

THE E-LIBRARIAN

FEBRUARY 2022

LOVE is in the air during February. What do we love? Well, we love our new "Dog Library" to encourage you to enjoy the park with your dogs donated by Noreen Kepple. We love our new Laptop Cart funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the Connecticut State Library. We love our new Chromebook lending program made possible by a grant from Emergency Connectivity Fund. We also love our new Nintendo Switch lending library that was made possible by a grant from the Association for Rural & Small Libraries through the generosity of a regional partner foundation. We are exploring all funding possibilities to meet the needs of our residents. What do you love about your hometown library?





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate Black History Month by checking out a book from our displays of Black Literature on the main level and Children's Room.



LIBRARY SERVICES

Each month, Assistant Director Karla Boeddinghaus Umland will be highlighting services offered by Stonington Free Library.



We are delighted to introduce a new lending program to help residents connect to school, work, and health resources. The Stonington Free Library Chromebook lending program is a free service that allows Stonington cardholders to check out a Chromebook laptop to use at home, school, or elsewhere.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

A NOTE FROM MRS. FREY

Valentine's Day and Black History Month are both celebrated this month. We are reminded of the many ways we can show kindness, whether it is a hug or kiss for our family, a sweet card with friendship wishes, or expanding our awareness and appreciation of Black contributions to our world.

[READ MORE HERE](#)



BELINDA'S BOOK NOTES CELEBRATING ELIZABETH BISHOP – IN CONVERSATION WITH JONATHAN POST.

Elizabeth Bishop is among the finest American lyric poets of the second half of the Twentieth Century. She was adored (not too big a word) by her contemporaries Robert Lowell and James Merrill, her work was revered by John Ashbery and Seamus Heaney, also her contemporaries, and her genius was early recognized by

[READ MORE HERE](#)

fellow poets such as Marianne Moore and Randall Jarrell.

PEOPLE OF SFL

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 meet Millie and Nick. Learn why they work at SFL!

[READ 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!

OUR FAVORITES THIS MONTH

Each month we will highlight some of our staff members' favorite books.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT
WHAT BOOKS WE LOVE](#)

WE ARE OPEN
ON SUNDAYS.

10am - 3pm

Sunday

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SUNDAY

Sunday

CHECKOUT A CHROMEBOOK LAPTOP AT SFL!



A Chromebook is a simplified laptop that uses the Google Chrome Browser. Anyone 18+ with an SFL card in good standing can checkout a Chromebook today!

- ✓ Browse the internet, work from home, stream videos and more
- ✓ Borrow for 14 days
- ✓ If you do not have internet access, you can also check out a wifi hotspot



CHROMEBOOKS ARE FUNDED BY
THE EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND

SFL Wifi At home!

Borrow a hotspot & connect to the internet almost anywhere. Portable hotspots provide a signal for wireless-enabled devices, such as laptops, smartphones or tablets.

- ✓ Browse the internet, work from home, stream videos and more!
- ✓ Anyone 18 + with an SFL library card in good standing can check out a hotspot
- ✓ Connect 10-15 devices at a time
- ✓ Borrow for 14 days



The hotspots are funded by a grant from
The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.

Checkout some family fun!

Stonington Free Library now has...



Browse our new collection in the Children's Room!



ARSL

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries

This project is made possible by a grant from the
Association for Rural & Small Libraries through the
generosity of a regional partner foundation.



ADULT PROGRAMMING



ADULT WINTER LIBRARY CHALLENGE JANUARY 3 TO APRIL 4, 2022

Win great prizes!

Register at

stoningtonfreelibrary.beanstack.org

Brighten up your winter
with a variety of books and activities!

For ages 18 and up.

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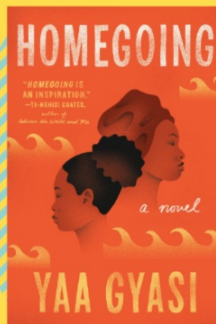
BOOK GROUPS

First Wednesday of the month @ 5:30



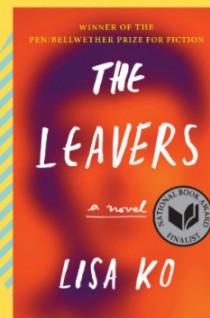
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**The Age of
Miracles**



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Homegoing



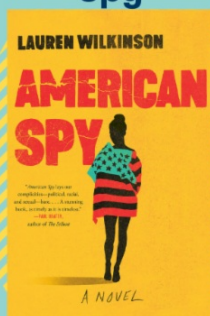
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The Leavers

What are the
SFL Book Groups Reading?

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**American
Spy**



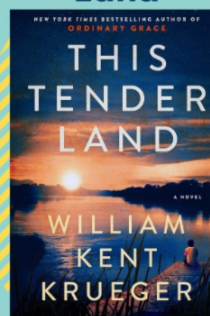
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**The Vanishing
Half**



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**This Tender
Land**



Second Thursday of the month @ 2

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP

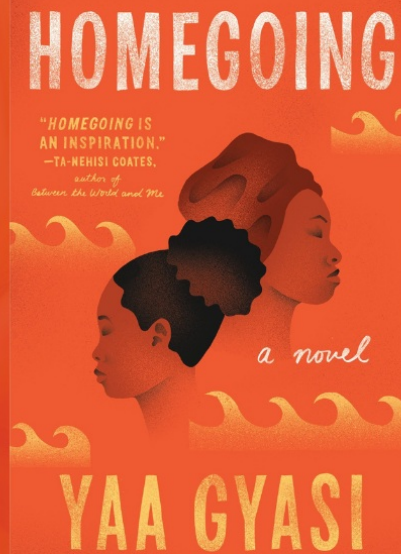
Evening Book Group Members
will discuss :

Homegoing

by

Yaa Gyasi

Wednesday, February 2nd
at 5:30pm



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



THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP



Afternoon Book Group Members
will discuss:

The Vanishing Half

by Brit Bennett

Thursday,
February 10th
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org
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YOUTH PROGRAMMING



Valentine Grab & Go

Make a **LOVE** Pet!

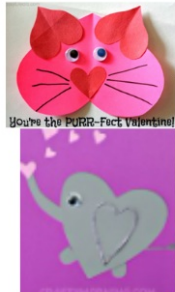


February 7

While supplies last -

2 animals per bag

Ages 5 - 12





February Grab & Go Bags

Ages 2 - 8



**We have fun sticker
scenes to create!**

Pick up February 7th
While Supplies Last



STONINGTON
FREE LIBRARY

Our Winter Reading Challenge



50 To Grow On

Early Literacy Initiative

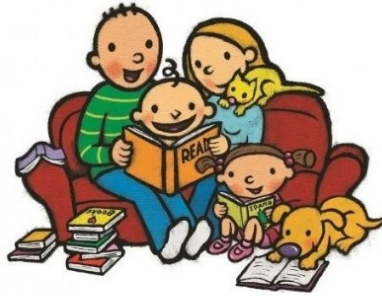
We have chosen 40 books and the other 10 are up to you!
Completion prize after all 50 and a chance for a raffle
prize! This FREE program is for children ages 7 and
under. Sign up and log on your Beanstack account.

January 3 - April 4

20 High Street

860-535-0658

www.stoningtonfreelibrary.org



Grades
1 - 8

FAMILY READING CHALLENGE

Read books from a curated list of 18 titles to earn chances for prizes. Contact marisfrey@stoningtonfreelibrary.org with any questions. Register and log on Beanstack.

January 3 - April 4

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LIBRARY HOURS

Holiday Closings:

Monday, February 21

Call us at 860-535-0658
or [email us](mailto:marisfrey@stoningtonfreelibrary.org).

Monday 10 - 7
Tuesday 10 - 7
Wednesday 10-7
Thursday 10 - 7
Friday 10 - 5
Saturday 10 - 3
Sunday 10 - 3

FOLLOW US



QUICK LINKS

**STONINGTON
FREE LIBRARY**



BROWSE THE LIBRARY'S CATALOG

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There are many
ways you can
support the Library:

Donate to the Library
Annual Fund

Become a Library
Sustainer

Celebrate and raise
funds



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