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From Our President

How can you tell spring is in the air? When the plethora of wonderful winter library programs has left you exhausted! We hope you have had a chance to enjoy many of these offerings, such as: Stewing over Mysteries, Charlie Zahm's concert, book discussions, movie offerings, the children's programs and so, so many others. Maybe you've brought in some jammies for the annual Boston Bruins Pajama Drive or maybe your kids have tried to "Read Across America" to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, or you grabbed some friends and enjoyed an evening of painting. We hope you were able to have a "hole" lot of fun at our most fun fund raiser of the year, library mini golf.

And while you were enjoying these programs, we hope you realize how valuable the Friends are to the library, because without our Friends, these programs would not have taken place. All of these activities happened because of the money raised by our annual Membership Drive. It's not too late to renew your membership for this year. Because, let's face it, you can never have too many Friends! And if you'd like to do more than just be a Friend, we are currently looking for a permanent Treasurer. Please contact us if you are interested in filling the position.

Spring is not only a time for renewal, but is the perfect time to replenish your personal library to get ready for your summer reading. So, plan to join us April 24 to April 26 for our Spring Book Sale. You will be hard-pressed find a better deal on books with hard covers \$1 and paperbacks and children's books only 50 cents.

And finally, springtime is when we renew our valuable museum passes. We've recently had to drop a few of our passes due to limited usage. So, if you have a favorite museum or other fun place you like to attend and think others will as well, let us know and we'll look into purchasing passes for all to enjoy.

See you at the library!

Donna Englander

President

COVID-19 UPDATE

The health and safety of our Friends is of utmost importance to our organization and that of the entire Joshua Hyde Public Library staff. With that in mind, we are taking steps to ensure everyone's safety. As this is a fluid situation, both the Friends and Library staff will be reevaluating the situation and adjusting as necessary. Please check the websites before attending any events for cancellations. As always, we urge you to use your best judgement and not attend any event you do not feel is safe. We also hope you will take the opportunity to stay home and rest if you are feeling at all unwell. As of press time, we are making the following changes:

- Our Spring Book Sale has been cancelled.
- The Library will be closed until April 6 but it is possible it will be closed longer
- Visit the [Joshua Hyde Public Library Website](https://www.joshuahydepubliclibrary.org) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/joshuahydepubliclibrary) for up to date information on streaming programs and other digital content.
- Staff will be monitoring phone messages, emails, and Facebook messages

We will continue to monitor the situation and make any necessary changes to safeguard the health of everyone.



Friends Online

Find out what the Friends are doing or renew your membership online:

slfriends.org
or
www.SturbridgeLibraryFriends.org

Need to ask a question?
email:

info@sturbridgelibraryfriends.org

~~Eat Sushi,~~

~~Help the Friends~~

What's better than a night out with delicious food?

Enjoying that delicious food and helping the Friends! Baba Sushi, in conjunction with WAITT Cause Marketing, is donating 1% of its revenue on April 24 to the Friends. So grab some friends, enjoy some great food and help the Friends!



WAITT Cause Marketing
www.waittcausemarketing.com



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Are you missing out on all the happenings with the Friends?

If you aren't receiving emails from us, please visit <http://www.sturbridgelibraryfriends.org/contact> and make sure we have your proper email address.

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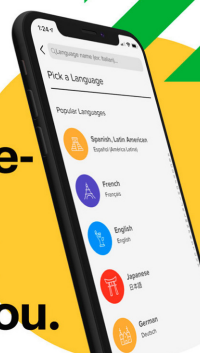
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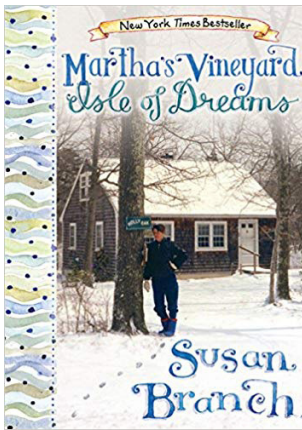


Or learn a language with MANGO! Why not? you've got time!

Recipes for Adventure Book Group

Joshua Hyde Public Library, Sturbridge
First Tuesday of the Month @ 1:30pm

NEW DATES!



Stay tuned for new dates

Martha's Vineyard: Isle of Dreams

By Susan Branch - Led by Faith Armstrong

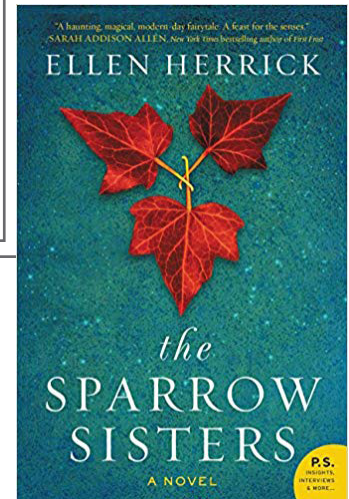
In the winter of 1982, long before she became the watercolor artist and author we know today, Susan Branch, 34-years-old and heartbroken from the sudden and unexpected end of her marriage in California, "ran away from home" to the Island of Martha's Vineyard hoping to gain perspective. Funny, observant, touching, and addictive (you are not going to want this book to end), based on the diaries she has kept all her life, Susan Branch relates her inspirational tale of lost love and self discovery, her search for roots, purpose, and destiny with laugh-out-loud honesty.

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The Sparrow Sisters

Ellen Herrick - led by Ellen Duzak

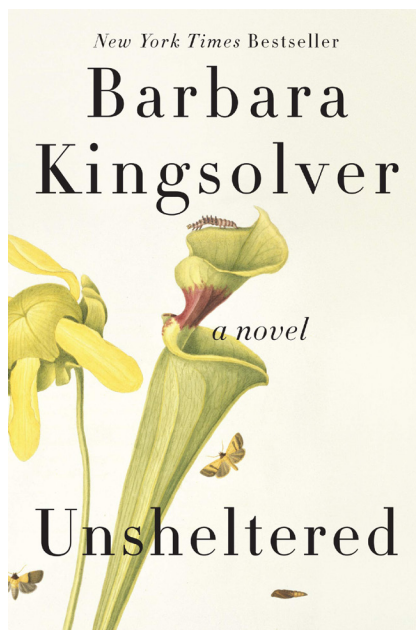
Ellen Herrick's debut novel spins an enchanting love story about a place where magic whispers just beneath the surface and almost anything is possible, if you aren't afraid to listen.



NEW DATES!

Armchair Travelers Book Discussion

Joshua Hyde Public Library, Sturbridge
Second Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30pm



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Unsheltered

by Barbara Kingsolver - led by Joyce Sinnott

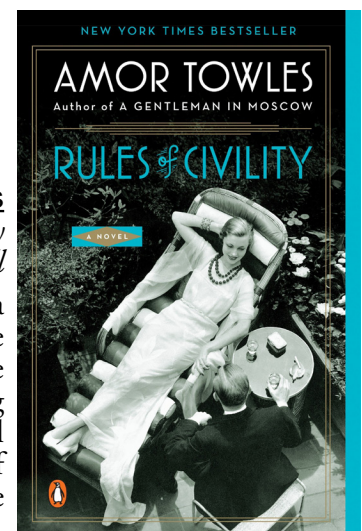
Unsheltered is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.

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Rules of Civility

by Amor Towles - led by Carol Mitchell

On the last night of 1937, twenty-five-year-old Katey Kontent is in a second-rate Greenwich Village jazz bar when Tinker Grey, a handsome banker, happens to sit down at the neighboring table. This chance encounter and its startling consequences propel Katey on a year-long journey into the upper echelons of New York society—where she will have little to rely upon other than a bracing wit and her own brand of cool nerve





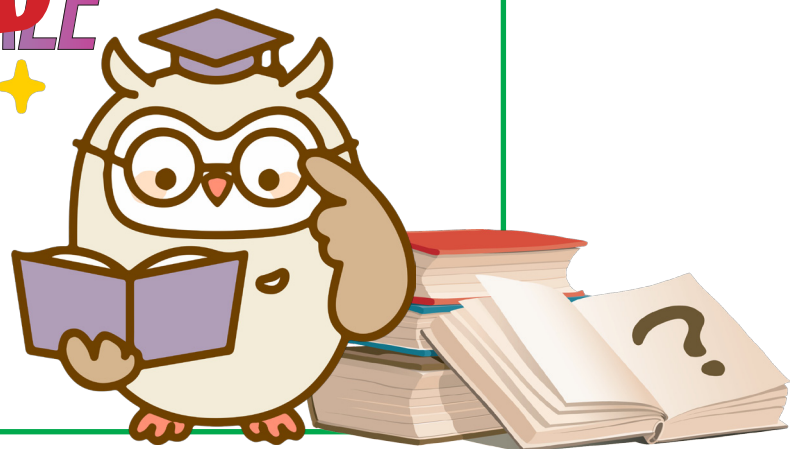
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The next book sale will be in
August, see you there!



From the Children's Room

Dear Friends,

The weather has become warmer the last few days and that has us thinking of summer! We are on track for another amazing summer reading program for the children of the Sturbridge area. Most of the planning has been done for quite a while and we are now putting the finishing touches on our summer calendar. Our favorite events and activities remain: story times, book clubs, crafts, and contests. Special events, whether repeat visits or new additions, are sure to be exciting and well attended! Prizes and incentives have been ordered and are beginning to arrive. Our summer calendar of events will be publicized in mid-May.

With a theme based on myths, legends, fantasy, and folklore what's not to love? Be sure to stop by the Children's Room this summer and check out the transformation! It's going to be magical! To be honest, we may be slightly more excited than the kids for summer to begin

Best regards,

Patricia
Children's Librarian

