



building community: one book at a time

Mission Statement

Stoneham Reads brings people together to discuss a common book to inspire thoughtful conversations, build connections and strengthen our community.

What is Stoneham Reads?

Stoneham Reads is a community-building project in Stoneham, MA. All are invited to read the same book and participate in related activities to foster connections, promote an appreciation of our town and have fun.

The project is a collaboration among town residents and community groups, sponsored by the Stoneham Community Development Corporation and the Stoneham Public Library. All are welcome!

In addition to the main book selection each year, Stoneham Reads selects companion books for younger readers and English language learners so that everyone can participate in the annual program.

The pilot launch of Stoneham Reads is March 2021. Pilot events may include:

- Opening Celebration (kickoff event)
- Book discussions
- Film screenings
- Community activities for all ages that are theme related.
- Other social, cultural, and educational programs inspired by the book themes.

This year's book choice is *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, And You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. Given the pandemic, all events will be virtual during this pilot year.

Stoneham Reads is made possible by generous donations of local foundations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, community groups, and individuals.

Ways to Partner with Stoneham Reads

- Publicize events through your networks.
- Serve as a facilitator of a book discussion.
- Help plan or host companion events for the community related to the book's theme.
- Become a sponsor.
- Make a donation.

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