Be our guest! On the western side of the library building you will find our brand new outdoor seating area. The space is open to the public to be freely enjoyed by the many visitors to Wadawanuck Square. Truly a community project, the patio was brought to fruition with support from the Borough of Stonington, the American Rescue Plan, and individual donors.

READ MORE ABOUT THE OUTDOOR SEATING AREA HERE!

Summer is almost here. Scroll through this entire email to see all the great events we have planned to kick off the summer. Our fun reading program begins online June 20th.

LIBRARY SERVICES

*Each month, Assistant Director Karla Boeddinghaus Umland will be highlighting services offered by Stonington Free Library.*
Adult Summer Library Challenge 2022: Oscar–Worthy Reads

The book may be better than the movie! The SFL Adult Summer Library Challenge features a list of books that were made into, or inspired by, Oscar–winning films. Enjoy these titles as print books, ebooks, or audiobooks. Log your reading/listening in Beanstack to earn badges throughout the challenge. We have also added a couple of fun activities to try as part of this Oscar–worthy challenge.

BELINDA’S BOOK NOTES

Midsummer, the Summer Solstice, June 24th or thereabouts, that time when the world is seen “mysteriously anew.” Where better to experience that mystery than in those woods outside Athens in A Midsummer Night’s Dream when “the soft moonlight,” as Isaac Asimov says in his Guide to Shakespeare, “will make things seem not quite as they are.” (p.23)

OUR FAVORITES THIS MONTH

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

This month we have an emotional family past, star–crossed lovers, and a DVD recommendation.
A NOTE FROM MRS. FREY

Change is in the Air!

We are finally seeing beautiful spring weather, with summer just around the corner. Our very popular Summer Reading program begins on June 20 and this year, we have some changes that we hope will make things even more exciting and user friendly.

READ MORE HERE

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JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is a celebration of the end of slavery in the United States. "On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, TX, and announced the end of the Civil War and the end of slavery. Although the Emancipation Proclamation came 2½ years earlier on January 1, 1863, many enslavers continued to hold enslaved Black people captive after the announcement, so Juneteenth became a symbolic date representing African American freedom."

SFL will be closed on June 20th for Juneteenth.

Congressional Research Service https://crsreports.congress.gov R44865
Regenerative Gardening for the Home Gardener

Learn how to make the most of your at-home garden during this event led by DPNC Coogan Farm Manager Craig Floyd. Co-sponsored with Stonington Garden Club.

June 2, 2022 | 5 PM

In the library & live streamed on the Stonington Free Library YouTube channel
20 High Street, Stonington

No registration required. For more information email stonlib@stoningtonfreelibrary.org or call 860-555-0658
June Grab & Go Activity Bags for ADULTS!

Kindness Rocks

Brighten your own yard or leave your painted rock as a surprise for a friend. Your kit includes acrylic paint in primary colors to make your masterpiece.

Available starting June 6, while supplies last.
Stonington Free Library 20 High St. Stonington, CT
www.StoningtonFreeLibrary.org
The Man Who Loved Women: Jack Gilbert and his poems

Poet Sue Ellen Thompson will explore how Gilbert's relationships with women influenced his work.

June 12, 2022 | 5 PM

In the library & live streamed on the Stonington Free Library YouTube channel
20 High Street, Stonington

No registration required. For more information email stonlib@stoningtonfreelibrary.org or call 860-555-0658
Author talk with Karen Guzman

Connecticut author and essayist Karen Guzman will discuss her most recent novel, share her writing process, and take questions from the audience.

June 16, 2022 | 5 PM
In person at the library
20 High Street, Stonington

No registration required. For more information email stonlib@stoningtonfreelibrary.org or call 860-555-0658
Adult Summer Library Challenge
OSCAR-WORTHY READS

JUNE 20-
AUGUST 5, 2022

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How Many Pollinators Can You Count?!

Check out the Observing Pollinators Kit and bring home an all-ages science project!

The kit includes everything you need to be a citizen scientist!

Enjoy time outside & participate in a global science project that helps pollinators.

Any Questions?
Email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org

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Knitting in Nature

On the last two Wednesdays of the month from 1-3pm, the SFL Knitting Group will be meeting on the library lawn! (All other Knitting Group meetings are inside)

Please bring a comfortable chair & dress for the weather.

Email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org for more information!
The Stonington Garden Club invites you to visit “Gardens by the Sea,” an easy walking tour of nine rarely seen gardens in the Borough June 10-11. A unique feature of the Tour is “Artists in the Borough,” a juried selection of “Plein air” artists, who will create art in selected gardens and locations in the Borough. Their work will be available for sale at the La Grua Center during the Tour. New this year is our Celebrity Speaker, Charlie Nardozzi, who will speak on both days of the Tour at the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club. These talks (which will be different each day) are ticketed separately. A tented Marketplace will be held on Wadawanuck Square, offering a variety of crafts, clothing, jewelry, home décor, and gift items. Tour tickets are $35 online; $40 on-site the days of the Tour. For more information and to order tickets, please visit www.stoningtongardenclub.org/garden-tour/
YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Fire Breathing Dragon Grab & Go
Ages 3 - 6
June 6
While supplies last

Contains all materials needed to create your own fire-breathing dragon!
Nature Hunt Bingo Grab & Go
Ages 3 - 5
Pick up June 23rd
Return completed bingo sheet by July 14th for a prize!

Nature Hunt Bingo Grab & Go
Ages 6 - 11
Pick up June 23rd
Return completed bingo sheet by July 14th for a prize!

Summer Reading is Coming!
Registration begins on June 20th
Sign up at stoningtonfreelibrary.beanstack.com to earn badges, Camp Bucks, and tickets for the basket raffle prizes!
Summer Story Time Sessions
June 27th - August 1st
10:30-11:00 am
Story Times will take place outside every Monday beginning June 27th and will run through August 1st
Weather Permitting
We recommend bringing a blanket and/or chair for your own comfort

BEE a Pollinator Helper
June 28 @ 10:30
Master gardener Noreen Kepple will teach us about pollinators and how they help provide food for us to eat. You will help these creatures by making seed balls of flowers they like to put in your gardens. We will also make bee baths so bees can access water!

Come learn and join the fun!
Ages 4-8

Online registration opens JUNE 17

For more information email mari@stoningtonfreelibrary.org or call 860-535-0658.
Campfire Hat Grab & Go
Ages 2 - 6
Pick up June 30th
While supplies last

Contains all materials needed to create your own campfire hat, including marshmallows!

LIBRARY HOURS

Holiday Closings:
Juneteenth – June 20

Call us at 860–535–0658 or email us.

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