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.

A NOTE FROM MRS. FREY

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

READ MORE 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!
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
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.

**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).

In partnership with:
Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice
presented by Ray Uzanas

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
Evening Book Group Members will discuss:

**The Exiles**

by Christina Baker Kline

Wednesday, October 6th at 5:30pm

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

Sabrina & Corina
by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

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

New to the group? Email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org for 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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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.
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

Thanksgiving Jeopardy

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

STONINGTON FREE LIBRARY

BROWSE THE LIBRARY’S CATALOG
There are many ways you can support the Library:

Donate to the Library Annual Fund

Become a Library Sustainer

Celebrate and raise funds

The Stonington Free Library | www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org
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