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*The official monthly newsletter for the
Stoneham Public Library*

Stoneham Public Library

431 Main Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

Adult Services:

781-438-1324

Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Children's Services:

781-438-1325

Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Recent News

The start of a new era...as of October 3rd, the Stoneham Public Library will now be open at 9 A.M., Monday through Friday!



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Junior Library:
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Masks are strongly encouraged.



Rachel Overbeck, formerly the Head of Youth Services Librarian, and the Interim Director, has been appointed the new Director of the Stoneham Public Library!

The Month at a Glance



Holiday Closures

Friday, November 11th (Veterans Day)

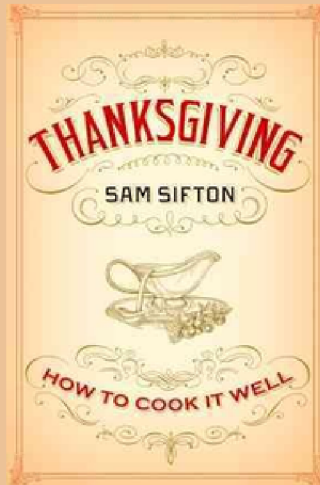
November 24th-27th (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Book Displays

Main Lobby

Adult Reference

Mezzanine Level



Artist of the Month



Sheila Falco



Ask Reference Librarian Maureen Saltzman regarding item purchases.

Adult Programs

Mindful Crafting with Marianne Snow, M. Ed.

Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 P.M. in the Marcy Room

Join Marianne Snow to make Autumn Jar Luminaires for your Thanksgiving table. While you create this craft, she will offer guided meditation to relax, renew and restore you!



Please register through the Calendar of Events option on our website. Pre-registration is required. Covid policies will be followed. First come, first served.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Saltzman:
saltzman@noblenet.org

Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 P.M.

Matt York, a New England singer/songwriter, performs songs of The Highwaymen. That group was comprised of legendary country stars Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, and Kris Kristofferson. His performance is a blend of singing their songs and weaving in stories about their careers.

This performance is funded by a grant from the Stoneham Cultural Council, supported by the Mass Cultural Council.



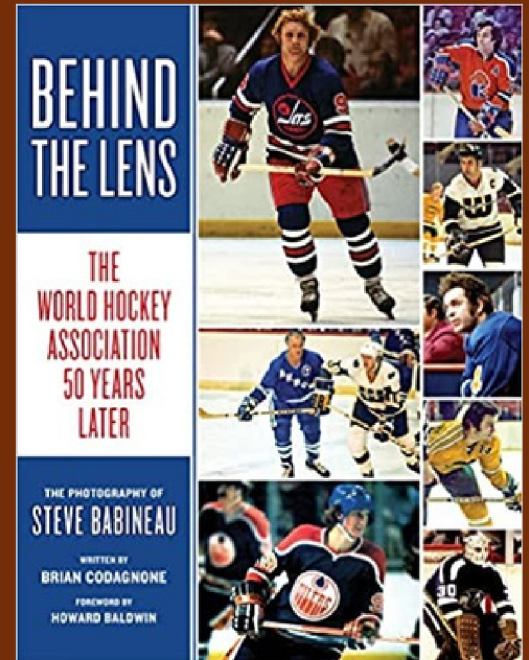
Adult Programs

Meet Legendary Sports Photographer
Steve Babineau

Registration through the library's
Calendar of Events is appreciated

Monday, November 28 @ 7 PM
The Stoneham Public Library's
Marcy Room

Steve Babineau will be discussing his latest book, *Behind the Lens*. In it, he shares his stories about the “wild emergence of the colorful, revolutionary, wild and unforgettable World Hockey Association”. Mr. Babineau is the team photographer for the Boston Bruins.

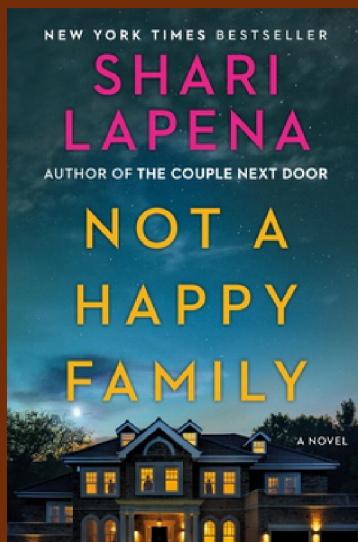


Mysteries Around the World

December 1st
@ 7:00 P.M.

This month's title:

Not a Happy Family,
by Shari Lapeña



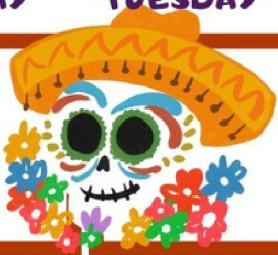

Summary from the *NOBLE* catalogue:

When their parents are brutally murdered the night after Easter dinner, three siblings, who stand to inherit millions, are devastated but also wonder if one of them is capable of murder or if a stranger was responsible for tearing this not-so-happy family apart.

Youth Programs

NOVEMBER



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 		2 Babytime 9:30 am	3 Coloring with Caregivers: Fall Harvest 11am	4 Baby Bumble 9:30-11 am	5 Lego Club from 11am- 12:30pm
7 Fables and Fun 3:30pm	8 'Friendship' Discovery Corner Open for patrons to use	9 Babytime 9:30 am	10 All Ages Storytime 10:30 am	11 /	12 Lego Club from 11am- 12:30pm
14 Fables and Fun 3:30pm	15	16 Babytime for 0-1 9:30 am	17 Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Coloring with Caregivers: Turkeys 11am	18 Baby Bumble 9:30-11 am	19 Lego Club from 11am- 12:30pm
21 Fables and Fun 3:30pm	22	23 Babytime for 0-1 9:30 am		25 /	26 /
28 Fables and Fun 3:30pm Queer Media for your Consideration 6 pm	29 Graphic Novel Club 6:30pm	30 Babytime for 0-1 9:30 am	1	2	3

Youth Programs

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weekly:

Mondays

Fables and Fun at 3:30pm

Join Miss Melissa for a fun folktale and a themed craft!

For ages 5+. Sign up required.

Wednesdays

Babytime at 9:30 am

Join Miss Katie on Wednesdays for a fun babytime program! We'll have bounces, rhymes, and loads of fun!

For babies 0-12mos. Sign up required.

Thursdays

Every OTHER Thursday

All Ages Storytime at 10:30 am

Join Miss Rachel to sing favorite songs and rhymes, meet new friends and have some fun.

For all ages. Sign up for updates.

Coloring with Caregivers at 11am

Come join us in coloring themed crafts! We'll have music and plenty of supplies! Leave your art for us to display or take it with you!

For all ages.

Fridays

Baby Bumble 9:30-11:00 am

This drop-in style program is to encourage our young friends to socialize, play, and communicate with one another. We'll have toys and coloring ready for you!!

For babies 11ish months and up.

Saturdays

Lego Club from 11:00am-12:30pm

Come build your Lego dreams during this drop in program! Swing by and hang out with us! **For all ages.**

special:

Tuesday, November 8

Discovery Corner: Friendship

Miss Melissa's Discovery corner will be accessible in the picture book room! Come have some fun, build literacy skills, and learn about all of the different ways we can be friends!

Ages 2+.

Thursday, November 17 at 6pm

Pajama Storytime

Join Miss Rachel for a special pajama storytime in the Junior Room! Bring your beloved stuffed animal and wear your favorite pajamas! We'll sing some songs and listen to a few stories! We hope to see you there!

For all ages.

Monday, November 27 at 6 pm

Queer Media for your Consideration

Join members of the Stoneham High School GSA to talk about your favorite queer media and get recommendations from others. The librarians will have a variety of media to check out. Light snacks to be served. For tweens and teens. **For teens and tweens.**

Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30pm

Middle Grade Graphic Novel Club

Join Miss Katie on the last Tuesday of the month to chat about an awesome graphic novel! This month we are reading 'Allergic'. We'll talk about the book and draw our own graphic novel panels!

For grades 4 and up. Sign up required.

BiblioFiles

Staff Reviews

Quo Vadis - Henryk Sienkiewicz

Review by Matthew Sowyrda

A love story between Marcus Vinicius, a Roman soldier given to the customs of pagan society, and Ligia, a young barbarian woman who is taken in by the "New Religion" - Christianity - a doctrine of mystical love and a spiritual worldview. The two draw closer as the story goes on; Ligia seems to be an instrument of God, one that leads Marcus to reconsider the life of bodily passions that he always knew, and to resolve within himself to seek the better and higher things.

The narrative is set before the backdrop of one of the most inspirational (and inspired) epochs in history: Nero's reign over a morally depraved, Babylonian Rome during the middle of the 1st Century, as it clashes with the vision of Christ's two great Apostles - Peter and Paul - for a corrupt city that is eventually lighted by Truth and unity of spirit. The development of characters great and small is profound, which makes for engrossing dialogue. Through the author's vivid descriptions of Roman scenery and architecture, he shows his ability to capture the atmosphere and human gestures that come from a world that happened long ago, yet makes all of these things seem real, visible, to the reader.

Those who have an interest in the classical world, philosophy, as well as Church history, will definitely find this book entertaining. Moreover, those who have expertise in the time period may be able to sift through the events portrayed in this work of fiction, and to judge their historical accuracy (or inaccuracy).



Acknowledgements (October)



Thank you to the Stoneham Garden Club and Girl Scout Troop 67735 for keeping our garden and lawns looking fresh as a daisy! We appreciate you!

