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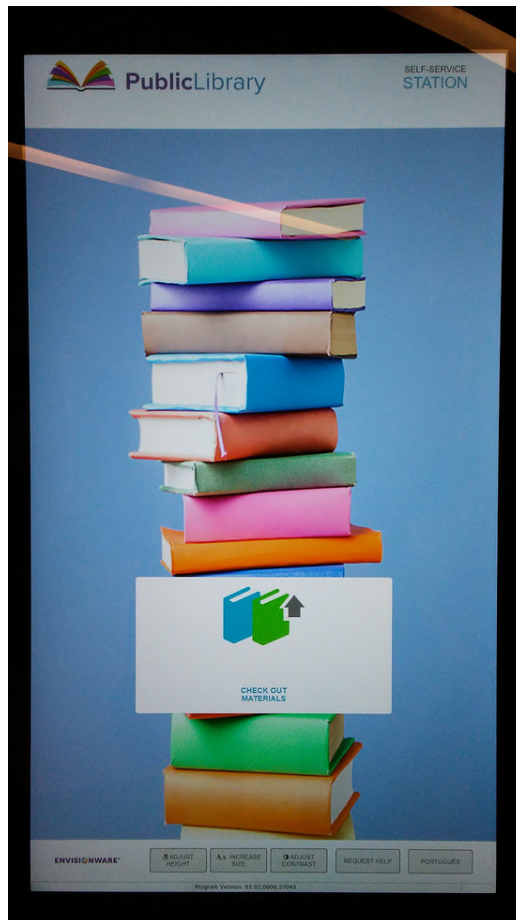
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RECENT NEWS

The Stoneham Public Library has recently acquired a self-checkout machine! It is located in the lobby at the main circulation desk. Come try it out!



THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

Closings

Friday, Nov. 10th

Saturday, Nov. 11th

Veterans/Armistice Day



Nov. 23rd-Nov. 25th

Thanksgiving Day/Weekend

Chamber of Commerce



[Veterans Day Ceremony & Run](#)

Saturday, November 11th, 2-6 P.M.

[Winter Arts & Crafts Fair](#)

Sunday, November 26th, 2-6 P.M.

Stoneham Town Hall Auditorium



[Tree Lighting on the Town Common](#)

Sunday, November 26th, 3-5 P.M.

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

((CONTINUED))

Massachusetts Center for the Book

Challenge:

Read a book recommended by a local bookseller

[The Book Oasis is a great resource for this one!](#)

[\[Click to be directed to the business's BookShop page\]](#)

Also, ask the proprietors in person for recommendations

Friends of the Stoneham Public Library

Early Holiday Book Sale

Marcy Room, Stoneham Public Library

Friday, November 3rd, 10 A. M.- 4 P. M.

Saturday, November 4th, 11 A. M. - 1 P.M.



ART DISPLAY

Stoneham Public Library Gallery Hallway

The library is delighted to host **Jeannette Corbett**, **Mary D. Kelly** and **Louise Conti** for the November Art Exhibit. Jeannette's landscape paintings are particularly influenced by her travels throughout France and Italy, wildflower fields, expansive skies, and medieval villages; all have become central images. The movement and action of thoroughbred horses and Argentine tango dancers are also significant themes in her works. She has received over 150 awards, including twelve Best in Show and is a past president of the Reading Art Association.



Mary Kelly strives to capture the beauty and illusive light through her landscapes and seascapes in oil and watercolor. She has studied with many noted Rockport and Gloucester artists. Many of her paintings have been shown in local art exhibits and during the summer months at art festivals in Maine and Massachusetts.

Louise Conti has enjoyed painting and drawing since childhood. She has been producing beautiful drawings and paintings ever since. She enjoys painting landscapes, animals and still lifes. The artist is a member of many art associations.

Each month, the library hosts a different local artist!
For more information about displaying artwork, contact:
Maureen Saltzman, Reference Librarian
781-507-2483 or **sto@noblenet.org**.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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

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**Friends of the
Library Book
Sale
10 am - 4 pm**

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**Friends of the
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11 am - 1 pm**

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**Adult Creative
Writing Group
11:30 am**

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**Meet the
Author:
Craig Harris
7:00 pm**

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**VETERANS
DAY**
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**Introduction to
the Library w/
the Council on
Aging
12:00 pm**
**Arty Party
7 pm**

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**Craft & Chat
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**Movie
Screening:
Breaking
Away
1:00 pm**

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**Gentle Yoga
10:30 am**
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**Film Club
Discussion
6:30 pm**

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**Monday
Night
Book Group
7 pm**

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**Stoneham
History with
Dee Morris &
Michael
Scarpitto
7:00 pm**

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**Queer Reader
Book Club
7 pm**



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MONTHLY ADULT PROGRAMS:

Mondays

Film Club Discussion

November 20th at 6:30 pm | Zoom

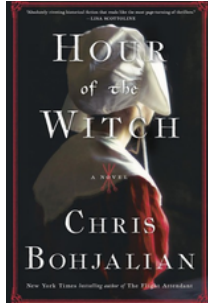
The Film Club will discuss its November selection, *Breaking Away* (1979) on Zoom. Zoom link will be sent on the discussion day. **Registration required.** *Don't miss out on our screening on Friday, November 17th at 1pm in the Marcy Room.



Monday Night Book Group

November 27th at 7 pm | The Stoneham Room

The group considers Chris Bohjalian's *Hour of the Witch*, an enthralling story of a young Puritan woman who marries the wrong man and soon finds herself caught up in the violence and hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials. "Bohjalian is a pleasure to read...he is a writer with a big heart and deep compassion for his characters." **Registration not required.**



Tuesdays

Adult Creative Writing Group

November 7th at 11:30 am | The Stoneham Room

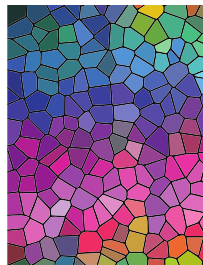
Attendees are always invited to bring their own projects or an excerpt from their favorite authors to share with the group. In this meeting, the group will discuss internal dialogue. We will also comment on Robert Frost's poem, "The Road Not Taken." This will be followed by a writing session, after which members will be able to read aloud their work in order to receive feedback. **Registration not required, but appreciated.**



Arty Party

November 14th at 7 pm | The Marcy Room

Do you miss the days of arts and crafts when you could get a little messy and just have fun while creating something? Well here's a craft program just for adults! November's craft will be faux stained glass! **All supplies provided. Registration required. Space is limited.**



Thursdays

Mysteries Around the World Book Group

November 2nd at 7 pm | The Stoneham Room

The group will meet on to discuss Daniel Silva's novel, *Prince of Fire*. "Recalled to service in Israel after terrorists steal secrets about his past, art restorer and sometime spy Gabriel Allon finds himself stalking an elusive master terrorist in a deadly cat-and-mouse game". Questions? Contact Maureen Saltzman at saltzman@noblenet.org or (781) 438-1324. **No registration required.**



MONTHLY ADULT PROGRAMS CONT.:

Thursdays

Craft and Chat

November 16th at 7 pm | The Stoneham Room

Bring your current project to the library to work in the company of fellow crafters. This is a drop in program for adults, come when you can, leave when you need. Any and all crafts welcome, tables and comfy chairs provided! *This program happens once a month, date to be determined.* **Registration not required, but appreciated.**



Queer Reader: An LGBTQ+ Book Club

November 30th at 7 pm | The Stoneham Room

The November book is *Our Wives Under the Sea*, a debut novel by Julia Armfield. It is a story of falling in love, loss, grief, and what life there is in the deep deep sea. "Miri thinks she has got her wife back, when Leah finally returns after a deep-sea mission that ended in catastrophe. It soon becomes clear, though, that Leah is not the same." Pick up your copy at the circulation desk! **Registration not required, but appreciated.**

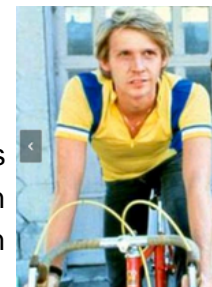


Fridays

Movie Screening: *Breaking Away* (1979)

November 17th at 1 pm | The Marcy Room

Directed by Peter Yates, written by Steve Tesich, starring Dennis Christopher, Dennis Quaid, and Daniel Stern. A working-class Indiana teen obsessed with the Italian cycling team vies for the affections of a college girl while searching for life goals with his friends. Rated PG. **No registration required.**



Saturdays

Gentle Yoga with Joanna Kent

November 18th at 10:30 am | The Marcy Room

Join us for gentle yoga with Joanna Kent! Joanna has been practicing yoga for 5 years and became a certified yoga teacher this year. She utilizes yoga to ground herself and strengthen her mental health. Joanna's goal as a yoga teacher is to empower her students to feel good in their mind and bodies. She believes yoga should be accessible and inclusive to all. Her gentle yoga class includes breathwork, slower paced movements and lots of relaxation! **Please bring your own yoga mat. Registration not required, but appreciated.**



Adult Creative Writing Group

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SPECIAL ADULT PROGRAM:

Thursday, November 9th

Meet the Author: Craig Harris
7 pm | The Marcy Room

Join Craig Harris, music historian, percussionist, Washington, DC radio host, and the author of several books including the brand new *Rise Up! Indigenous Music in North America*, published by Bison Books, for an eye-and-ear-opening multimedia introduction to the magnificence of Indigenous music. More than drums and flutes, Indigenous music intersects with rock, pop, hip-hop, country, jazz, classical music, opera, and more.

Registration not required, but appreciated.



Tuesday, November 14th

Introduction to the Library
12 pm | The Marcy Room

Join the Stoneham Public Library and Stoneham's Council on Aging for an introductory/refresher program about library services. This program will include how to get a library card, how to use Libby, Kanopy, and Hoopla for ebooks, audiobooks, TV shows and movies, databases, and library programming that may interest you!

Call (781) 438-1157 to reserve your spot and secure transportation.



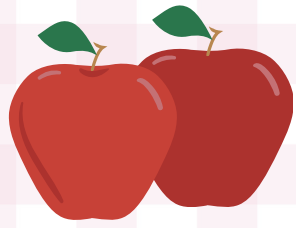
Tuesday, November 28th

Stoneham History with Dee Morris and Michael Scarpitto
7 pm | The Marcy Room

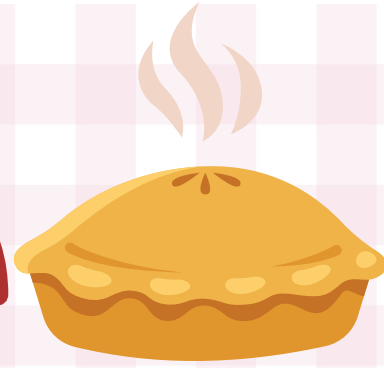
Join Dee Morris and Michael Scarpitto, Jr. as they talk about Michael Scarpitto, Sr. and his long career as Superintendent of Stoneham Public Schools. Scarpitto Sr. served as Superintendent from 1957 to 1970 and launched a successful "reading for pleasure" campaign that led many children to become voracious readers.

Registration not required, but appreciated.





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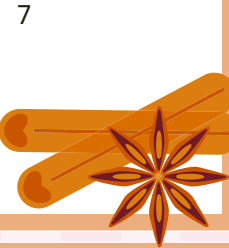
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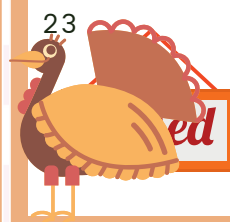
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Graphic Novel Club
6:30pm

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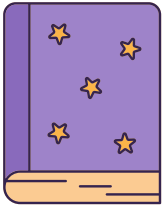
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Bullet Journal Club
6pm



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weekly:



Mondays

Fables and Fun at 4pm

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



Wednesdays

Babytime at 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 at 10 am

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



Switch After School at 3 pm

On Wednesdays at 3, our Switch will be on the TV in the teenzone. Come play Mario Kart, Mario Party, and more!



Thursdays

Toddler Tales at 10:30 am

Miss Melissa is so excited to welcome our toddler friends to the library for a fun storytime! She'll be sharing some of her favorite stories with you!



Fridays

Baby Bumble 9:30 am

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



Saturdays

Lego Club 11 am

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



= Sign up Required

monthly:

Tuesdays

Musical Mornings | Nov. 14th at 10:30 am

The wonderful Matt Heaton is hosting a monthly musical program!!! Come join us for a morning of movin' and groovin'! **For all ages. Intended for ages 1.5-5.** ✓



Animal Crossing Club

November 21st at 3:30pm

Do you love all things Animal Crossing? Bring your Switch to show off your island or sit through a tour of Miss Katie's! We'll share tips and tricks along the way! **Ages 6+.**



Middle Grade Graphic Novel Club

November 28th at 6:30 pm

Join us while we chat about a graphic novel and draw graphic novel panels. Copies are available at the youth services desk. ✓



Thursdays

PJ Storytime

November 16th at 6pm

Bring your beloved stuffed animal and wear your favorite pajamas! We'll sing some songs and listen to a few stories!! **All ages welcome; intended for ages 1.5-5.**



Bullet Journal Club

November 30th at 6pm

Come make a bullet journal with Katie! We'll make a new calendar each month and go over new ideas! Journal and supplies provided. **For teens and tweens.** ✓



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special:

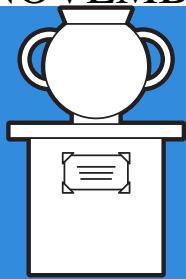


Intro to Tarot

November 2nd at 5pm

Laura is here to teach an intro to tarot program! We have decks for you to borrow and learn with!

"Laura Campagna is a healer, artist, and educator who has been reading tarot and studying astrology since she was 13 years old. Her readings are intuitively crafted for each individual and informed by feminist interpretations of ancient mythology. " **For teens and tweens. Sign up required.**



MUSEUM PASSES



Click the logo to go to museum's website.

This pass admits up to two adults while anyone under 18 goes for free. It that must be picked up and returned to the library. Book your tickets online for the site you want to visit by using the coupon code you receive in an email after reserving the pass.

This pass admits up to 4 people at a discounted rate of \$3 per person. Children 12 years old and under are admitted for free. Advanced ticket reservations may be required. The pass must be picked up at the library and can be discarded after use.



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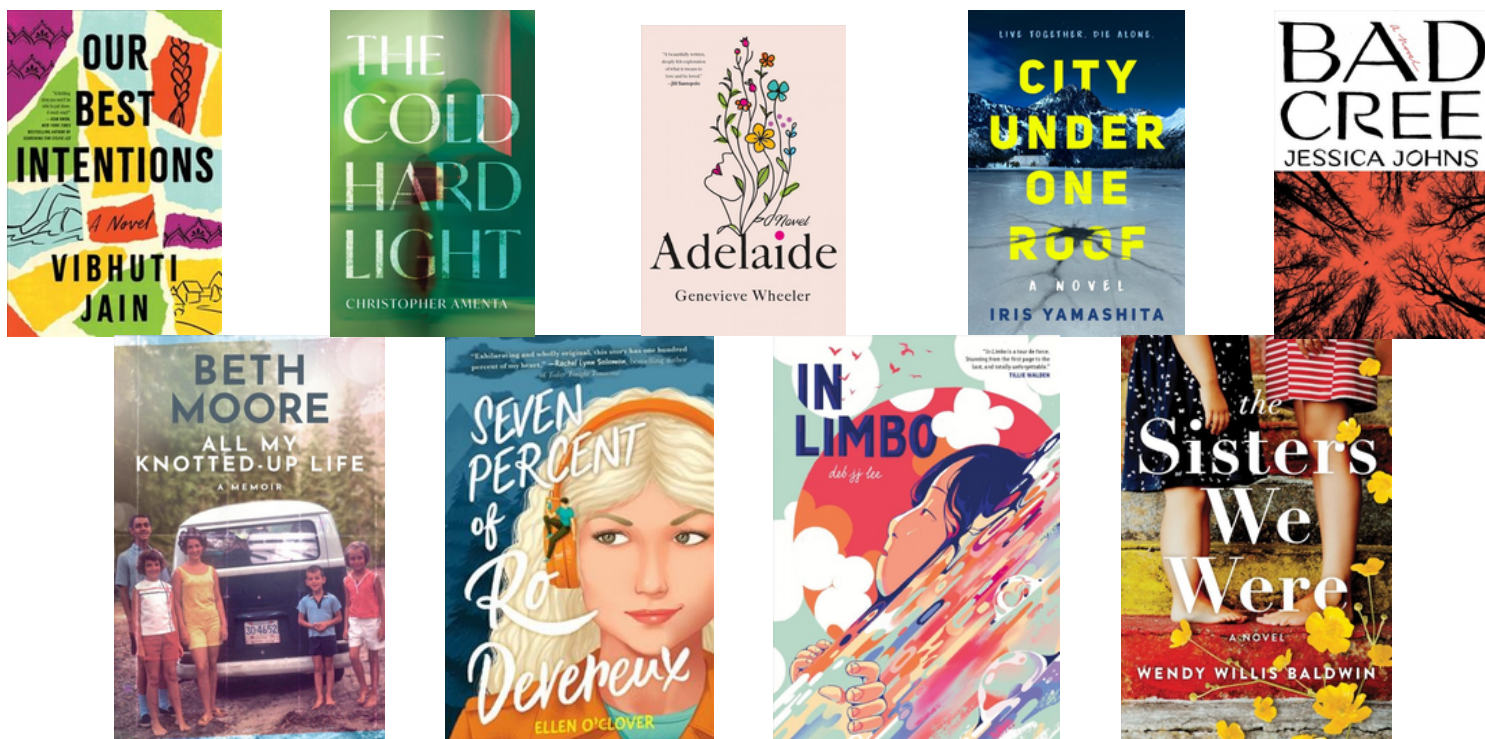
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NOVEMBER BOOK LISTS

[New England Through the Ages \[Click\]](#)

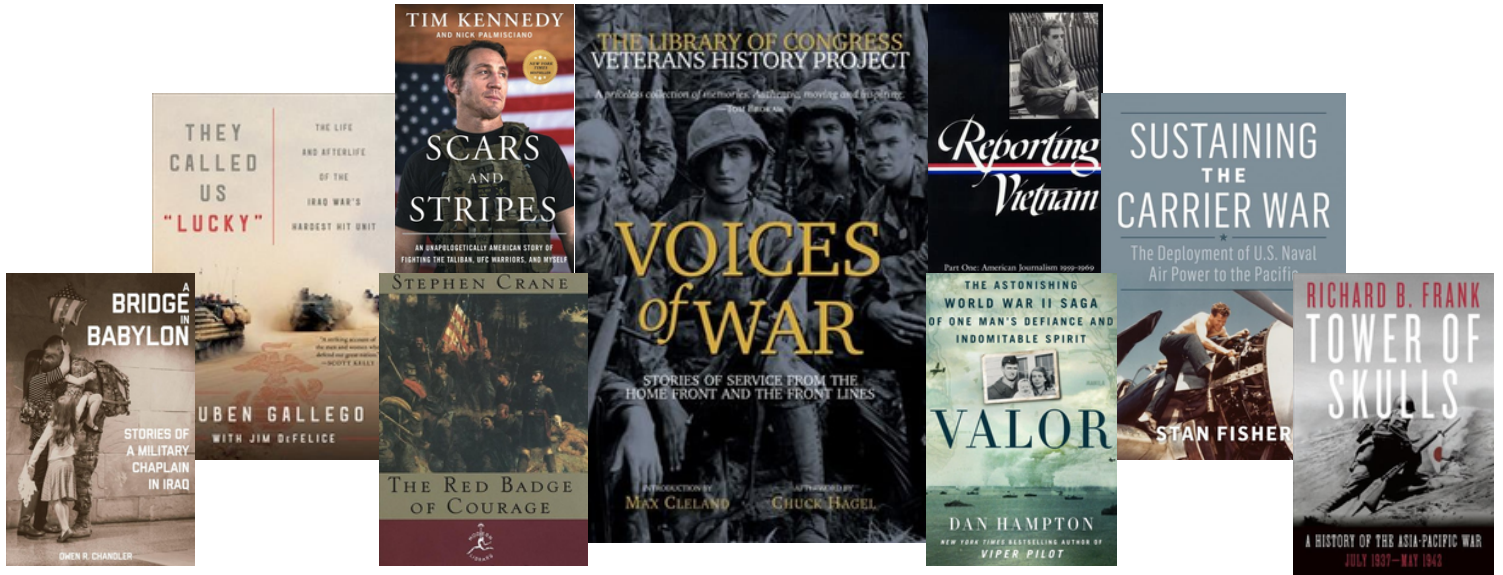


[This Year's Debut Authors \[Click\]*](#)

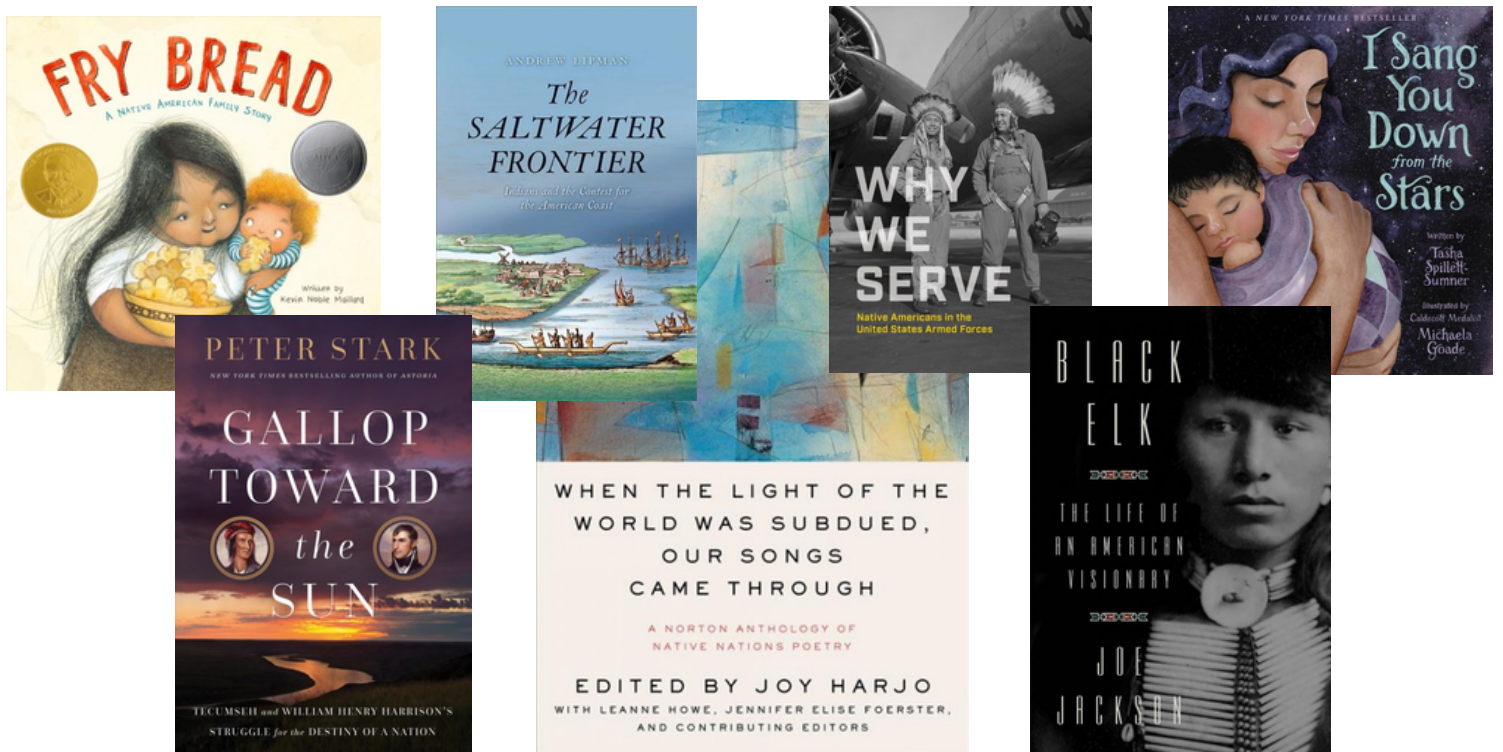


NOVEMBER BOOK LISTS CONT.

[Veterans & Armistice Day \[Click\]](#)



[The Native American Experience \[Click\]](#)





STAFF REVIEWS

Finding Family Where You Least Expect It


Review | Melissa Jackson

As the seasons turn colder, the warmth and comfort that surrounds us in our homes with families and friends can revive us as we come back from our toils in the world outside. Prolific writer Maeve Binchy was a master at creating family, community, and neighborhoods in her native Ireland where family and friends interconnect within tales of love, friendship and life's journeys.

In a trio of books starting with *Evening Class*, a teacher who loses his work family is given a chance to run an adult education program. An Irish woman who loved a married man for 20 years in Italy offers a class to a group of adult students in Italian culture. Each of the students has different reasons to be at the class, but as the year progresses their lives take unpredictable turns. Binchy is a maestro at creating a story that pulls you into the kitchen tables of people's homes, where you are right in the heart of their conversations happening. You feel yourself right there in the mix, a cup of tea in hand and a cookie on a plate, ready to hear it all, hold a hand, laugh, or shake your head with a *tsk-tsk*.

The trio continues with *Tara Road*, which contains some of the characters from *Evening Class*, and *Quentins*, which involves the neighborhood restaurant. I read them both with delight as Maeve has made me a part of the family. I hope you will become a part of it as well.

[Click this hyperlink for a list of available copies of all three books.](#)



Hoosac Tunnel (Florida, MA). The engraving above the entrance reads 1877, the year of its completion.

Familiar Travels

Recommendation | Matthew Sowyrda

Every now and then, I am reminded of places that have made some distinct impression on me. This happens suddenly and by specific things – photographs in a book, a strain of music, lunchtime aromas in the square. During such moments, I can see in my mind’s eye the image of whatever memory had been summoned through the conduit of sense perception. The odor of burning wood is reminiscent of Maine and New Hampshire campgrounds; listening to “The Shoals of Herring” flashes a mental picture of Gloucester Harbor viewed from [Stage Fort Park](#). At the time of writing, New England’s burgeoning fall foliage turned my thoughts to travel, as it tends to evoke sentiments tied to place and memory. After all, autumn is arguably “the New England season.” I will link readers to [OnlyInYourState.com](#), an informative resource for recreation in any of the 50 states. Click the highlighted words in this post to be directed to each location’s page on the website.

For those who have some leftover Halloween spirit, I recommend a few purportedly haunted venues. Running through western Massachusetts is the [Hoosac Tunnel \(Florida & North Adams\)*](#), whose fatal history spans its 20-plus years of construction, and which has spurred reports of uncanny happenings near its two cavernous mouths. Up on the North Shore is [Beverly \(MA\) Commons](#), a shady, knotted woodland with hiking trails that meander deep into the forest, which is said to have been a refuge for some during the Salem persecutions. The Green Mountain State’s [Gold Brook Bridge](#) (Stowe, VT) is a rumored hotspot for spectral aftershocks from a legend involving a heartbroken young woman. Honorable mentions include the ominous [Freetown-Fall River \(MA\) State Forest](#), the long-abandoned [Dogtown Commons](#), and the enigmatic [Hammond Castle and Museum](#) (Gloucester, MA).

Of course, there are places that shine in other seasons. A suitable summer escape outside of New England is the Adirondack Mountains (Upstate NY), which house such attractions as [Lake Placid](#), [Whiteface Mountain](#), and [Au Sable Chasm](#). Apart from Down East lobster and blueberries, [Acadia National Park](#), with its host of landmarks and vistas, can be found in Bar Harbor (ME). Families with a penchant for old-fashioned flair can shop for souvenirs, antiques, and candy at Vermont’s train-track-intersected [Quechee Gorge Village](#). At any time of year, fans of the outdoors will want to hike to the top of [Mount Kearsarge](#) (Wilmot, NH) and have a refreshing meal at the rustic [Flying Goose Brew Pub](#) (New London, NH).