, August 17, 2021 and Wednesday, November 24, 2021 to The Stonington Free Library. Please click [here](#) to read qualifying information and to access the form to be submitted to SFL along with your contribution.

We hope this Matching Gifts program will inspire you to make a gift to
The Stonington Free Library.

Thank you so much for supporting us!

*Donations must be at least \$25 and will be matched in increments of \$25 (\$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100, etc.); Charter Oak Credit Union will match up to a maximum of \$500 per Charter Oak Credit Union member during these 100 days. <https://charteroak.org/content/matching-gifts/>



LIBRARY HOURS

Holiday Closings:
Monday, October 11

Call us at 860-535-0658
or [email us](#).

Monday 10 – 7
Tuesday 10 – 7
Wednesday 10–7
Thursday 10 – 7
Friday 10 – 5
Saturday 10 – 3

QUICK LINKS

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