

# THE E-LIBRARIAN

For over a century, the Stonington Free Library has been committed to offering our programs and services for free to the community and to stewarding the beautiful building we call home. In November we kick off our 2022-2023 Annual Appeal. We need your help! As a privately funded 501(c)3 library, we rely on private donations, or Annual Fund gifts, for over 40% of our annual budget. Your financial support is critical to our survival and success!



## BELINDA'S BOOK NOTES

A Thanksgiving for Poetry and the Life of the Imagination told in some Poems:

Imagine London, England, and a bleak November night in 1816. The twenty-one year old Keats is walking across Hampstead Heath in the dark, down to his lodgings in Cheapside, a distance of nearly six miles. This sonnet is how he wrote of that walk, a pivotal moment in his life.



## LIBRARY SERVICES

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

What do these books have in common?

- [The Alice Network by Kate Quinn](#)
- [The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by](#)



## 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

Are you looking for something to read? Molly, Debbie, and Ivy have some great suggestions!



### FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

There are no words that can adequately express the depth of our gratitude to Tom and his unending generosity to the Stonington Free Library and the children of our community. For the third time since June, Tom has designated a collection bucket at his popular store for donations to Children's Programming at the library.



**STONINGTON  
FREE LIBRARY**

**2021-2022**

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**



# JILLIAN HOLLAND

SFL Gallery Artist



**OCTOBER 1st -  
DECEMBER 31st**

**The most rewarding part of my creative process has been pouring my soul into my work and then seeing it resonate deeply with someone. My art is an extension of me and my passions, and nothing feels better than receiving the love back that I put into the work. Sharing my creations is vulnerable in a way, it feels like my way of exposing my identity to the world. I hope I can inspire others to be unafraid to embrace their imagination and share their passions.**

Jillian Holland (Jiggy)-Stonington High School 2019  
UVM 2023 Major: Mechanical Engineering/Mathematics

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## ADULT PROGRAMMING



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

Available starting November 7, while supplies last.

## Origami Lanterns



Brighten up these long fall evenings with handmade origami lanterns. These look festive when placed over mini-light bulbs. Kit includes origami paper to create 25 lanterns and folding instructions. Lights not included.

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Mohegan  
Tribe

# MOHEGAN TRIBE HISTORY:

## 1600s-1700s



Sachem Uncas (1598-1683)

This program is hosted by Stonington Free Library and co-sponsored by the Public Library of New London along with Bill Memorial, Mystic & Noank, Waterford Public, Groton Public, Ledyard Public, and Otis Libraries.

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Date: November 17**

**Virtual Program on  
ZOOM**

**An Outreach and Tradition  
Specialist from the Mohegan  
Tribe will discuss the history  
of the tribe during the 1600s  
and 1700s, touching on the  
life of Samson Occom.**



**Registration is required for this  
virtual program. Open your phone  
camera and scan to register.**

# 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](mailto:ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org) for more information!



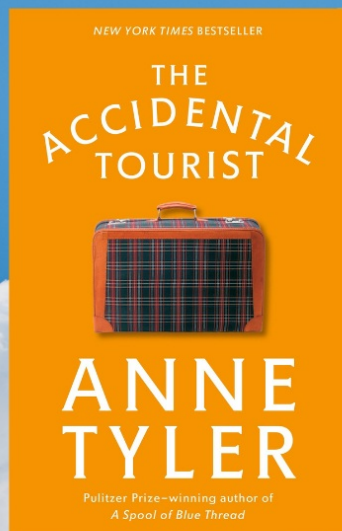
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## BOOK GROUPS

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# THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP



Afternoon Book Group Members  
will discuss:

*The Accidental Tourist*

by

**Anne Tyler**

Thursday,

November 10th

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



New to the group?

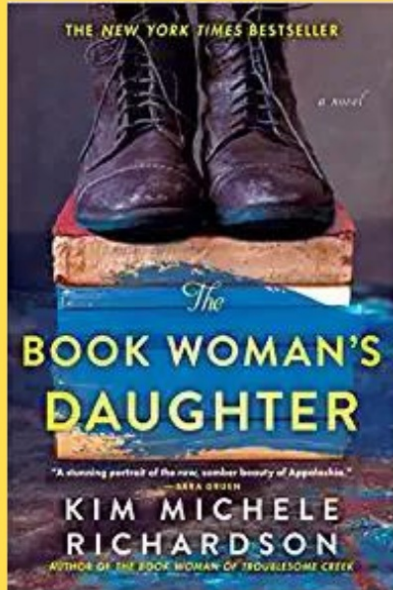
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for more information.



# Human Services Book Discussion

Sponsored by the Stonington Free Library

## The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson



Friday, November 18  
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](mailto:ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org)

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

# November Grab and Go Bags

Pick up November 7



Ages 2 - 7

While Supplies Last

# November Grab & Go

## Friendship Bracelets



**AGES 8 - 13**

**Pick up Nov. 7, while supplies last**





# Holiday Houses

Tuesday, December 6

Pick up between 12-5:30 pm



**MUST RESERVE**

Opens 11/19







# DROP IN STORYTIME

October 3 - November 21



MONDAYS @ 10:30

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## SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

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# Are you a Charter Oak Credit Union Member?

If so, help Charter Oak Credit Union  
Give Away \$200,000 in 100 days to  
The Stonington Free Library.

Thank you so much for supporting us!





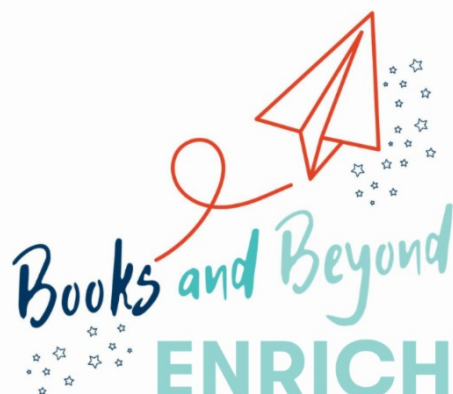
# Tom's did it again!

## **TOM'S NEWS & GENERAL STORE**

133 Water Street  
Stonington, CT  
06378  
Phone & Fax:  
860-535-1276



A total of \$1240.40 was raised to support Children's Programming at the Stonington Free Library through generous donations to Tom's Donation Bucket. Special thanks to everyone in the community for making this great gift to the Library. THANK YOU, TOM!!!



## **ENRICHING LIVES, BUILDING COMMUNITY**

**SUPPORT LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS**

**MAKE YOUR ANNUAL APPEAL GIFT TODAY**

### **Library Closings:**

**CLOSED:**  
Friday, November 11

**CLOSING EARLY:**  
Wednesday, November 23  
at 1pm

### **QUICK LINKS**

**STONINGTON  
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CLOSED: Thursday,  
November 24

## 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

## FOLLOW US



There are many  
ways you can  
support the Library:

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