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The Official Newsletter of the Stoneham Public Library

Stoneham Public Library.

431 Main Street
Stoneham, MA
02180

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(781) 438-1324

Mon, Tue, Thu: 9 am - 9 pm

Wed, Fri: 9 am - 5 pm

Sat: 10 am - 2 pm

Children's Services

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Mon, Tue, Thu: 9 am - 7 pm

Wed, Fri: 9 am - 5 pm

Sat: 10 am - 2 pm

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THE MONTH AT A GLANCE



Holiday Closures:



Memorial Day (Monday, May 29th)



Stoneham 101: New Resident Open House

Saturday, May 6th, 11am-1pm

Stoneham Public Library

431 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180

Welcome to Stoneham! The library will be hosting an event that is going to be run by the *Stoneham Chamber of Commerce*, for residents who have moved into town within the past three years. [Click this link](#) to be directed to the Chamber's website for more information.



Welcome



ADULT PROGRAMS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

2
**Midday
Meditation**
1:15 pm
**Mindful
Crafting**
7 pm



4
**Mysteries
Around the
World Book
Group**
7 pm

5
**Craft &
Chat**
2 pm



6

8



9
**Midday
Meditation**
1:15 pm
**Opening Your
Garden for
Spring** 7 pm

10

11
**Game Night
for Grownups**
6 pm



12

13

15

16
**Midday
Meditation**
1:15 pm

17



18
**Teen &
Adult
Ukelele**
6 pm

19
**Craft &
Chat**
2 pm



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**Monday
Night Book
Group**
7 pm



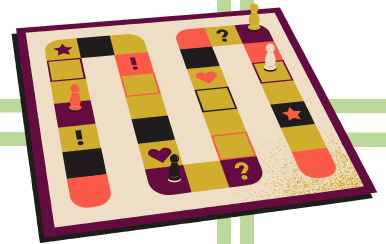
23
**Midday
Meditation**
1:15 pm

24

25
**LIBRARY
OPENS @ 12PM**
**Game Night
for Grownups**
6 pm

26

27



29

**MEMORIAL
DAY**

**LIBRARY
CLOSED**

30
**Midday
Meditation**
1:15 pm



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STONEHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT CREATIVE WRITING GROUP



Tuesday, May 2nd @ 11:30 am

Stoneham Room



The first meeting will consist of:

1. member introductions
2. an informal conversation about writing habits
3. workshop/meeting structure and rules
4. sharing work to be critiqued (optional)
5. a timed free-write session (a prompt will be given to members who have no current writing project)

Members should bring pencils, pens, notebooks, loose-leaf paper and/or a laptop for brainstorming and taking notes.

No registration is required.

If you have any questions, contact Matthew Sowyrda at msowyrda@noblenet.org or call [781-438-1324](tel:781-438-1324)

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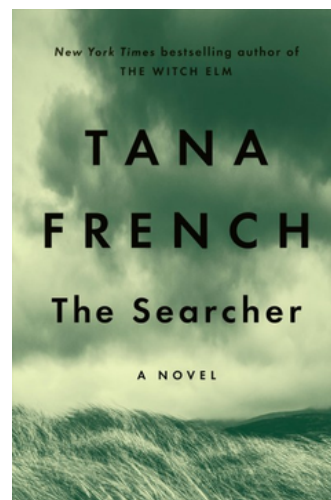
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MAY BOOK GROUPS

Mysteries Around the World: Thursday, May 4 @7:00 PM.

This group will be reading *The Searcher* by Tana French. After twenty-five years in the Chicago police, Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape. Yet, when a local kid convinces him to investigate his brother's disappearance, Cal uncovers layers of darkness

beneath his picturesque retreat. This gifted, American-Irish author has been called, "the Queen of Irish crime fiction." We look forward to welcoming new members to the Mystery Group. We meet at the library and provide a zoom link, too.



Monday Night Book Group: May 22nd @ 7:00 P.M.

We will meet to discuss, *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. This novel is "A...saga about two Irish America families in a New York suburb, the love between two of their children, and the tragedies that threaten to tear them apart and destroy their futures." The group meets at the library and also offers a zoom link.



If you would like to join either (or both) of these groups, contact Maureen Saltzman: **781-438-1324** or saltzman@noble.net.



STONEHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY FILM CLUB

DOUBLE FEATURE: IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT THE THIN MAN



DISCUSSION (ZOOM)

WED. MAY 17TH @ 6:30PM

SIGN UP ON OUR CALENDAR

WAYS TO WATCH

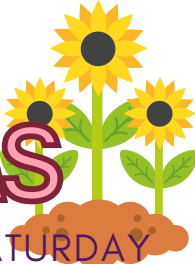
DVD 

AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

SCREENING 

AT THE LIBRARY

FRI. MAY 12TH @ 1PM



YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Toddler Tales 11 am Fables & Fun 3:30 pm	2 Pages for all ages 12:30 pm	3 Babytime 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10 am	4 PICKture This 4 pm	5 Baby Bumble 9:30-11 am	6 Lego Club 11am-12:30pm
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29 MEMORIAL DAY LIBRARY CLOSED	30 All Ages Storytime 10:30 am Graphic Novel Club 6:30 pm	31 Babytime 9:30 am Toddler Tumble 10 am	Want to register for an event? Head to Stonehamlibrary.org and hit the CALENDAR tab! Scroll to the day/event you want and hit REGISTER!		



weekly:

Mondays

Toddler Tales @ 11am

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 @ 3:30pm

Join Miss Melissa for a fun folktale and a themed craft! **For ages 5+. Sign up required.**

May 10 & 24 @ 6pm

Coloring Club

Ali is ready to share her art skills with you! Come by for an artistic challenge! **For teens and tweens. Sign up required.**

Tuesdays

May 9 & 30 @ 10:30am

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.**

May 2, 16, & 23 @ 12:30pm

Pages for all Ages

Join Miss Ali for a sweet storytime. **For all ages. Sign up required.**

Wednesdays

Babytime @ 9:30 am

Join Miss Katie for a quick, fun babytime program! We'll have bounces, rhymes, and loads of fun! **For babies 0-12mos.**

Toddler Tumble @ 10am

We have special toys specifically picked for toddlers that will be available during this program!

Thursdays

PICKture This @ 4pm

Join Miss Ali for an afterschool storytime! Vote for which book you'll read online or in person the week of! **For kiddos grades pre-k+.**

Coloring with Katie May 25

@ 11:30am

Come color creations with Miss Katie! **For all ages.**

Fridays

Baby Bumble 9:30-11am

This drop-in style program is to encourage our young friends to socialize, play, and communicate with one another. **For babies 11ish months old and up.**

Saturdays

Lego Club from 11am- 12:30pm

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



special:

Tuesday, May 16 @ 6pm

Learn Ukelele- Kids & Caregivers

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? No experience necessary. Borrow a ukulele or bring your own. **For kids & their caregivers. Sign up required.**



Thursday, May 18 @ 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, May 18 @ 6pm

Learn Ukelele- Teens & Adults

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? No experience necessary. Borrow a ukulele or bring your own. **For teens & adults. Sign up required.**

Thursday, May 18th @ 6pm

Pajama Storytime

Bring your beloved stuffed animal and wear your favorite pajamas! We'll sing some songs and listen to a few stories! **For all ages.**

Tuesday, May 30 @ 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 "Lemon Bird". We'll talk about the book and draw our own graphic novel panels! **For grades 4 and up. Sign up required.**



MAY BOOK LISTS

On Nature

Spring has sprung; it's time to get outside! [Check out this list](#) of titles in our collection that concern the natural world – bird watching, stargazing, and more!

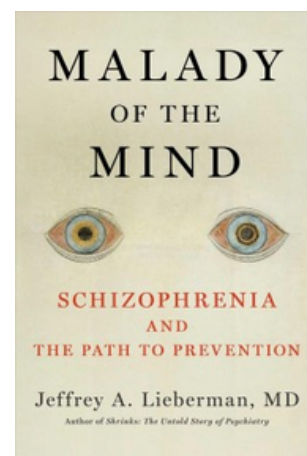


Project: Home

It's the time of year for spring cleaning! [We have compiled a list](#) of titles in our collection that relate to keeping house, tips for organizing, renovations, and DIY.

National Mental Health Month

Explore the many faces of the human mind with [this list](#) of titles from our collection. Included are the numerous perspectives from the fields of psychology, psychiatry, and neuroscience; as well as literary and cinematic takes on the subject in the form of psychological novels, essays, and films.



MAY BOOK CHALLENGE

This month's theme from the [Massachusetts Center for the Book](#) is **to read a nonfiction title on a subject that is new to you.**

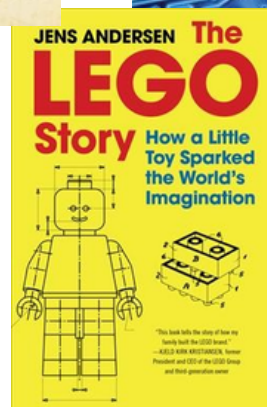
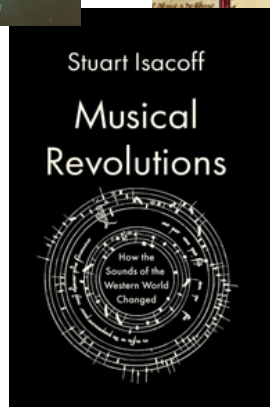
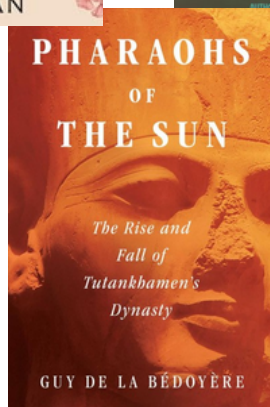
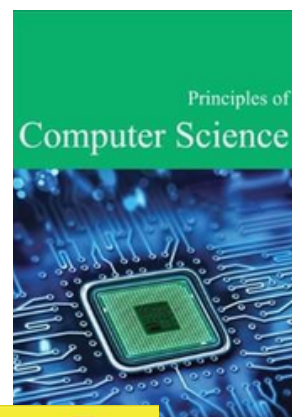
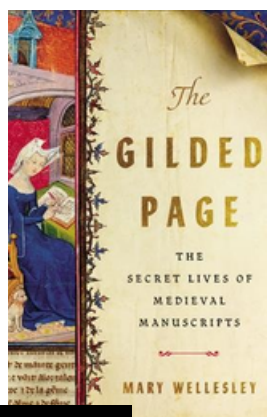
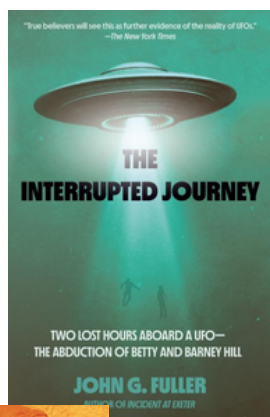
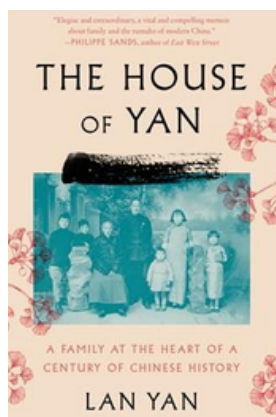


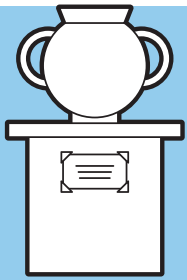
What have you always been curious about,
but never got around to studying?

A specific area of mathematics? The invention of books?

Lives of history's movers and shakers?

Pick a book, any book! [Here is a list](#) that contains a little bit of everything, from the inner workings of computers and the human mind to exploration of the world and beyond.





MUSEUM PASSES

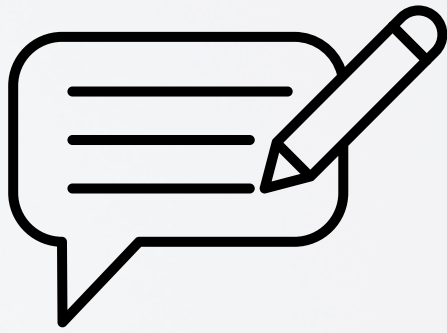


See wildlife face to face! Reserve a Zoo New England Pass to visit the [Franklin Park Zoo](#) in Boston, or the [Stone Zoo](#) in Stoneham. After making your reservation, you will need to obtain a paper ticket at the library. This pass admits up to six (6) people with a discount of \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children.



Mass Audubon

Go where the wild things are! Take a trip out to a Mass Audubon Sanctuary (see the organization's website for a map and search function). The pass admits up to **four (4) people** and offers a **\$2 discount** to Mass Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuaries. Please note that this is an e-voucher (**email required**). You can either print this pass reservation from your email or display the reservation confirmation on your device to admissions. The pass is valid only for the reserved visiting date.



STAFF REVIEWS

Reading Lists

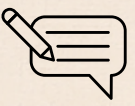
Recommendation | Melissa Jackson

I have long enjoyed the posting of literary prize Short and Long lists. I get a nice grouping of books to look over that have been vetted by a panel of judges. They have reviewed the books, and have deemed them worthy of receiving a prize. I figure it is a great place to look for a book that is a good read. One of my favorite literary prize lists is [The International Booker Prize](#). I enjoy reading about the authors, as well as the stories from all over the world, which are quite interesting.



This year, I came across a new literary prize which I found to be quite lovely. [The Carol Shields Prize for Fiction](#) is awarded to women and non-binary writers. The Short list for this generous prize contains some fantastic books that I am putting on my must-read list. Happy reading!

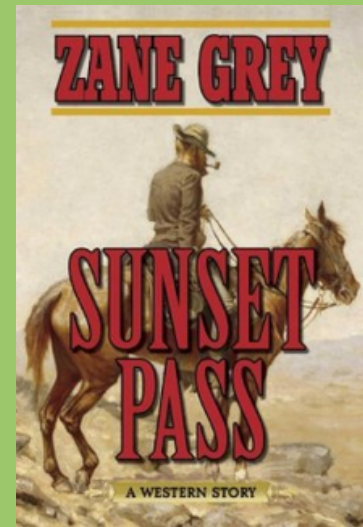




***Sunset Pass* | Zane Grey**

Review | Matthew Sowyrda

Zane Grey takes us on a horseback ride into the American West in this novel. He evokes the region's natural beauty - the flora and fauna, the peaceful solitude of the faraway hills, and the refulgent Texan sunsets that come and go over the Pass. At the center of the story, we see Zane's version of the cowboy: one that has - amid the usual shortcomings of a regrettable past - the nobility of Jack Schaefer's angelic gunslinger, and the sagacity of Sergio Leone's Machiavellian lone rider.



After six years of wandering about in the mid-West, seasoned cowboy Trueman Rock returns to his hometown of Wagontongue, Texas. He falls for the daughter of a ranch-owner who has recently established his cattle herding business out in the secluded corner of Sunset Pass. As Trueman continues to work for the rancher, he finds himself entangled in a web of illegal activity involving the rancher's eldest son, and the young woman's brother. Trueman's inclination to expose the crime at hand conflicts with his love for the young woman and the rest of her family's interests. True to his name, Trueman wants to do what is right, but hesitates because of the jeopardy that it might cause to his love and the family's integrity. With the wise counsel from old friends, Rock moves closer to the decisive moment in which justice is to be served.