

Gone But Not Forgotten Tour

Have you always wanted to meet and visit with some memorable citizens from Deer Isle and Stonington's past? Would you enjoy a conversation with Capt. Walter Scott, longtime ship captain and poet? Or Margaret Olmsted, niece of legendary landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted and an astronomer of some renown in her own right, as well as a naturalist, who along with her sister Carolyn wrote the classic, *Penobscot Bay Treasures*?

Imagine the stories of Salome Sellers, who when she died in 1908 at the age of 108, was the oldest person in Maine. Or those of Dr. Benjamin Noyes, a longtime island physician, known for being among the first doctors to introduce X-rays into his practice, but also a Renaissance man of many achievements who played many musical instruments, created beautiful art, recorded the genealogical history of most families on the island, and ran for political office.

These illustrious citizens and many more—including a famous New Yorker magazine cartoonist and a crew member of the 1895 America's Cup winner *Defender*—will be brought to life by local actors and family members at the Stonington Public Library's second annual "Gone but Not Forgotten" tour on Saturday, July 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Three cemeteries will be featured: Hillside on Grayson Farm Road in Sunset, and Evergreen and St. Mary's, which sit side by side on Cemetery Road in Stonington.

Also to be featured at the Sunset Congregational Church's Parish Hall in Sunset will be the Martha Washington Benevolent Society, an island temperance group famous for its role in combating what it viewed as the vices of the day. At the Cemetery Road site, the role of Stonington undertakers Roy and Bobby Jones will be an extra highlight. Volunteer "gravediggers" will be on hand to guide attendees through the cemeteries and provide additional information.

Schedule enough time to visit both sites as well as the Parish Hall where light refreshments will be served. In case of foul weather, the event will take place on the same day at the same time at the Island Community Center.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Stonington Public Library. Tickets will also be available around town at Dockside Books and Boyce's Motel in Stonington. The Stonington Public Library relies on donations and gifts for most of its funding and the "Gone but Not Forgotten" tour is its biggest fundraiser.

Author Events

- June 20, 5 p.m.: Stu Kestenbaum, State of Maine Poet Laureate, holds a reading.
- July 13, 5 p.m.: Phyllis Chinlund reads from and discusses her book, *Looking Back from the Gate: A story of Love, Art, and Dementia*.
- July 22, 2 p.m.: Anica Rissi reads from and talks about her new book, *The Teacher's Pet*.
- August 12-13: Liza Gardner Walsh visits for a weekend collaboration with the Island Community Center that will celebrate fairies and their houses and gardens. **Don't let your children miss this!**



Community Read

Join **Read ME**, the Maine Humanities Council's new statewide summer reading program for adults. **Read ME** gets Maine's adults all reading the same books by Maine authors. The main goal of the program is to connect Maine's adult reading community through shared reading experiences.

Copies of each book, one fiction and one nonfiction, will be available at the library. Chosen by Maine author Monica Wood, the selections are *Unknown Caller* by Debra Spark and *The Moth: 50 True Stories*.

The summer reading season will culminate in a large public event (date and location TBD) where the authors will be interviewed live in front of an audience. Before this final event, two book discussions will be held, one at each library on the island. On July 25, at 5 p.m., *The Moth: 50 True Stories* will be discussed at the Stonington library.

Summertime Activities



Summer Book Bingo is back! Explore the many paths to earn points for ice cream, coffee, and a chance at a \$50 gift certificate from Blue Hill Books. Bingo launches on Tuesday, June 20, when cards will be available to pick up at the Stonington Public Library or online at www.stoningtonlibrary.org. The game for children and adults runs through August 31. Full

instructions for playing are available on your game cards. It's fun for all—a great opportunity to expand your reading and a chance to win prizes.

Storytime for young children will be the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

Youth Creative Writing Club, ages 11 to 14, (or 5th - 8th grade), will meet Tuesdays, 7/11-8/8, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Unleash your creativity as a writer!

Jill Hoy Art on Display

Jill Hoy's art is on display at the library this summer. Jill is a plein air, on location, oil painter interested in energy, documentation, light, composition and gesture. She has lived part-time on Deer Isle since she was 9 and has run the Jill Hoy Gallery in Stonington for 32 summers. During the winter she lives in Somerville, Massachusetts. Her husband was the late Jon Imber, a painter. They have a son, Gabe Imber.

Grant Funds New Program/Books for Children

In March the library received \$1,000 from the Rose and Samuel Rudman Library Trust of the Maine Community Foundation to increase and improve its collection for our youngest patrons and families.

Since 2012, children's visits to the library have increased 67%, while circulation for the same group has increased 36%. With this success, however, come new challenges, mainly having the right books for the children we serve. The grant will allow us to buy more early readers for those transitioning from picture books; to increase the collection for our "tween" readers; and to develop and implement a baby lap-sit program.

The lap-sit program will begin in September. A donor has already committed funds for the needed materials and manipulatives. The grant will allow us to purchase more board book titles, including those recommended by *Raising Readers*, that reinforce the importance of early, continual reading. In addition, new parents will be invited to the lap-sit program via a library "welcome" bag that will be delivered to them by Linda Shepard, Early Education Community Coordinator. We can't wait to get this program started!

More Than Books?

There is more to the library than just lending books. In fact, many of our activities take place outside the walls of the library.

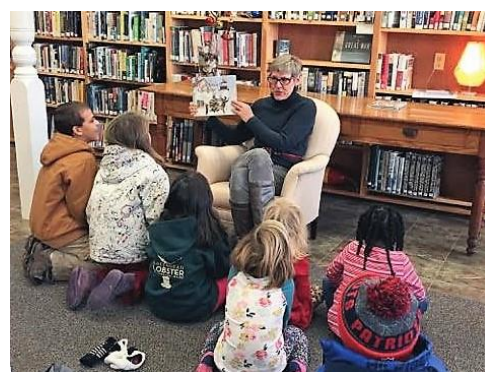


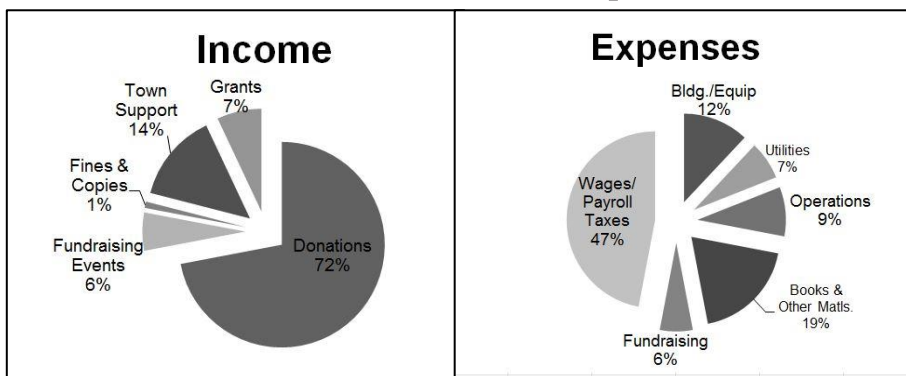
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Volunteers make many of these services possible. Below is a summary of the "other stuff" your library did this past year:

- 21 Home deliveries of books
- 19 Story times
- 9 Preschool visits
- 8 Book discussions
- 8 Author visits
- 5 Special events
- 4 Camp Kooky visits
- 4 Tech Tuesdays
- 2 Visits by school students

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64 Main Street
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www.stoningtonlibrary.org
Vicki Zelnick, Library Director
Gretchen Jost, Library Assistant

HOURS

Tuesday/Thursday

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Library Cards

All Island residents and visitors of two weeks or more may have a library card.

Internet/WiFi

The library has two computer stations for public use. The computers may be used for 20-minute intervals and may not be reserved.

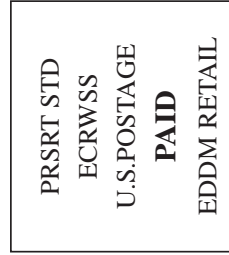
With your own laptop or smart phone you have WiFi access 24 hours a day, inside or outside of the building. The internet connection, via the Maine Schools and Libraries Network, is fast and reliable.

FYI

- No food or drink in the library.
- Service dogs only.
- No public restrooms.

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5,625 Items circulated
 5,414 Visitors welcomed
 424 Computer users
 506 New books
 409 Interlibrary loans in
 45 Interlibrary loans out
 574 Volunteer hours



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