The Library Back Porch pickup will be closing for Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and closed for Christmas all day on Friday, December 25, 2020. The Back Porch pickup will also be closing at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2020 for New Year’s Eve.

Kanopy Movie Streaming Service

The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available for free through the Rockport Public Library.

Rockport cardholders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly. Each Rockport cardholder has access to films and Kanopy Kids.

Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

Create an account:
- Click on the Rockport Kanopy link https://rockportlibrary.kanopy.com
- Click on add library card.
- Complete the account registration with an email address and password.
- Verify your email address
- Start streaming!

Films:
- Each cardholder has 7 credits to watch 7 films per month. Once a film is played, it has unlimited watches in 72 hours.
- Kanopy Kids: Unlimited watching of all Kanopy Kid films.
Reducing Stress Through Meditation This Holiday Season

Please join us on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. for a Zoom meditation class with Eileen Carlotto. She will discuss the extraordinary effect meditation has in reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration, enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. Eileen will also present a simple yet powerful meditation technique that can enrich one’s life personally, professionally, and spiritually.

Registration is required and all registrants will receive Zoom login information prior to the event.

Please register for this event

Author Talk: Wayne M. Miller

Please join us on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. for a Zoom discussion with Wayne M. Miller, the author of "Burn Boston Burn". This book is an astounding true crime case about a conspiracy of 9 men, including 3 Boston cops and a Boston firefighter, who burned Boston and surrounding communities in the early 1980s due to tax-cutting measures that caused layoffs of hundreds of police and firefighters. Over 2 years, these fire buffs turned arsonists, torched 264 buildings, causing millions of dollars in damages and hundreds of injuries. Told by the ATF Federal Agent who lived this domestic terrorist investigation for 3 years, Wayne Miller interweaves the activities of the arsonists with those of the investigators, firefighters, and citizens of the area.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rockport Public Library.

The book is available to borrow from the library and to purchase from The Bookstore of Gloucester.

Registration is required and all registrants will receive Zoom access information prior to the event.

Please register for this event

Hot Tub Gingerbread Man Art Class

Please join us on Saturday, December 12th at 11:00 a.m. for a Zoom art class for ages 10 - 18. You will follow along step-by-step as you learn to paint a gingerbread person relaxing in a hot tub of hot cocoa. You will need to pick up your art kit at the library, which contains all the necessary supplies, then follow along during the live Zoom class.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rockport Public Library.

Class size is limited and registration is required.
All registrants will receive Zoom login information prior to the event.

Please register for this event

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**Felted Penguin Art Class For Teens**

Please join us on Saturday, December 19th at 11:00 for a Zoom art class for ages 10 - 18. You will learn how to needle felt an adorable penguin using wool roving and a felting needle. You will need to pick up your art kit at the library with all the supplies you will need and then follow along during the live Zoom class. Needle felting is easy to do and relaxing.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rockport Public Library.

Class size is limited and registration is required. All registrants will receive Zoom login information prior to the event.

Please register for this event

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**Book Discussion Groups**

**Notable Fiction Book Club**

"Beyond the Point"
Author: Claire Gibson

Please join us for our Notable Fiction Zoom discussion on Sunday, December 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to discuss "Beyond the Point" by Clare Gibson. This book tells the story of three women graduates from West Point, surviving and thriving its mostly male culture. Then they begin their lives "beyond the Point" amidst challenges to their friendship, plus heartbreak and resilience.

Contact ljspublic@earthlink.net to add your name to the Notable Fiction list and you will be send a Zoom invite to this meeting and upcoming meetings. Questions about the novel are emailed out a few days before the meeting.

Contact the Rockport Library at 978-546-6954 and follow the library's Covid-19 procedures to pick up a copy of the book.

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**Noon Time Book Club**

"My Beloved World"
Author: Sonia Sotomayor

Please join us on Wednesday, December 30th at noon for a discussion of "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor. She recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a progress that is testament to her extraordinary
determination and the power of believing in oneself. She writes of her precarious childhood and the refuge she took with her passionately spirited paternal grandmother. She describes her resolve as a young girl to become a lawyer, and how she made this dream become a reality: valedictorian of her high school class, summa cum laude at Princeton, Yale Law, prosecutor in the Manhattan D.A.’s office, private practice, federal district judge before the age of 40.

Copies of this book (including large print and audio) are available after December 1st for Back Porch pick-up or to place on hold.

Please register for this event