

Stoneham Public Library

Newsletter



June 2019

Summer Reading Kickoff

June 26th, 10:30AM

Face Painting and Legos.

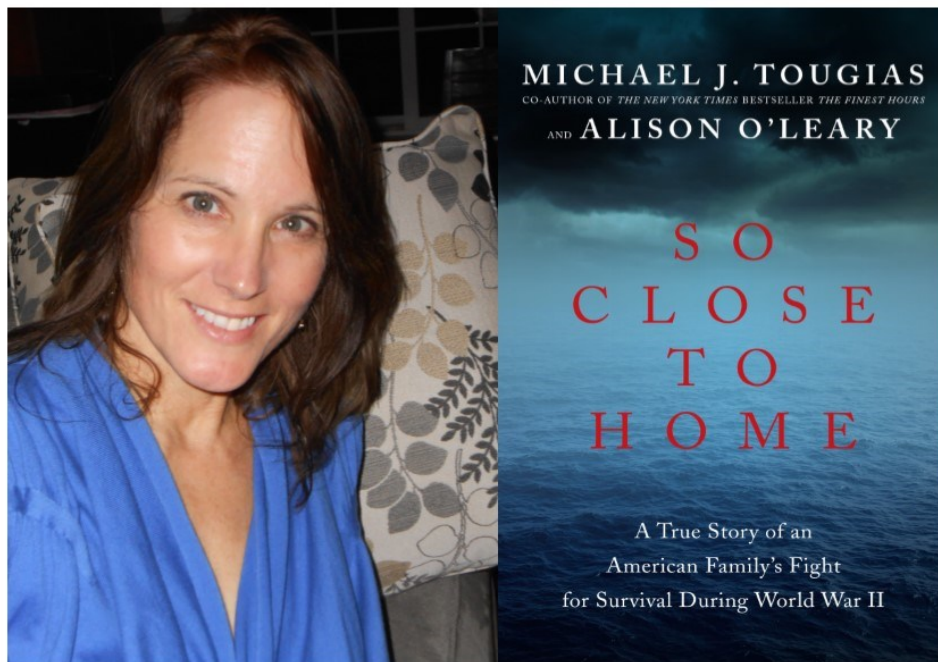


**You bring your smile and
imagination, the Library will supply all the rest.**

**Sponsored by M.E.L.D. and the Stoneham Business and
Community Educational Foundation.**

Friends of the Library Annual
Breakfast, p.4

Author Alison O'Leary *Stoneham Library* *June 6th, 7PM*



Hear the true story of men and women pitted against the sea during WWII—an unforgettable portrait of the determination of the human spirit that will challenge your knowledge of the war. Author Alison O'Leary will present the story with dramatic images in a multimedia event for all ages that will educate and inspire. A book signing will follow.

This event is free and open to the public.

Junior Room
**Join us for a fun MUSICAL StoryTime
ON THE STONEHAM TOWN COMMON.**

June 20th, 2:30-3:30



Children's Librarian, Janice Chase, along with the ever popular musician/singer Dara Van Remoortel, will host a fun Musical Storytime event for all ages on the Town common during the farmers market. Everyone welcome. No registration necessary.

Funded by a GRANT from the Stoneham Business Community Educational Foundation (SBCEF) & M.E.L.D.

**Playful Engineers
July 8th, 6:30-7:40PM**

Jay Mankita will present a workshop in which participants will have a chance to design, build, test, and play with chain reactions. DOMINOS!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT. CALLING ALL PLAYFUL ENGINEERS.....

JOIN JAY MANKITA FOR A FUN NIGHT Making connections between goofy play, and serious science. Participants will have an opportunity to work with Jay, a multi-faceted teaching/performing artist and engineering enthusiast, and learn through demonstration and play, exploring the basic materials and techniques of domino walls and rallies, exploding popsicle stick snakes, ping pong ball direction changers, flying fantasticators, min-zip lines, and whiffle-whackers! Come and bring your imagination and smile.

Friends of the Library Annual Breakfast June 3rd, 10:30AM

Roland Merullo will join us for the annual breakfast on June 3rd at 10:30. Seating is limited to 60, so sign up at the circulation desk.



Come join the Friends for a wonderful breakfast and hear Roland speak. Roland is available to sign books after the talk. All are welcome but seating is limited to 60.

From the Director's Desk



The end of our fiscal year is fast approaching, and a lot has happened this year! Here are just a few highlights:

We have welcomed new staff in the past year or two, including Tim, Katie, Laurie, and Pat. We have also said goodbye or will soon do so to several long-time employees, including Elaine McKenzie, Janice Chase, and Betsy Rotondi.

We have been able to purchase all new computers, for both patrons and staff, with Capital funds appropriated by the Town. Most of the work was done by NOBLE IT staff, without whom we couldn't function!

We are in the process of having a new walkway put in. Thus far, the walkway itself has been paved, and the railing will be done soon. This project is made possible with funds from an earmark on the State budget, and thanks to Representative Michael Day for thinking of us!

We will soon have most of the remaining 34-year-old carpet replaced! This will also be done with Capital funds from the Town.

Painting of the Director's office and the Stoneham Room is being done by Arch Painting, with funds from the Library's appropriated budget from the Town and from Trust funds.

We have begun our strategic planning process. This process will continue over the summer and into early fall. The Board of Trustees and Director decided to hire Barbara Alevras of Sage Consulting. Barbara has worked with a handful of local town's and city's libraries, and we are fortunate to be able to take advantage of her expertise. The public survey will be out soon, so be on the lookout for the opportunity to give your input into the Library's future!

We have also continued to deal with old and new difficulties. These include:

The roof of the old building has been leaking off and on for years. The cupola was repainted in June 2016, and other minor work has been done to replace slipped or broken slate tiles. Soon, sealant will be reapplied around skylights. We thankfully have not lost any books or many other supplies, but it is only a matter of time before something more catastrophic does happen, if the situation is not addressed on a larger scale and in a timely fashion.

When the Library is fully staffed, we still are not capable of doing all that we would like to do and all that other libraries do. With some recent and upcoming staffing changes, we are and will be even *less* able to ensure proper desk coverage and program coverage, for children and for adults. We thank our loyal patrons and visitors for understanding and supporting us.