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*The Official Newsletter of the Stoneham Public Library*

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# Recent News

## NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AT STONEHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



Director Overbeck and the Board of Trustees would like to welcome our new Assistant Director, Lily Mysona, to the Stoneham Public Library team. Everyone at the Library is so excited to have her on board and we can't wait to see what she gets up to! Stop in, say hello, and tell her what programs you'd like to see her bring to the community!





### March is World Languages Month!

We have numerous resources to help you in your language studies. [Consult this list](#), which contains useful materials within our collection in various formats for every skill level, and for all ages.

Also, [try out Pronunciator](#), a database that provides lessons in over 100 languages!

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### "Beware the Ides of March..." (March 15th)

Says the prophecy in Shakespeare's classic play concerning the fate of Rome's doomed dictator. [Here is a list](#) of materials in our collection that relate to Julius Caesar according to history and to the Bard's dramatic portrait. Also included are the writings of those who lived in early Rome, as well as fiction, modern nonfiction, and films that portray the people and events that revolved around the long line of Roman Emperors.

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### Saint Patrick's Day (March 17th) & Irish Heritage Month

Learn about the mysterious beauty - art, literature, folklore, historical intrigue - of the "Emerald Isle" and its lineage of "saints and scholars" with [this list](#)! Also, consider using [Ancestry.com](#) to research facts and figures in your family's history!

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### World Theatre Day (March 27th) and the Oscars

Theatre fans are bound to love [this list](#) of plays from Aeschylus to Tennessee Williams, and everything in between (even Shakespeare).

Movie buffs will enjoy [this list](#) of award-winning films in our collection. Supplemental materials are included for those who are interested in film history and criticism.

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### National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day (March 29th)

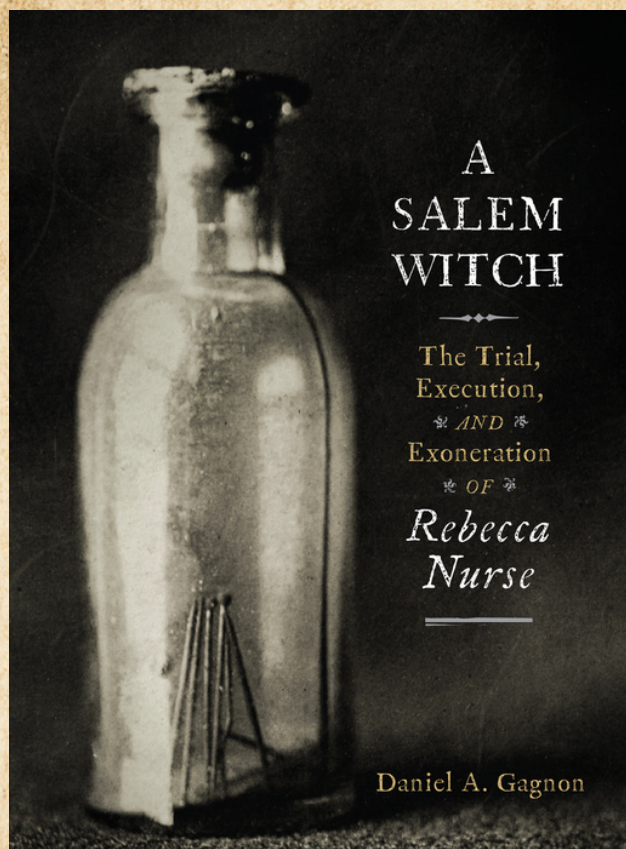
Lend a hand to support local establishments! The Stoneham Chamber of Commerce's [Business Directory](#) is a treasure trove of places around town.



**AUTHOR SPEAKER**  
**DANIEL A. GAGNON**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**THE MARCY ROOM**



Historian Daniel A. Gagnon will discuss his latest work, *A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse*. The book examines the life and family history of Rebecca Nurse, a lesser-known individual who was involved in the Salem Witch Trials. Below is an excerpt from the book jacket:

*"In the winter of 1692, something terrible and frightening began in Salem Village. Daniel Gagnon vividly recreates 17th century Salem...A Salem Witch reveals a remarkable woman whose legacy has transformed how the witch hunt has been remembered and memorialized."*

[The book is available in our collection](#) in print and electronic

Go to [DanielGagnonHistory.com](http://DanielGagnonHistory.com) for more information about the author and his publications.



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# Spark Joy® Program

*"Make tidying a special event." ~ Marie Kondo*

**(via ZOOM)**



Shannon will be bringing the life-changing magic of tidying to you through her Spark Joy® program. Stoneham Public Library is excited to join Shannon for an inspiring presentation on what it means to lead a life that Sparks Joy®. You will learn the KonMari® philosophy and guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all and leave feeling motivated to Spark Joy® in your home, office, and life!

There will be a special giveaway at the end of the presentation, as well as an opportunity for you to ask Shannon some questions. She is also requesting you bring a standard t-shirt and a pair of pants for the folding activity as you will be learning the famous KonMari® Vertical folding technique.

One more surprise: Shannon is sharing her Spark Joy® Charlotte tidying checklist for you to use on your tidying journey! Please print it out and bring it with you to the program. [Download](#)

We hope to see all of you there. Let's Spark Joy® Stoneham Public Library!

DATE: Thursday, Mar 9th

TIME: 7:00 PM EST

CHECKLIST: [Download](#)

REGISTER at

<https://stonehamlibrary.org/>

ZOOM Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82996151277>

PASSWORD: [sjc](#)

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at 781-438-1324 or  
[saltzman@noblenet.org](mailto:saltzman@noblenet.org)

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# SHANNON HUNEYCUTT

Certified KonMari® Consultant, Organizer, Speaker



Shannon Huneycutt is the founder of Spark Joy® Charlotte and certified Gold level KonMari® Consultant trained by tidying expert Marie Kondo. Marie is the author of *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* and the creator of the KonMari Method®, which is a style of tidying focusing on decluttering and organizing your space by keeping only those items you love.



KonMari Gold  
Consultant

*"The moment you start, you reset your life."  
~ Marie Kondo*

Spark Joy  
Charlotte



## Mission



To provide you with the necessary skills needed to maintain a tidy home for life. Through the KonMari Method® you will visualize and create the space you've always dreamed of as you learn what truly Sparks Joy®.



## **FILM CLUB'S MONTHLY MOVIE:**

# Anatomy of a Murder (1959)

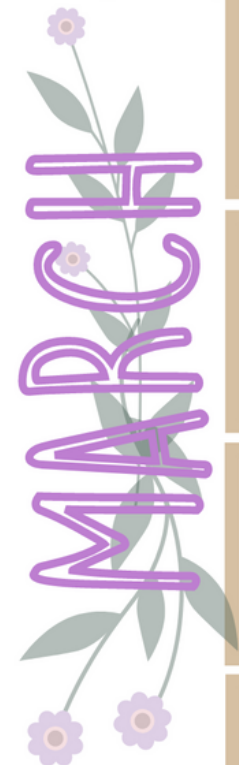
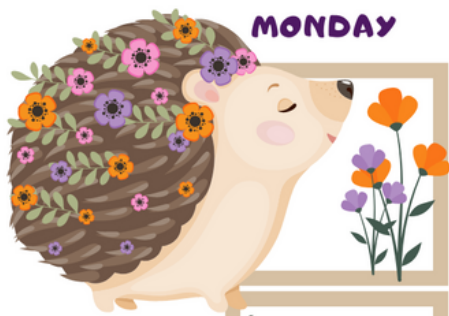
Otto Preminger's courtroom drama was nominated for seven Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Actor (James Stewart), and Supporting Actor (Arthur O'Connell, George C. Scott). James Stewart was named Best Actor by the New York Film Critics. The website *Rotten Tomatoes* gave the film a rating of 100%!

There will be a screening of the film in the library on **Friday, March 17th at 1:00 P.M.** A discussion of the film will take place through Zoom on **Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30 P.M.** If you are interested in joining the Film Club, contact Dave at [sto@noblenet.org](mailto:sto@noblenet.org).





# YOUTH PROGRAMS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <b>Babytime</b> 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10 am	2	3 <b>Baby Bumble</b> 9:30-11 am	4 <b>Lego Club</b> from 11am- 12:30pm
6 <b>Toddler Tales</b> 11 am <b>Fables and Fun</b> 3:30pm	7 <b>All Ages Storytime</b> 10:30 am	8 <b>Babytime</b> 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10 am	9	10 <b>Baby Bumble</b> 9:30-11 am	11 <b>Lego Club</b> from 11am- 12:30pm <b>Spanish Fun Program from</b> 12:50- 1:30pm
13 <b>Toddler Tales</b> 11 am <b>Fables and Fun</b> 3:30pm	14 <b>Spanish Fun Program from</b> 10- 10:30pm	15 <b>Babytime</b> 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10 am	16 <b>Library Lab</b> 3:30pm <b>Pajama Storytime 6pm</b>	17 <b>Baby Bumble</b> 9:30-11 am	18 <b>Lego Club</b> from 11am- 12:30pm
20 <b>Toddler Tales</b> 11 am <b>Fables and Fun</b> 3:30pm	21	22 <b>Babytime</b> 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10 am	23	24 <b>Baby Bumble</b> 9:30-11 am	25 <b>Lego Club</b> from 11am- 12:30pm <b>Spanish Fun Program from</b> 12:50- 1:30pm
27 <b>Toddler Tales</b> 11 am <b>Fables and Fun</b> 3:30pm	28 <b>All Ages Storytime</b> 10:30 am <b>Graphic Novel Club 6:30pm</b>	29 <b>Babytime</b> 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10 am	30 <b>Coloring with Katie</b> 11:30	31 <b>Baby Bumble</b> 9:30-11 am	



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## MARCH AT SPL

### weekly:

#### **Mondays**

##### **Toddler Tales 11 am**

Miss Melissa is ready to share a new picture book story with you! Come join us for a sweet story time!

**For all ages. Sign up required.**

##### **Fables and Fun at 3:30pm**

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

**For ages 5+. Sign up required.**

#### **Tuesdays**

##### **Tuesdays, March 7 & 28 at 10:30**

##### **All Ages Storytime**

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

**For all ages. Sign up required.**

#### **Wednesdays**

##### **Babytime at 9:30 am**

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

**For babies 0-12mos. Sign up required.**

##### **Toddler Tumble at 10 am**

Swing by the junior library for a drop in-program! We have special toys specifically picked for toddlers that will be available during this program!

#### **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:

##### **Saturdays, March 11 & 25 at 12:50 pm**

##### **Tuesday, March 14 at 10 am**

##### **Spanish Fun Program**

The Junior Library is ecstatic to be hosting the lovely Esther Gomez for a Spanish Fun Program series this spring!! Sign up to learn Spanish, have fun, and meet new friends!

**For ages 1.5-5. Sign up required.**

##### **Thursday, March 16 at 3:30pm**

##### **Library Lab**

The library is hosting tech professionals from Guild Hall to show kids how to use the makerspace technology that we have!

**For tweens and teens. Sign up required.**

##### **Thursday, March 16 at 6pm**

##### **Pajama Storytime**

Join Miss Katie 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.**

##### **Tuesday, March 28 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 'Twins'. We'll talk about the book and draw our own graphic novel panels!

**For grades 4 and up. Sign up required.**

##### **Thursday, March 30 at 11:30am**

##### **Coloring with Katie**

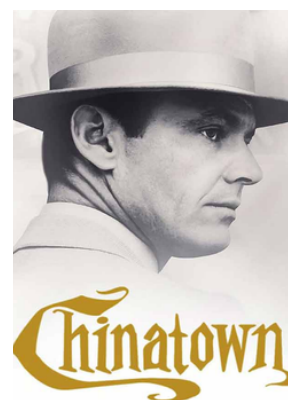
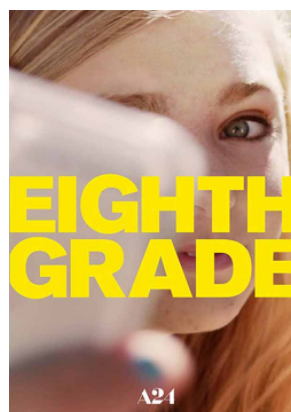
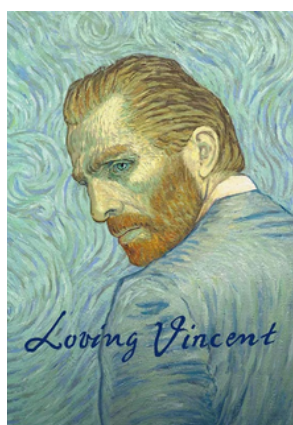
Come join us in coloring themed crafts! Miss Katie will be there to color with you and chat about your creations!

**For all ages.**

## Introducing: Kanopy

The Stoneham Public Library now offers *Kanopy*, a streaming app with a variety of documentaries and movies - classic films, independent films, educational videos, and more!

You can watch on any device, whether it's a mobile phone, television, tablet, or a computer. Best of all, the experience is ad-free! Just go to [Kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com), click **Add a Library Card**, and fill in the rest to create your *Kanopy* account! If you have any questions, contact Maureen Saltzman at **781-438-1324** or **saltzman@noblenet.org**.





## Adult Book Groups

In March, the two monthly book groups return to meet in the library's **Stoneham Room**. For those who choose to join virtually, we offer a Zoom link as well.

The *Mysteries Around the World* group will meet on the first Thursday of the month, **March 2nd at 7:00 P.M.**

The library's *Monday Night Book Group* meets on **March 27th at 7:00 P.M.** This group reads primarily fiction titles with an occasional nonfiction selection.

Both the Mystery group and the Monday Night book group always look forward to welcoming new members.

Please contact Maureen Saltzman: **781-438-1324;**  
**saltzman@noblenet.org.**



# Craft & Chat

This is a drop in program for adults. Bring your current project to the library to work in the company of fellow crafters. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Any and all crafts welcome; tables and comfy chairs provided! Questions? Contact Rachel at [roverbeck@noblenet.org](mailto:roverbeck@noblenet.org) or 781-438-1324

**3/3/2023 & 3/17/2023**

**2 PM TO 3:30 PM**

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# Staff Reviews

## *Academia Revisited In Campus Novels*

Review by Melissa Jackson

The genre of the “campus novel” has been around for almost 80 years now. Quite simply, a Campus Novel takes place in or around a campus setting. The fun in reading this type of novel comes from the characters being in Academia. There are students and Professors, adjunct professors, teaching assistants and - of course - Department heads. These characters all give the author free license to let fly with witty language, eloquent scenarios and some very funny situation comedy.

This is most definitely the case with Joshua Cohen's 2022 Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Netanyahus*. This tale was mined from an actual event and turned into a gem of a story. The character of Harold Bloom, professor of the history of taxes. He is asked to entertain a visiting scholar who is applying for a lecturing position (Netanyahus). The two men couldn't be more different and in the midst of their opposing lifestyles and philosophies, there is some real meat to chew on with the letters and lectures that are part of the story.

At 248 Pages I felt that this was a great read. I would recommend it and look into a campus novel as a genre to enjoy! Here is a great article on them from Lit Hub: [The 60 Best Campus Novels from the 60 Years](#)

JOSHUA COHEN  
**THE NETANYAHUS**  
AN ACCOUNT OF A MINOR AND  
ULTIMATELY EVEN NEGLIGIBLE EPISODE  
IN THE HISTORY OF A VERY FAMOUS FAMILY

WINNER  
Pulitzer  
Prize



## Staff Reviews

*Dust of Kings* by John J. O'Neil (Call #: 811/ONE)

Review by Matthew Sowyrda

Here is a small but deep chest of local treasure. The author of this poetry collection, John O'Neil, was a graduate from Stoneham High School's Class of 1936. His style is reminiscent of Frost-like playfulness and simplicity, which is epitomized in the titular poem, "Dust of Kings": 'My friend, you and I / Are dust of kings / We live from day to day, / With simple things'.

The themes in O'Neil's poetry range from musings on the seasons - "On early winter mornings / Cold winds like cannon's roar" - to small town life, which "wends an easy pace" [...] "Though nothing may be perfect" [...] "All find rewarding ends". In these his writings may be especially relatable for the New England reader.

Moreover, O'Neil has that poetic power of observation that shows how certain places and events send us back - in memory - to other, similar places and events. Such is the case in "A Thought", wherein the adult speaker watches a yellow pear fall from a tree outside his house, a bruise forming on its surface, and is thereby reminded "Of a curly-haired youngster / As he fell and scraped his knee". Or consider the poem, "Ships": 'Old ships / Look to me / Like tried men / Who in the shadow time of life / Find their place and cast their anchor'. Upon reading this, one can see in the mind's eye the monumental ships of our nation's yesterdays, now in repose on quiet American waters like aged kings and knights whose duties are done; the battles, won.

This is recommended reading for those who might like to explore the fruits of local literary labor, as well as for fans of the poetry of Robert Frost.