

THE E-LIBRARIAN

SEPTEMBER 2021

As we enjoy the last few weeks of summer weather, we also are getting back to school and back into routines. The library has so much on our [calendar](#) for all ages to enjoy!

Do you know that September is [National Library Card Sign Up Month](#)? Do you have a library card? Do you need to renew your library card? Call 860-535-0658, email stonlib@stoningtonfreelibrary.org or visit our online [sign up form](#).

The Library has spent the last year expanding! First, we expanded our physical space and now our WiFi has expanded too! Check out our [Library Services](#) article for more information. Stay tuned for the next step of our expansion – coming soon!

We are pleased to announce that SFL has been awarded \$16,363 in [American Rescue Plan Act](#) funding (ARPA) through the [CT State Library](#) and [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#). The funding will be used to purchase new public access technologies such as laptops, desktops and related accessories. A much needed new outdoor book drop for material returns. A [Square](#) point of sale register to easily accept credit card and socially distanced and contactless sales. Lastly, a new people counting system for both entrances to the building, so that we can accurately capture the number of visitors to the Library year round. The purchases support the purpose of the funding which is to help libraries increase digital access within their communities and to allow libraries to safely respond to the pandemic and public health protocols. We are in the process of purchasing the new equipment and look forward to the positive impact this funding will have on library services for the Stonington community.

REMEMBER, our [Digital Library](#) is always open!



FREE WIFI ACCESS POINT



Connect to
"CT Public WiFi"



OUR FAVORITES THIS MONTH

Check out what our staff enjoys from the [SFL Catalog](#). Access books, eBooks, and more!

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



STAFF FAVORITES

Looking for something to read, watch or listen to?

Check out our staff favorites!

We will keep updating so check back often!



EXPANDED WIFI ACCESS

Stonington Free Library recently took another step to provide digital access for all by expanding free WiFi across the exterior of the library building. Community members can now access free WiFi along the length of our driveway and across portions of Wadawanuck Square.

[LEARN MORE
HERE](#)

A NOTE FROM MRS. FREY

Story Time, Grab and Go Bags, and a special Reading Challenge happen in September for our young library visitors.

[READ MORE
HERE](#)



BELINDA'S BOOK NOTES

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

Honoring the twentieth anniversary of September 11th, poetry, words we can live by, a defense of Chaucer – the father of English poetry, and a seventeenth century perspective on fake news.

[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, Alyssa! Please stop by and welcome her to our team of friendly helpers!



READ
MORE

FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD TODAY

National Library Card Sign Up Month



Have you been using SimplyE?

SimplyE will be discontinued at the end of August 2021
and the ebook & audiobook collection
will be transferred to
The Palace Project.



Holds and checkouts will not transfer.

Ask staff for more information about the upgrade!



ADULT PROGRAMMING



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Preventing Family Homelessness

presented by Tricia Cunningham, Executive Director of Always Home



Learn how this non-profit organization is helping local families navigate the COVID housing crisis.

September 12, 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.



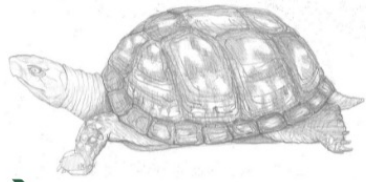
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Natural Illustration Class

Presented by DPNC artist Rob Reas



Denison Pequotsepos
Nature Center



September 16, 2021 at 5 PM
via Zoom

The instructor will cover illustrating in pencil, with recommendations on how to add color in pastels or watercolors. This class is suitable for all levels of artists and intended for adults.

Preregistration is required.
Limited to 30 people.





**We are looking for talented
community members to participate in
a fun, family friendly open mic event**

SFL Community Open Mic

September 21st 4 - 5pm

SIGN UP FOR A 10 MINUTE SLOT AND...

- READ POEMS**
- PERFORM SONGS**
- READ YOUR FAVORITE BOOK**

Location: 20 High Street, Wadawanuck Square

Advanced sign up is required.

Email brianwalls@stoningtonfreelibrary.org



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!



NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY SEPTEMBER 28TH

If you are 17+ and need to register to vote,
Stonington Free Library can help!

[Click here to register online](#) or pick up a paper form at
the library! Staff can assist you with any questions.

"Democracy is not a spectator sport!" - Lotte Scharfman



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



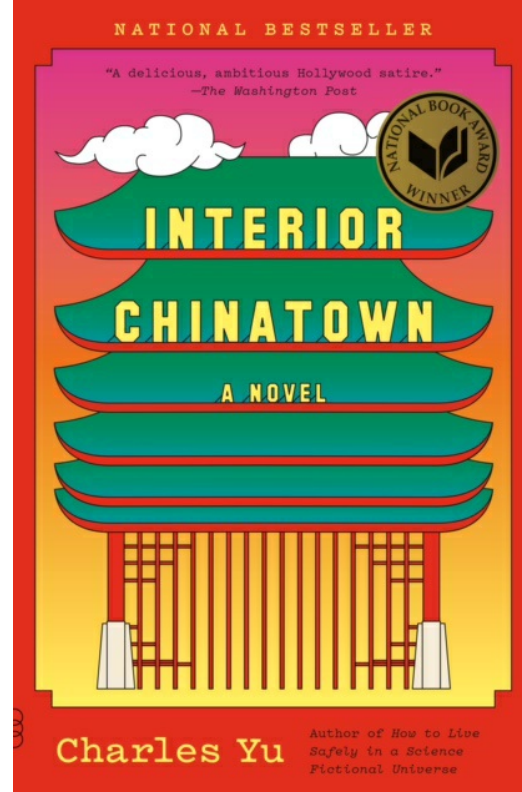
BOOK GROUPS

ONE BOOK ONE REGION

Since 2002, a committee of librarians, educators and interested community members has gathered to choose the “one book” for all in eastern Connecticut to read. Over the nineteen-year history of One Book, One Region, thousands of residents have joined together to read and discuss a good book and, in the process, talked about tolerance, bullying, freedom of speech, civil liberties, literacy, the Holocaust, immigration, and child trafficking. We’ve also initiated conversations about addiction, justice, human

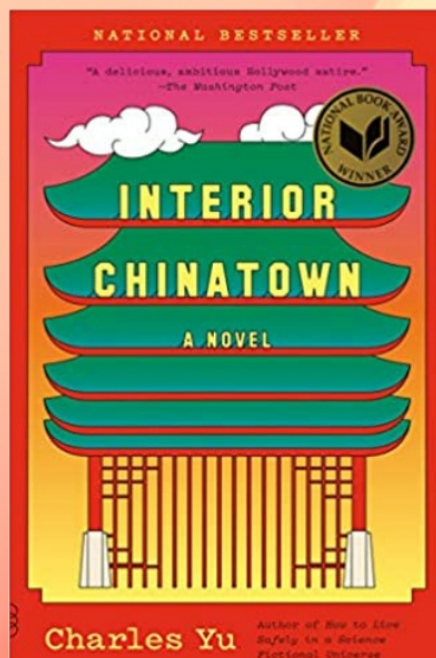
rights, and compassion.

This year's title is *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu. We will discuss the book at our September book clubs.



STONINGTON FREE LIBRARY

EVENING & AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP



SFL book group members will discuss:

One Book One Region 2021

Interior Chinatown
by Charles Yu

Wednesday,
September 1st
5:30-6:30pm

In Person

Thursday,
September 9th
2:00- 3:00 pm

On Zoom



New to the group?

Email

ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org
for information



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**



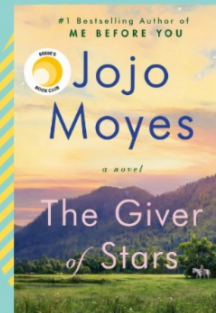
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**Killers of the
Flower Moon**



12/9

**The Giver of
Stars**

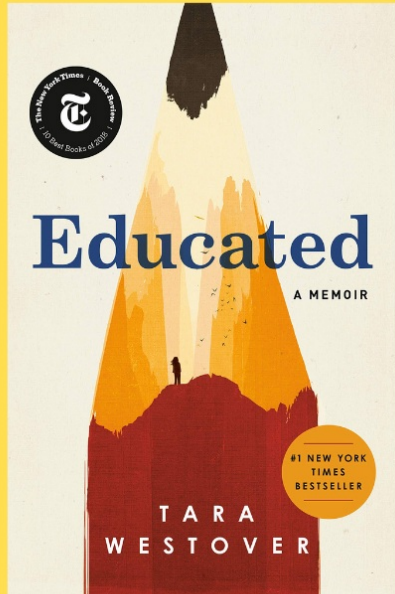


Second Thursday of the month @ 2

Human Services Book Discussion

Sponsored by the Stonington Free Library

Educated by Tara Westover



Friday, September 17
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



Fall Grab & Go



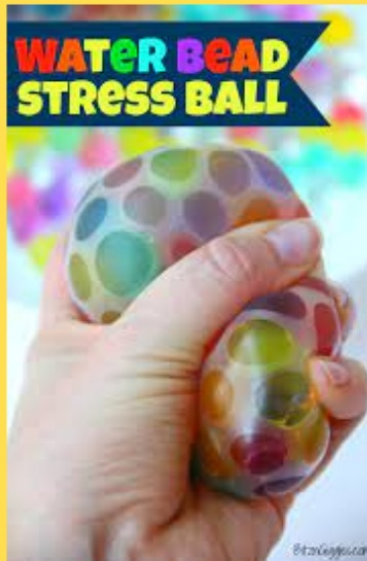
September 13th
Ages 2-6



While Supplies Last

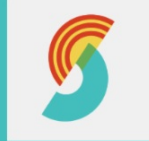


Fall Grab & Go



September 13th
Ages 7-12

While Supplies Last



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!

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

Join our friends at [Sift Bake Shop](#) for brunch to benefit SFL and Groton Human Services. Enjoy a meal on the rooftop with live music by Trina Vargas and bottomless mimosas! Buy [tickets online](#) through SIFT. A copy of Adam Young's new cookbook is included with initial ticket purchase. THANK YOU to Sift Bake Shop for their generous and continued support of SFL!



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For the month of September 2021, Stonington Free Library will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop store located at 91 Voluntown Road, Pawcatuck CT.



Support your Community & the Environment!

We will receive a \$1 donation for every
\$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold
this month at our local Stop & Shop!

Learn more at stopandshop.bags4mycause.com



SFL SALE RACK!

Another way to support your local library



Ten pack of cards = \$20

T-Shirts = \$20

SFL Merchandise

Window clings = \$2

Post cards = \$1

Stickers = \$1

Books

Hard cover = \$2

Soft cover = \$1

LIBRARY HOURS

Holiday Closings:
Monday, September 6

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

Monday 10 – 6
Tuesday 10 – 6

QUICK LINKS

**STONINGTON
FREE LIBRARY**

Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 10 - 6
Friday 10 - 5
Saturday 10 - 1

FOLLOW US



There are many
ways you can
support the Library:

[Donate to the Library
Annual Fund](#)

[Become a Library
Sustainer](#)

[Celebrate and raise
funds](#)



BROWSE THE LIBRARY'S CATALOG



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