Mission Statement

The mission of the Richard Salter Storrs Library is to enrich the quality of life for Longmeadow residents by promoting the development of independent, self-confident, and literate citizens through access to cultural, intellectual, and informational resources.
Welcome to the Storrs Library Annual Report. It’s my privilege to serve as president of the Storrs Library Trustees and work with such a thriving, vital part of our community. I invite you to do as our logo says and Venture In!

The book you borrow today might be hardcover, paperback or electronic, downloaded to your own device or one you borrow from Storrs. You can use one of many electronic resources to research any issue.

We are keeping up with the expanding role of libraries as community centers. Budding musicians can learn to play the ukulele; future chefs can practice their cooking skills; and each of us can find an evening’s program to widen our horizons.

Check out the children’s summer reading program that has brought excitement to 867 Longmeadow kids. The new book bike, pictured on our front page, is now taking books to the community, with our librarians providing the pedal power. And just this year we opened up more study space by moving reference services to the circulation desk.

Library Director Karen Kappenman has led us through the changes that keep Storrs current in today’s ever-changing learning environment. She will retire this fall, and her quiet strength will be missed by all of us. We are fortunate to have our creative staff continue their service to the town.

Our unusual combination of public and private support provides the rich mix of programs, activities and services to Longmeadow. Our thanks to the many donors and volunteers who keep us strong. Your trustees will continue our work this fall, looking for ways to make Storrs Library even more adaptable to current and future needs.

Mary Rogeness
President

The Storrs Library Board of Trustees works to support the library in carrying out its mission by ensuring the Library Director has sufficient funds to maintain the library facilities and implement the programs and services that benefit the townspeople of Longmeadow.

The Board of Trustees also oversees the library’s other properties including Storrs House, the “cottage,” and Strople Field.

Trustee meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Thursday of each month. September 2017 thru June 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.
Community Outreach

BOOKS-2-GO is a monthly home delivery service for Longmeadow residents. The service is provided by Storrs Library and the Longmeadow Adult Center.

SENIOR RESIDENCE OUTREACH is a monthly outreach program where staff visit senior living facilities to deliver technology advice to access the library’s eResources.

STORRS LIBRARY BOOK BIKE is a weekly outreach program that brings books and items to the Longmeadow Adult Center and the Longmeadow Farmers’ Market at Longmeadow Shops using our Book Bike.

Book Bike visits can also be scheduled.

Friends of Storrs Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting our book collections and programs. Beth Paulson serves as president of Friends.

Friends of Storrs Library raise money through the popular Book Sale held each May. They are also in charge of the library’s Book Nook, a great place to buy a cup of coffee or tea or find a bargain among the recent best-sellers on display.

The Sarah Haller Memorial Fund is a special donation from Friends that sponsors outstanding speakers, book discussions, and plays.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of Friends and their volunteers.

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Our Many Adult Programs

Tech Tuesdays - Patrons learn how to access the many online services, subscriptions, and resources using their own devices. Staff offers one-on-one assistance and hands-on help every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. Patrons read materials, watch documentaries, and participate in face-to-face discussions led by a local college professor.

Cook Book Club is both for seasoned and beginning cooks. A cookbook is selected each month, then members choose a recipe to prepare and bring it to the meeting for a book discussion and feast. One of our most popular programs.

Local Author Talks

Foreign and Independent Film Series

Financials 2016-2017

Storrs Library Income
- Municipal (87%)
- Trustees (10%)
- Friends (3%)
Our Many Discovery Room Programs

Late Night for High School Students - Longmeadow High School students are invited to study for mid-term and final exams until 10 p.m. at Storrs Library. Meeting rooms are available for group study and refreshments are provided. This is an LHS only event and the Library is closed to all others.

Early Literacy Classes - Classes are designed to meet the appropriate development levels of children who are between the ages of 18 months to seven years. Children practice social skills, discover the magic of books, develop fine motor skills by creating craft projects and gain their first steps at independence.

Performers - Throughout the year performing arts, sciences, humanities and more are well represented with an assortment of storytelling, dance, music, juggling, magic, mime, puppetry and beyond. During the Summer Reading Program we feature a new performer every week!

Slime Making - Children learn about chemical reactions when they mix non-toxic ingredients.

Cooking and Cookbook Club for Kids - Children learn important cooking skills while making healthy dishes. Each “junior chef” may be asked to make a dish at home or contribute one ingredient from our grocery list so that the recipe may be made as a group activity.

eResources

- **NoveList Plus**
  comprehensive readers’ advisory resource

- **Gale PowerSearch**
  Online platform offering comprehensive access to authoritative reference

- **Ancestry**
  Library edition to access online genealogy resources in the library

- **Heritage Quest**
  Online to access American genealogical resources in library or at home

Other Storrs Library Expenses

- Books and Subscriptions (40%)
- Programs (19%)
- Fees (15%)
- Cottage and Grounds (11%)
- Taxes (6%)
- Insurance (5%)
- Fund Raising (4%)

Storrs Library Municipal Expenditures

- Salaries (82%)
- Books and CWMARS (11%)
- Utilities and supplies (7%)
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A Year In Review
July 2016 - June 2017

29,611 items were electronically downloaded

$2,053,095. value of materials circulated at the Storrs Library in the last year

200,570 items were borrowed

9,150 Longmeadow residents have library cards, over 58% of the population

115,000 people visited the library

1,037 people participated in the FY 2017 Summer Reading Program

731 programs were held for all ages

11,300 patrons attended programs

70 volunteers gave 2,500 hours of service