

THE E-LIBRARIAN

School is back in swing for our local teachers and students. Our college students have headed back for another semester. The Library still has a [calendar](#) full of events that are open to the public. Many are in person and online via our [YouTube channel](#). We are also hosting a special [reading challenge](#) just for the month of September. We hope you can join us.



**STONINGTON
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BELINDA's BOOK NOTES

As the Joseph Henry Gilmore Professor of English at the University of Rochester, and a highly regarded figure in the field of literary criticism and poetry, there are many, and will be many more, tributes to Jim Longenbach, online and in academic journals from friends, scholars, fellow poets, and writers. What follows here is a tribute from one person in his Stonington Library community as we mourn the loss of a friend who brought richness to our lives in the wealth of his poetry and critical works and in his deep love of this place and the people in it.



[READ MORE HERE](#)

LIBRARY SERVICES

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

Our digital library keeps growing! Thanks to the



Connecticut State Library, Stonington Free Library patrons can now borrow ebooks and audiobooks from [The Palace Project](#).



[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Summer 2022 made us feel that things were moving back toward normal. We appreciate everyone who joined our Summer Reading Program and hope that you had fun reading, shopping in the store, finishing your challenge if you were a Little and getting your prize, and deciding where to put your basket raffle tickets.

[READ MORE FROM MRS. FREY HERE](#)



PEOPLE OF SFL

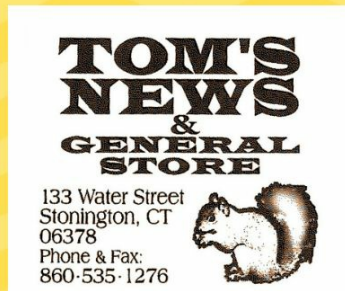
Each month we will highlight a member or members of our library community. Check back each month to learn more about our staff, our trustees, our volunteers, and our supporters.

Meet the new president of the SFL Board of Trustees – Kevin Bowdler.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Thank you

Special thanks to Tom and all who donated to
Tom's Donation Basket between June and August.
Your generosity raised \$1,596.26 to support
Children's Programming at the Stonington Free
Library!



Thank you to everyone that has visited BIG Y and purchased a
Community Bag during the month of July. You raised over \$100.
Whether you've bought a bag or helped spread the word, we couldn't
have done this without you.



If you haven't had a chance to pick up a bag yet, don't worry! The Big Y
Giving Tag Program runs all year long. All you have to do is purchase
the Community Bag at any Big Y and follow the instructions on the
attached Giving Tag to direct the \$1 donation to the Library.



GIVE BACK

Use the Giving Tag attached to the
\$2.50 reusable Community Bag
at any Big Y location to send a
\$1 donation to our organization



bigy.bags4mycause.com



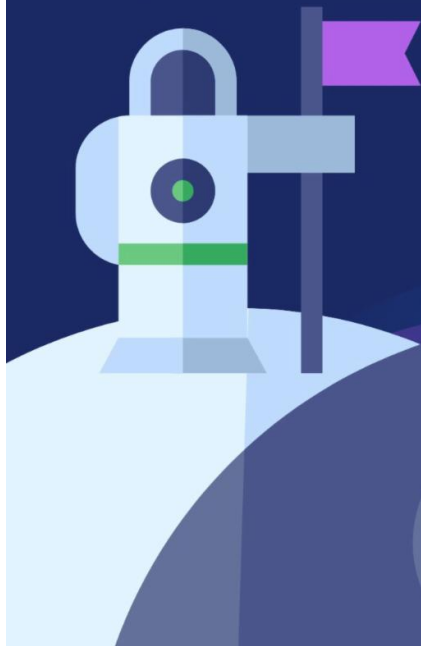
NASA's Artemis Project: **TO THE MOON, MARS, AND BEYOND!**

September 1-30

Reading Challenge

ALL AGES

♥ **beanstack**



If you are posting to social media, please use the hashtags #STEAMinLIB and #BeanBlast to help us win a circulation backpack of STEM activities.

**JULY 3-
SEPT. 30**

SFL Stairwell Gallery Guest Artist

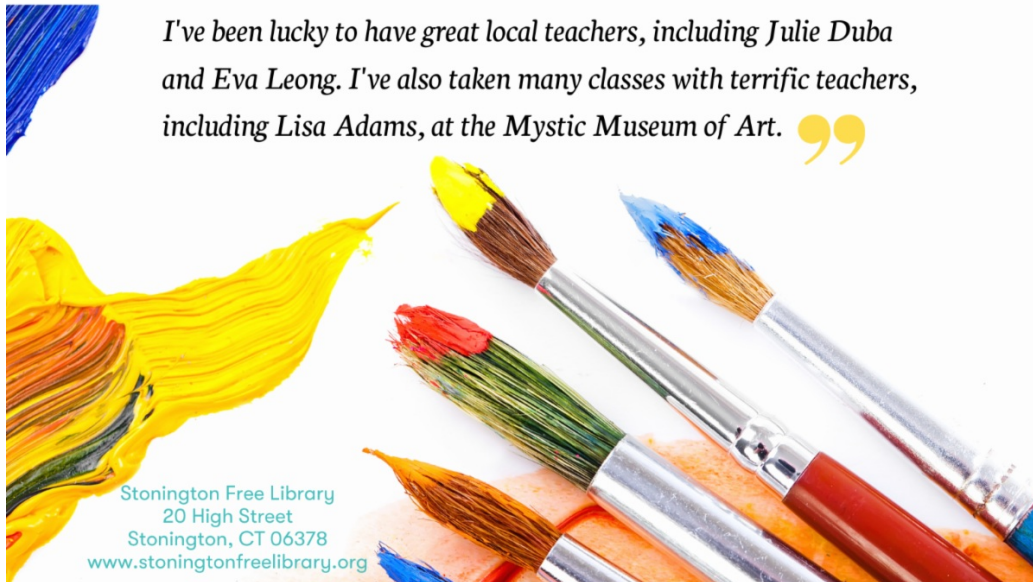


Catherine McWilliams

Stonington High School, Class of 2023

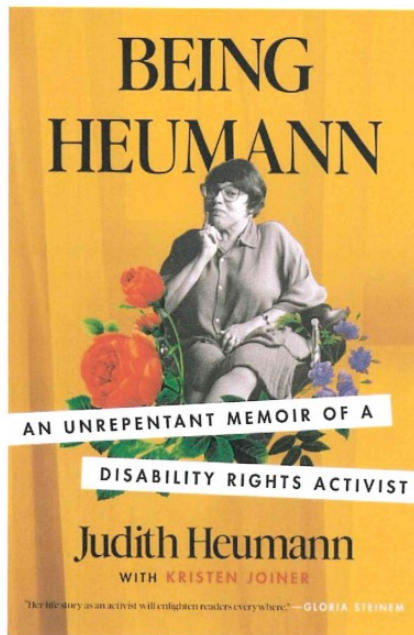
“*I've been drawing and painting since I was very young. I like painting in all mediums especially pastel, oil and acrylic. I like all subjects, but especially ballet because I've also been studying ballet for years with Eastern Connecticut Ballet.*

I've been lucky to have great local teachers, including Julie Duba and Eva Leong. I've also taken many classes with terrific teachers, including Lisa Adams, at the Mystic Museum of Art.”



Stonington Free Library
20 High Street
Stonington, CT 06378
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ADULT PROGRAMMING



2022 ONE BOOK ONE REGION

Thursday | September 8 | 6 PM

Free Community Movie at Mystic Luxury Cinema:
Crip Camp: A Disabilities Revolution

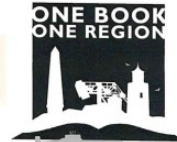
Thursday | September 15 | 6:30 PM | Virtual

Community Conversations: Disability Awareness Virtual Panel
Kevin Booker Jr. will moderate this virtual panel discussion
Registration required to receive ZOOM link



Thursday | September 22 | 7 PM

One Book One Region Finale - Meet the Author
Connecticut College Palmer Auditorium



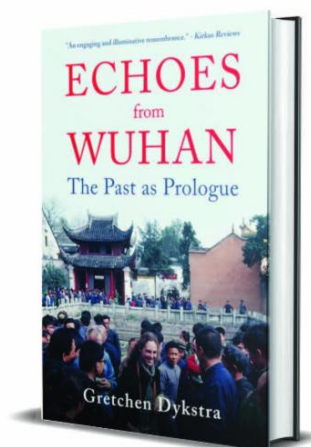
Program is cosponsored by Libraries of Southeastern CT and Connecticut College



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AUTHOR TALK WITH
Gretchen Dykstra

Gretchen Dykstra, a writer-in-residence at the New York Public Library and author of two previous books, will read from *Echoes from Wuhan*, her recently released memoir of living and teaching in China from 1979–1981.



Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 | 5 PM

In the library & live-streamed on the
Stonington Free Library YouTube channel.



No registration required. For more information email
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The Life and Legacy of Samson Occom



Tom Couser

G. Thomas Couser, Professor of English, Hofstra University and President of New London Landmarks, will discuss Samson Occom's (1723-1792) role as an important scholar and leader. Born on a Mohegan settlement in southeastern Connecticut, Occom is considered by some to be the father of Native American Literature.

September 11, 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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September 15, 2022 | 5 PM

Join us in person at 20 High Street, Stonington
for a screening of the play "People Like Us,"
followed by a discussion facilitated by Artreach.
Generously co-sponsored by the Stonington COMO.

Use the QR code to view the playbill.



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**September
Grab & Go
Activity Bags
for ADULTS!**

**Available at the Library on 9/17 during
The Art Walk, while supplies last.**

Light Switch Plate Decoupage



Museum Outlets

It's time to spruce up your light switch plates!
One plate is included in the kit, along with enough
supplies to spread your creativity to existing light
switch and outlet plates in your home.

Stonington Free Library ♦ 20 High St. ♦ Stonington, CT

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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!



BOOK GROUPS

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EVENING & AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

BEING HEUMANN
AN UNRESENTANT MEMOIR OF A
DISABILITY RIGHTS ACTIVIST
by Judith Heumann
WITH KRISTEN JOINER

One Book One Region 2022
SFL book group members will discuss:
Being Heumann
by Judith Heumann

Wednesday, September 7th 5:30-6:30pm	Thursday, September 8th 2:00-3:00 pm
In person and on Zoom!	

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



Human Services Book Discussion
Sponsored by the Stonington Free Library

The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty

Friday, September 16th
12 - 1pm
at Stonington Human Services
166 S Broad St. Pawcatuck, CT

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If you have questions
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or email ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



September Grab & Go



In keeping with our reading challenge, we have a great activity for ages 7 - 13.

Stop by to pick up your kit with instructions.

Sept. 12, while supplies last.



September Grab and Go

Say Goodbye to Summer

Beach Sticker Scene



Monday, September 12
Ages 2-6

While Supplies Last

Did you know...

you can checkout

Nintendo Switches & Games!

**SFL now has Switch Lite consoles
that you can checkout for 2 weeks!**



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The Association for Rural & Small Libraries

This project is made possible by a grant from the
Association for Rural & Small Libraries through the
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Give Away \$200,000 in 100 days to
The Stonington Free Library.

Thank you so much for supporting us!



Library Closings:

Monday, September 5

LIBRARY HOURS

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

QUICK LINKS

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