

# THE E-LIBRARIAN

## APRIL 2023

### *A Library Baby is on the Way!*

Happy April and Spring everyone!

Life has certainly been busy and full of changes for me recently. As many of you may already know, I am expecting my first child on April 20th. It's a boy! Ahead of our little guy's arrival, my partner and I officially tied the knot in February after seventeen years together. We had a small and lovely wedding ceremony at our home.

I will be taking a three month maternity leave to adjust to the wonderful new world of parenthood. As long as I continue to feel well, and someone doesn't decide to come a little earlier than expected, my last day at the Library will be Friday, April 14th. During my leave, the Library will be in the very capable hands of Assistant Director Karla Umland. I cannot thank Karla and the amazing staff of SFL enough for stepping up and filling in for me during this time.

I truly appreciate everyone's well wishes and support for both our wedding and our soon to arrive bundle of joy! I will see you all again upon my return in July.

Micayla Hall  
Library Director



# Library Giving Day Tuesday, April 4

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Books and Beyond



## BELINDA'S BOOK NOTES

Czeslaw Milosz, Seamus Heaney and *The Redress Of Poetry*, and a joy that catches "the heart off guard..."

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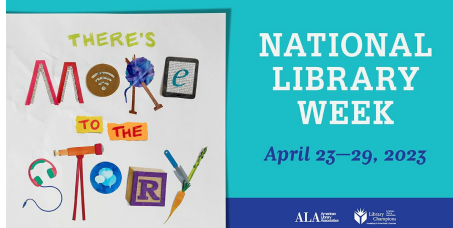


## LIBRARY SERVICES

*This month, hear from Alyssa Downey, Youth and Adult Services Librarian.*

### **National Library Week April 23-29**

The first National Library Week was created to combat people's rapidly declining interest in not only purchasing books, but reading all together. It was celebrated in March 1958 with the theme of "Wake Up and Read!" and was greeted with strong, positive reactions.



[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

Three books are at the top of the staff's list this month! One with spooky atmosphere, one that is haunting, and one that is mysterious and clever!

[READ MORE HERE](#)



### FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Spring is a harbinger of new life. Longer, warmer days encourage us to spend more time outdoors and offer the opportunity to try new things. Please “Spring” on over to the children’s room this month for a variety of activities.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

**National Library Week  
is April 23-29**  
Check out our other events  
and programs!



# Library Spirit Day is 4/25!

In celebration of  
National Library Week,  
SFL's staff will  
be dressing up as  
book characters on 4/25!

Patrons who come to the library  
dressed up will receive a small  
prize!



## ADULT PROGRAMMING



April  
Grab & Go  
Activity Bags

for **ADULTS!**

Available starting April 3, while supplies last.

## Felt Book Marks



Celebrate National Library Week in April by making your own felt book mark! Kits include felt in a variety of colors and pictures for inspiration. Glue or needle and thread are needed from home. A sewing needle is available at the front desk upon request.

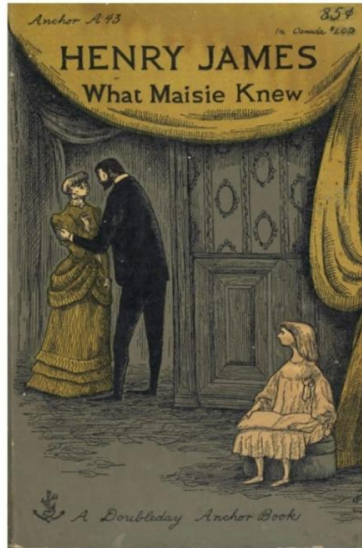
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## Julie Rivkin

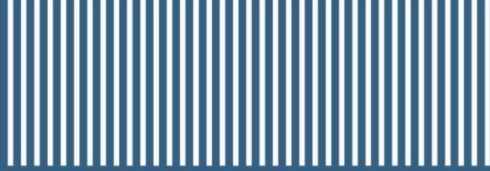
Join Professor Julie Rivkin as she discusses her current work on a critical edition of James's *What Maisie Knew* for Cambridge University Press.

**April 16, 2023 | 5 PM**

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



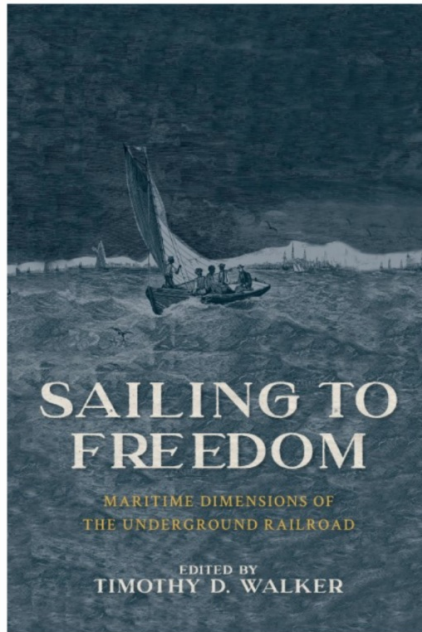
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*book talk with*

**Tim Walker  
and Elysa  
Engelman**

**April 20, 2023 | 5 PM**

**In person at the library and streaming live on our  
YouTube channel**

**20 High Street, Stonington**



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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

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for more information!







**SFL GALLERY ARTIST:**

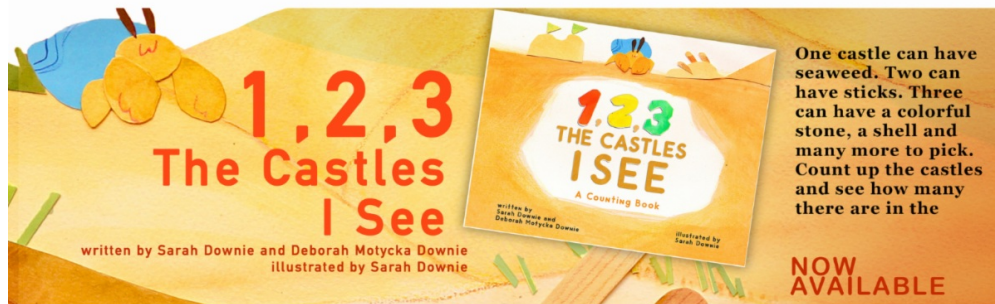


**Sarah Downie**

**April 1–June 30**

Visit SFL's Stairwell Gallery to view the colorful work of Stonington Resident and Illustrator, Sarah Downie. The exhibit will open April 1–June 30.

You can find more information and artwork at [www.sarahdownieart.com](http://www.sarahdownieart.com).



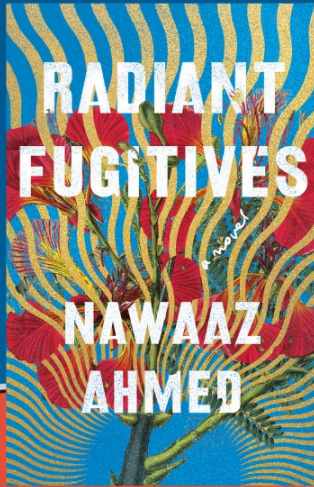
**STORYTIME WITH SARAH!**

**Wednesday, June 21 at 4:30 in the  
Children's Room**

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**BOOK GROUPS**

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP



All CT Reads 2023  
Afternoon Book Group Members  
will discuss:

*Radiant Fugitives*

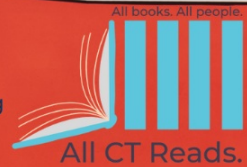
by Nawaaz Ahmed

Thursday,  
April 13th

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



New to the group?  
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for more information.



## YOUTH PROGRAMMING



# DROP IN STORYTIME

January 9th—April 3rd

**Mondays @ 10:30\***

\*excluding Holiday closings or closings due to inclement weather.



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# SPRING STORYTIME

**April 17 — May 22**  
**Mondays @ 10:30\***

\*No story time on May 1st due to staff development.



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# Kids' Grab & Go

April 3 Ages 7 & under

**Put on a show with the  
Three Billy Goats Gruff.  
Stop by and grab a bag full  
of supplies to make your  
own stick puppets!**

(While supplies last.)



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## Spring Vacation Week

*Activities*

**April 10th - 14th**

**Monday:**

Unicorn Story Time

3:00 pm

Ages 4 & Up

Registration Required

**Tuesday:**

Legos

All Day Drop-In

**Wednesday:**

Playdough

All Day Drop-In

**Thursday:**

Catapult Competition

3:00 pm

Ages 7 & Up

Registration Required

**Friday:**

Bingo

2:00 pm

Ages 5 & Up



Scan the QR code to  
register



# SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

## SAVE THE DATE

6

MONTH

3

DAY

23

YEAR

MYSTERY DINNER 2023  
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON.





## Library Closings:

CLOSED:

Sunday, April 9th

## 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

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