

# THE E-LIBRARIAN



## BELINDA'S BOOK NOTES

### Voices Across Time:

"Without looking at his book he spoke the poem again; and his voice deepened and softened, as if the words and sounds and rhythms had for a moment become himself . . ."

## LIBRARY SERVICES

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



Visitors to the library have been asking this great question lately: Why is it called Stonington Free Library? What is a “free” library?



## 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

Two books, one DVD! This month hear from Brian, Sonya, and Kathy.



Each month join us as Mrs. Frey writes a special column for our children and youth.

### FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Anticipation of first snowflakes  
Fire crackling in the hearth  
Peaceful crystalline night skies  
December

Check out all the activities happening this month!

## ADULT PROGRAMMING



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

Available starting December 5, while supplies last.

✦✦ **Froebel Stars** ✦✦



These paper stars originated in the 19th century and make delightful tree or window decorations.  
They are named for Friedrich Froebel, the German educator who founded the concept of Kindergarten. He used paper folding to explain mathematical concepts to children.  
Froebel Stars Kits contain 16 paper strips (makes four stars) and instructions.

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## On Display! December 5th—9th

*Stop in during the week of December 5th—9th to view a beautiful display of holiday amaryllis brought to the library by the Stonington Garden Club. Visitors will enjoy blooms from the Netherlands, South Africa and South America ranging in color from iridescent white to neon pink in addition to the holiday favorites of red, white and candy-cane striped. Educational information will accompany each bulb along with information on growing, caring for and getting amaryllis bulbs to rebloom next year.*

This event is free and open to the public.

### **Library Hours:**

Monday to Thursday, 10-7pm  
Friday, 10-5pm  
Saturday & Sunday, 10-3pm



# FIND THE BUOY

*A Holiday Scavenger Hunt  
in Stonington Borough*

ONE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

**STONINGTON FREE  
LIBRARY TOTE  
FILLED WITH GIFT CARDS  
WORTH \$950**

courtesy of participating Stonington  
Borough shops + restaurants

ONE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

**ONE WEEK OF 1/2 DAY  
CAMP AT NESS**

ONE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

**A MEMBERSHIP TO THE  
STONINGTON HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY + 4 TICKETS  
TO A LA GRUA CENTER  
CONCERT**

ONE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

**A STERLING SILVER  
BUOY CHARM**

courtesy of Maggie Lee Designs

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**Adult Winter Library Challenge 2023**  
**January 1 – February 28, 2023**

# LOOK UP!

James Webb Telescope Challenge/NASA

Learn all about the science behind NASA's space telescope mission, the **James Webb Space Telescope**. Earn chances to win a prize by logging your reading and completing activities!



Scan the QR code to register online!  
You can document and follow your progress on Beanstack.

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# SFL Knitting Group

WEDNESDAYS  
1 PM - 3 PM

**ALL CRAFTERS WELCOME!**

**The SFL Knitting Group meets  
in person & on Zoom.**



Email

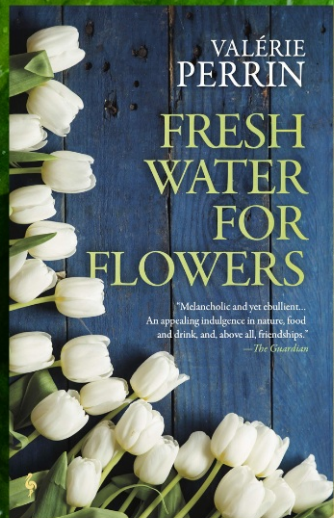
[ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org](mailto:ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org)  
for more information!



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## BOOK GROUPS

# THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP



Afternoon Book Group Members  
will discuss:

*Fresh Water for Flowers*

by

**Valerie Perrin**

Thursday,

December 8th

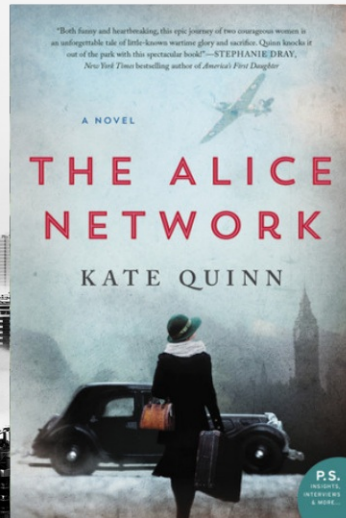
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



New to the group?

Email [ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org](mailto:ivyhope@stoningtonfreelibrary.org)  
for more information.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP



Afternoon Book Group Members  
will discuss:

*The Alice Network*  
by

**Kate Quinn**

Thursday,  
January 12th

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



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## YOUTH PROGRAMMING



## 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 with the QR code.

**December 1 - March 31**

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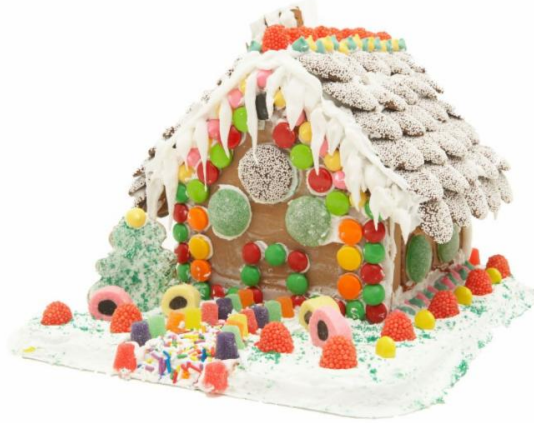
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# Holiday Houses

Tuesday, December 6

Pick up between 12-5:30 pm



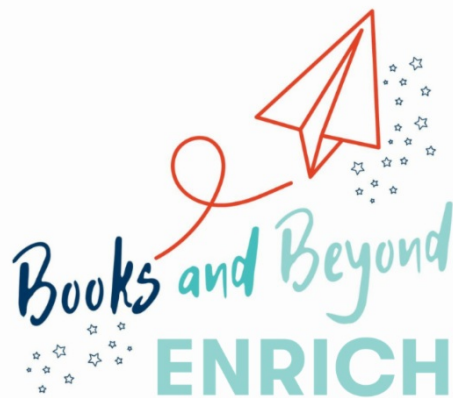
**MUST RESERVE**

Opens 11/19



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## SUPPORT THE LIBRARY



# ENRICHING LIVES, BUILDING COMMUNITY

SUPPORT LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

MAKE YOUR ANNUAL APPEAL GIFT TODAY

## Library Closings:

### CLOSED:

December 24th – 26th  
December 31 – January  
2nd

## 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:

[Donate to the Library  
Annual Fund](#)

## QUICK LINKS

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