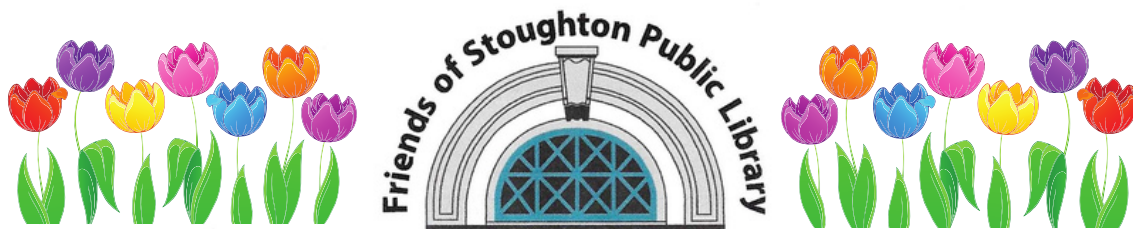


April 2023 Spring Newsletter



Happy Spring Friends!

Thank you for renewing your membership for 2023. It helps us to get a jump start on fundraising plans when we have membership revenue early in the year. Year to date, we have 109 members. Our goal is to expand membership to 125-150! Please invite your neighbors and friends to become a member. *Become A Friend* membership cards are at the library counter near the copier. Or go to the library website and select Friends of the Library tab.

To date, 23 Friends have responded to the Read Your Way mailer that went out in March. Thanks so much for your generosity.

National Library Week April 23-29, 2023 ---- Celebrating our great library!

From the American Library Association: Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to e-books, and more.

But there is so much more to the story!

Libraries of things and items like musical instruments and games. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connections through book clubs, story times, movie nights, crafting classes and lectures.

Library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs.



Tuesday, April 25: National Library Workers Day

It's a day to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Wednesday, April 26: National Library Outreach Day is a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

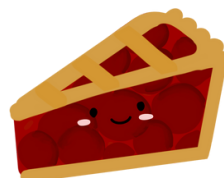


Show your appreciation!

Check out our Friends bulletin board (by the circulation desk).

Stars are available along with pens and markers, for you to express your appreciation of our library staff. Then post your star on the bulletin board!

What Is Pie Place? It's a Friends tradition since 1989. It all started when Friends of the Library co-founder Nancy Hagen decided that Stoughton's Syttende Mai menu needed a dessert course. Initially a fundraiser for the new library addition, it has occurred every year since due to generous bakers who bring their favorite pies and volunteers who sell the slices. See page 6 for the Favorite Pie Place Recipe Book.



Calling all pie makers!

Pie Place returns on Saturday May 20 from 9 am to 4:45 pm (or until pies are gone) in the Carnegie Room of the library. We need at least 80 pies for the event. If you can make a pie or two, please let us know at friendsofstoughtonlibrary@gmail.com or call 608-873-4050. If you can work a shift selling pie, we need your help too.

You can drop off pies starting at 9 am Friday May 19 in the Carnegie room of the library's lower level. Friends will be at the library on Friday May 19 to accept your pies **curbside from 3 pm to 6 pm**. Pull up to the parking stall at the library entrance or by the alley. THANK YOU.





June is Pride Month



The Library has an exciting program coming up, with funding assistance by the Friends of the Library. **Teens, their families and allies will have an opportunity to celebrate Pride on June 3 at East Side Park** in Stoughton. The purpose is to show LGBTQ youth that there is a community for them and instill hope and confidence for a bright future. Teens who are active library users expressed the need for this type of event and a safe space to be themselves.

It's an opportunity to meet someone who might be different from ourselves, have fun, be imaginative, enjoy activities in an inclusive environment, and to remind all attendees that our differences can be celebrated. Throughout the event, community members will read books about celebrating who we are, including a drag storyteller, all with the purpose of advancing diversity, personal expression and literacy. In addition, there will be a choir performance, panel discussion, speakers and craft activities.

Additional community co-sponsors include: the Stoughton Area School District, Eyes of Hope, Stoughton Health, River Bluff Gay Straight Alliance, and Teens Like Us. The event is appropriate for families. The event kicks off at 10 am (with a break for lunch) and resumes at noon for afternoon events. Come and join us!

A feature article from youth.gov addresses LGBT Pride Month as follows: *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans.*

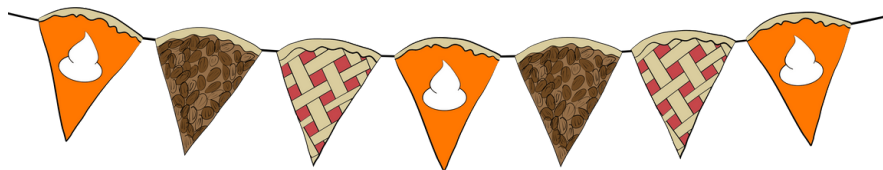
In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans. Federal and local policies and practices are increasingly acknowledging and focusing on LGBTQ youth and numerous national advocacy and other organizations are also giving greater attention to LGBTQ youth in their work.

Encouraging greater acceptance and support for all youth, including those who are or are perceived to be LGBTQ, will make communities, schools, and other settings safer, better places for everyone.

Save the Dates

Eat at Deak's Pub and Grill **Thursday, April 27 from 11 am to 9 pm.** Deak's will donate 10 percent of their food sales (in-house and to-go) to the Friends! 1017 Nygard Street in Stoughton.

Pie Place Fundraiser **May 20 from 9 am to 4:45 pm or until pies are gone.** It's a tradition since 1989, during the Syttende Mai weekend. The Friends sell homemade pies on Saturday. We'll be in the Carnegie Room of the library with forks. Tell your friends and family!



Saturday Farmers Market: Dates to be determined. If you see our table, please stop by. We'll be promoting membership, library services, literacy and offering free books to children.



FOL Board of Directors meeting: **July 11, 2023 from 6 pm - 7:45 pm** in the library Carnegie Room. Current members are always welcome to join us.

Cheesers Wine Tasting Fundraiser: **July 28 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.**

The Friends are partnering with Brian Johnson of Cheesers to hold a wine and cheese tasting fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 in advance at the library circulation desk. Or find us at the Saturday farmer's market table selling tickets (dates to be determined). Learn about great pairings of wine, cheese and your favorite meals. Door prizes included!

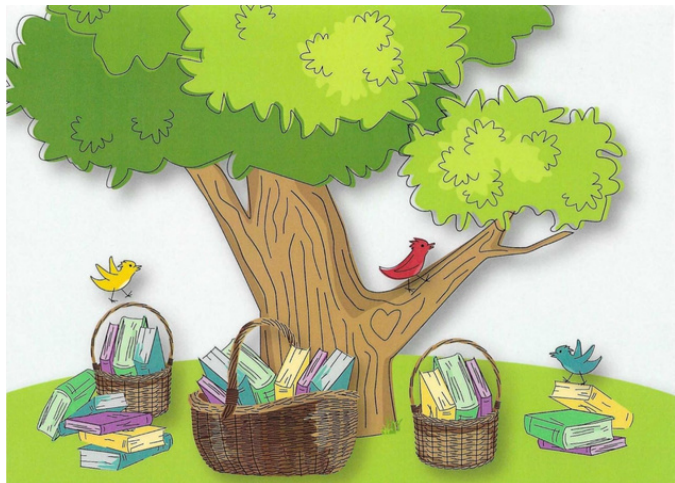


National Night Out: sponsored by the Police Department, is a family event with many activities. We will be there promoting the library, Friends membership and literacy. **Tentative date is August 1** (at this printing).



Fall Fundraiser Raffle **Saturday Sept 30 at 3 pm in the library - raffle drawing.** Over 20 great prizes from community businesses and artists. Tickets will go on sale in August at the library circulation desk. We'll also be present at the Saturday Farmers Market (dates to be determined) and by calling 608-873-4050.

Honor and Remember a special person in your life!



The Friends offer **In Honor Of** and **In Memory Of** cards for recognizing someone special in your life. Make a donation to the Friends in the name of your special person and we provide a card for you to send or we can send it. Your donation will be recognized on the annual giving sign in the Library's entry area. For more information and the donation form click here:

<https://www.stoughtonpubliclibrary.org/honor-and-remember>

You can also pick up a card (with instructions) on the counter near the 1st floor library copier.

Contact us! We'd love to hear from you. Do you have ideas for fundraisers?

Our 40th anniversary is coming up in 2024.

Are you part of our founding history? Let us know.

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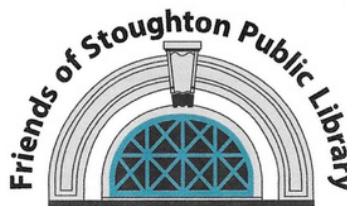
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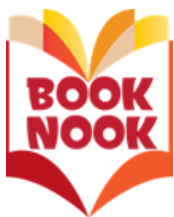
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Easy Ways to Support the Friends



Visit the **BOOK NOOK** to buy gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books.

Make a donation to the Friends and

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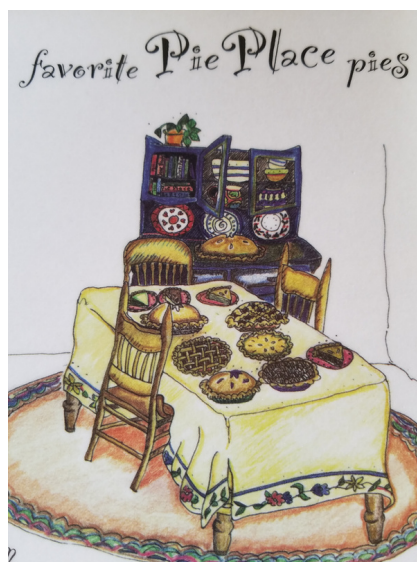
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This journal makes a great gift for your family, friends and YOU! Find your journal on the counter near the circulation desk for \$10. **We lose ourselves in Books. We find ourselves there too.**



Pie recipes from our wonderful pie makers, along with stories about the pies. This charming little book for \$3 is on the counter near the circulation desk.

"Like" the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library Facebook Page.

If you're on Facebook, you can keep up to date with the Friends events!

Click on the URL below:

<https://libraryaware.com/2MVBJO?SID=0fece66e-ed81-4bea-9b8a-2bad945f0f3f>

Thrivent: If you're a Thrivent client with membership, you can make an online donation or direct Choice Dollars to the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library.

Click here <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>.

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Amazon smile is no longer offered. Unfortunately, Amazon ended it Feb. 20, 2023.