

# *Stoneham Public Library*

## *Newsletter*



September 2019

### **MYSTERIES IN BLOOM: with HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN SEPTEMBER 27TH, 6-9PM**



Tickets \$25.00  
Available at the  
Library circulation desk

### **FRIENDS OF THE STONEHAM LIBRARY & THE STONEHAM GARDEN CLUB FALL FUNDRAISER**

**Hors d'oeuvres and musical accompaniment 6-7PM**  
**Hank Phillippi Ryan book talk 7PM**  
**Book Signing 8PM**  
**Beautiful flower arrangements by the Garden Club**

## Craig O'Neill is artist of the month

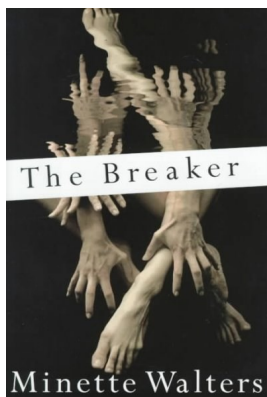
Please come see the beautiful paintings by artist Craig O'Neill. Craig is our artist for the month of September. From portraits to beautiful landscapes, these paintings are sure to please us all.



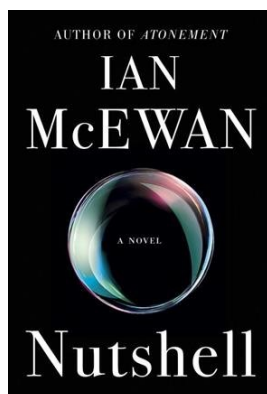
# Stoneham Library Book Clubs



## Mystery Book Club September 5th at 7PM



This month's book is *The Breaker* by Minette Walters.



## Adult Book Group September 30th at 7PM

This month's book is *Nutshell* by Ian McEwan.

For more information on the book groups  
contact Maureen Saltzman at 781-438-1324  
or [saltzman@noblenet.org](mailto:saltzman@noblenet.org).



## Strategic Planning for the Library



We are in the midst of planning for the next five years!

The Board of Trustees and I hired Barbara Alevras of Sage Consulting to assist us. Thus far, we have completed the survey portion of the process. Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey! The results will be part of the final plan, due to be completed in October.

September will be a busy month for the planning process. We will be having a total of *five* meetings!

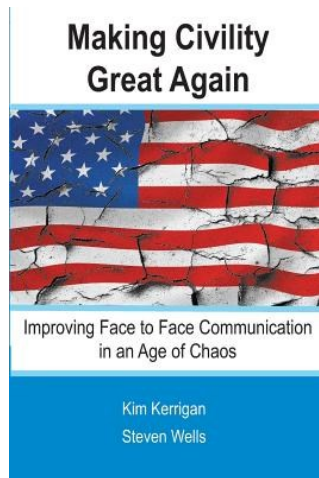
1 and 2. One SOAR meeting for Trustees and Friends of the Library and one SOAR meeting for staff. A SOAR exercise is used to analyze current and future conditions that affect the Library and its ability to provide services it deems necessary. It identifies the Library's key Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results.

3 There will be a Community Visioning meeting. A Community Visioning exercise is a group brainstorming exercise in which participants envision what an ideal Stoneham community is. The goal is to develop a list of Community Vision Statements that capture the ideal Stoneham's key Characteristics and offerings, with the Library as a central / key component.

4 and 5 There will be two focus group meetings. Focus groups generally are small groups of people focused in discussing more specific topics, in this case, the Library.

Both the Community Visioning meeting and the focus groups are limited in size, to ensure those participating have ample time to express and discuss ideas. If you have any questions about this process or if you may be interested in attending a meeting, please let me know!

Nicole Langley, Director



# *Making Civility Great Again*

By Kim Kerrigan and Steven Wells

Stoneham Public Library

September 19, 2019

6:00 pm until 7:30 pm

Kim Kerrigan and Steven Wells, the coauthors of several books, will discuss their latest book, *Making Civility Great Again*. During their presentation, Mr. Kerrigan and Mr. Wells will highlight some of the topics covered in this book:

- Communicating diplomatically and empathetically in today's challenging and, sometimes, divisive political atmosphere.

- Improving your communication outcomes with active listening and positive terminology.

- Responding effectively to others whose ideas are very different from your own.

- Establishing your legacy now as a kind, respectful, and authentic person.

Following their one-hour presentation, the authors will conduct a question and answer session to address audience members' concerns. *Making Civility Great Again* will be on sale for \$15.99. Cash and credit cards accepted.