

THE E-LIBRARIAN



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

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

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)



[READ MORE HERE](#)



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.

This month we have an emotional family past, star-crossed lovers, and a DVD recommendation.

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

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



ADULT PROGRAMMING



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Regenerative Gardening for the Home Gardener



STONINGTON
GARDEN CLUB



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
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**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.

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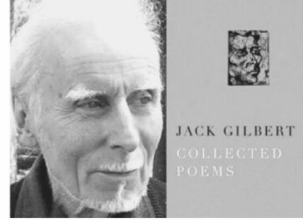


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*Sue Ellen Thompson
presents*



**The Man Who Loved Women:
Jack Gilbert and his poems**

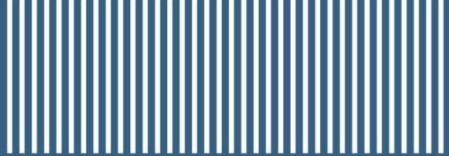
Poet Sue Ellen Thompson will explore how
Gilbert's relationships with women influenced his work.

June 12, 2022 | 5 PM

In the library & live streamed on the
Stonington Free Library [YouTube](#) channel
20 High Street, Stonington



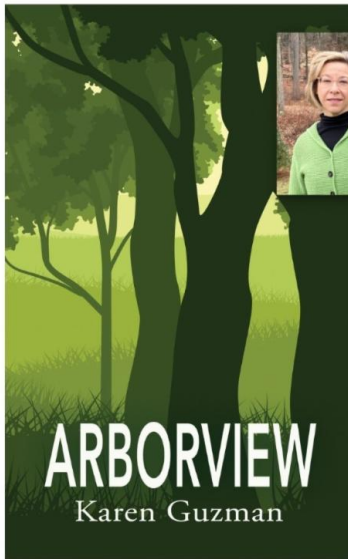
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Author talk with

**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**



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PROUDLY PRESENTS

Adult Summer Library Challenge

OSCAR-WORTHY READS

JUNE 20-
AUGUST 5, 2022

WIN GREAT
PRIZES!

CHECK OUT OUR
LIST OF BOOKS RELATED TO
OSCAR-WINNING FILMS.



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PROUDLY
PRESENTS

FRIDAY FLIX

**GRAB A SNACK &
ENJOY THE SHOW!**

STOP IN ON FRIDAYS FROM JUNE 24-AUGUST 5 TO PICK UP A
SNACK & SELECT A DVD FROM OUR GROWING COLLECTION!
STAYING HOME? USE YOUR SFL CARD TO ACCESS ONLINE
STREAMING OPTIONS IN KANOPY & HOOPLA. ASK US HOW!

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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



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/

BOOK GROUPS

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP

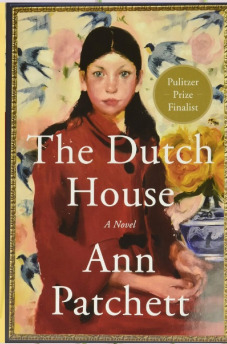
Evening Book Group Members
will discuss:

The Dutch House

by

Ann Patchett

Wednesday, June 1st
at 5:30pm



New to the group?
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THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

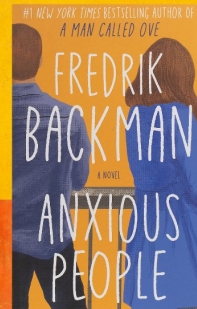
Afternoon Book Group Members
will discuss:

Anxious People

by

Fredrik Backman

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



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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



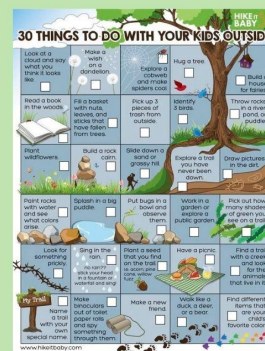
Return completed bingo sheet by
July 14th for a prize!



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 marisfrey@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](#).

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

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