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From Our President



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I was just perusing my President's Letter from last year's Summer newsletter where I wrote about how life was just beginning to return to normal. Well, it seems I didn't jinx us! We're definitely back on track for a fully normal Summer Reading Program. Make sure to sign up and take part in as many activities as you can squeeze in. All of these events are free to you and your family with funds provided by the Friends!

One of the big events associated with the Summer Reading Program is our Annual Bookmark Contest. While you might think this is just for kids, it's not! The contest is open to all ages, with categories for both young and old (or young at heart). You might even see an entry from one of your favorite art teachers in town! I challenge you to dust off your colored pencils and show off your pent-up creativity. You have nothing to lose and only a framed copy of your winning entry to gain. You can find an entry form at:

<https://www.sturbridgelibraryfriends.org/bookmark-contest-entry-form>

Not only are we back to normal, but we've been busy celebrating our momentous milestone—125 years of service to our community. We've been busy celebrating all year with special book discussions, a movie series, gardening program, our Susan Ware author event and lots of others. Hopefully you've been able to partake of at least a few of these special offerings. We still have a few special events to continue the celebration. One of these is the **Teeny Tiny Art Show**.

Come to the library to pick up a kit with a 3-inch X 3-inch canvas along with other supplies to create a tiny masterpiece. Then return it to the library. All entries will be judged and a winner will be named. Will it be you?



Another event to help celebrate our history is a **Scavenger Hunt**. This family-friendly activity can be done at your leisure. Pick up your clues at the front desk of the library any time after July 8 and explore around the library, Common and burial ground to see how much history you can find. Bring your completed program to the Picnic on the Common on July 23 to get a small prize.

And speaking of the **125th Anniversary Picnic on the Sturbridge Common**, join us on July 23 from noon till 3 pm to help us celebrate the end of this action-packed year. There will be plenty for everyone including: food trucks, live music from Haphazard Jazz, winery samples, games and fun activities for the kids, and a **Silent Auction**. We are still looking for volunteers to help man this event, so if you're interested, please let us know.

Our **Membership Drive** is winding down for this year, so if you haven't had time to renew yet, please get that in soon. The income from our Membership Drive is what funds all the great activities available to you throughout the year. It makes it possible for us to provide the Summer Reading Program, book discussions, children's reading groups, museum passes and so much more! Becoming a **Friend** is what makes our library such an asset to the community, so please join us.

And lastly, make sure to mark your calendar for our **next Booksale on August 13th**.

See you at the library and the Picnic on the Common!

Donna Englander



Friends Online

Find out what the Friends are doing or renew your membership

online:
slfriends.org
or
www.SturbridgeLibraryFriends.org

From Our Librarian

Dear Friends,

The library was awarded an LSTA grant by the Institute of Museum & Library Services, through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, to collect and curate a local history audio & video collection of residents and local movers and shakers of Sturbridge. In addition to the online content, we are offering genealogy workshops and I am happy to share with you the second workshop – Decoding Your DNA Results.

Genealogy: Decoding Your DNA Results **Thursday, August 25, 2022 @ 6:30pm**

Receiving your first DNA test results is exciting. And confusing! This presentation addresses some things you should understand and a few decisions you should make before delving too far into those Ethnicity Estimates and DNA Matches, we all crave upon receipt of test results.

You can register at sturbridgelibrary.org or by calling the library at 508-347-2512

Seema-Jayne Kenney started in the business of genealogy after completing the Genealogical Research Certificate Program at Boston University's Center for Professional Education in 2010. Since then, she has continued her education via ProGen & NIGR.

Your Librarian,
Becky Plimpton



CELEBRATE
125 Years
of Sturbridge's
Joshua Hyde Public Library
at the
PICNIC ON THE COMMON

Saturday, July 23
12-3pm

Music by Haphazard Jazz, raffle, "Touch a Truck", lawn games, scavenger hunt conclusion, BT's Smokehouse, Suzy Q's Ice Cream truck, Brimfield Winery, cupcakes, & more!

Bring your own picnic blanket, chairs, and lunch to enjoy on the grass.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF
JOSHUA HYDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Scavenger Hunt

July 8th - July 23rd

Calling history detectives of all ages: take a stroll and see how many items from our 125th scavenger hunt you can find & fill in. Bring your answers to the 125th Picnic on the Common on Saturday, July 23rd from 12-3pm (or complete it at the picnic) and we'll give you a victory souvenir. Children should be accompanied by an adult as some items require crossing Main Street.
Happy hunting!

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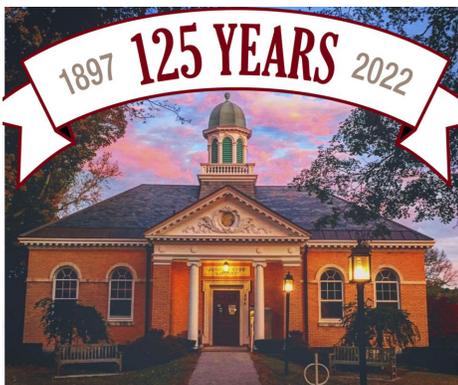
Pick up your copy of the scavenger questions at the Library front desk.

Bookmark Contest!

Read Beyond The Beaten Path



The Summer Reading Program theme for this year, it is:
Read Beyond the Beaten Path
The deadline for entries will be July 29.



Joshua Hyde Public Library Summer Reading 2022

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

TEENY TINY ART SHOW

A 3" x 3" two-dimensional art competition
AGES 13+

Dates & Information:

- Starting June 29- Pick up a packet with canvas and paper board at the library.
- Through July 22- Submit your entry.
- July 27 - August 8- Vote for your favorite artwork.
- August 10- Winners will be announced.

Prizes: Awarded in each of two groups:
Ages 13-18 & 19+
First prize - \$20 Michaels gift card
Runner-up - \$10 Michaels gift card

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THE ART SHOW COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT AND RETURN ANY ENTRY.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday Afternoon Book Discussions at Joshua Hyde Public Library for the coming year.

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.

THESE PRECIOUS DAYS



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Sept. 13

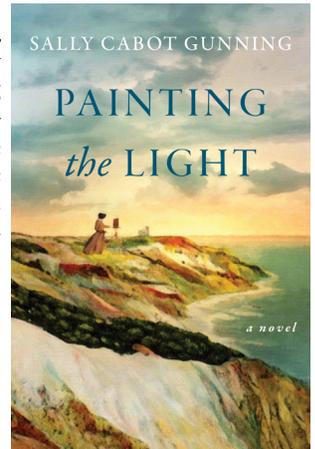
These Precious Days
Ann Patchett

A literary alchemist, Patchett plumbs the depths of her experiences to create gold: engaging and moving pieces that are both self-portrait and landscape, each vibrant with emotion and rich in insight. Turning her writer's eye on her own experiences, she transforms the private into the universal, providing us all a way to look at our own worlds anew, and reminds how fleeting and enigmatic life can be. (Amazon)

Oct. 11

Painting the Light
Sally Cabot Gunning

Captured in rich, painterly prose—piercing as a coastal gale and shimmering as sunlight on the waves—*Painting the Light* is an arresting portrait of a woman, and a considered meditation on grief, persistence, and reinvention.



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

The LIONS of FIFTH AVENUE



A NOVEL

"A page-turner for booklovers everywhere!"

—ADRIANA TRIGIANI, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Shoemaker's Wife*

FIONA DAVIS

National Bestselling Author of *THE ADDRESS*

Nov. 8

The Lions of Fifth Avenue
Fiona Davis

It's 1913, and on the surface, Laura Lyons couldn't ask for more out of life—her husband is the superintendent of the New York Public Library, allowing their family to live in an apartment within the grand building, and they are blessed with two children. But headstrong, passionate Laura wants more, and when she takes a leap of faith and applies to the Columbia Journalism School, her world is cracked wide open. As her studies take her all over the city, she is drawn to Greenwich Village's new bohemia, where she discovers the Heterodoxy Club—a radical, all-female group in which women are encouraged to loudly share their opinions on suffrage, birth control, and women's rights. Soon, Laura finds herself questioning her traditional role as wife and mother. And when valuable books are stolen back at the library, threatening the home and institution she loves, she's forced to confront her shifting priorities head on...and may just lose everything in the process.

Eighty years later, in 1993, Sadie Donovan struggles with the legacy of her grandmother, the famous essayist Laura Lyons, especially after she's wrangled her dream job as a curator at the New York Public Library. But the job quickly becomes a nightmare when rare manuscripts, notes, and books for the exhibit Sadie's running begin disappearing from the library's famous Berg Collection. Determined to save both the exhibit and her career, the typically risk-averse Sadie teams up with a private security expert to uncover the culprit. However, things unexpectedly become personal when the investigation leads Sadie to some unwelcome truths about her own family heritage—truths that shed new light on the biggest tragedy in the library's history



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AUGUST BOOK SALE

Friday, August 12 2 - 4 pm Members Only Book Sale
Saturday, August 13 10 am - 2 pm

This is our largest book sale and we have the most books we've ever had and all genres. Come buy for yourself, your children or grandchildren – there's something for everyone! At the same time the Federated Church will be having their 100th anniversary program on the Common

Primarily outside - weather permitting.



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From the Children's Room

Dear Friends,

Summer has arrived with all the excitement it deserves! With the theme of "Beyond the Beaten Path," we have a calendar full of fun activities, many of which are based outdoors. We are looking forward our weekly story times which will travel to various open spaces in town! Guests this summer include the president of the North American Family Camping Association, Wildlife on Wheels from the Forest Park Zoo and Education Center, and so much more! We're delighted to offer in-person programming this summer and the response has been tremendous!

Looking ahead to the end of the summer, we'll have our traditional Back to School activities including the Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt, B2S BINGO and B2S story time. Favorite holiday events and activities will soon follow! Stay tuned for details to come!

But let's not rush the seasons! Enjoy summer and all the fun that it brings!

Best wishes,

Patricia Lalli
Children's Librarian

