



What's Happening at Storrs Library April 20 to April 25, 2020

Library Services Updates

**LIBRARY
CLOSED**

March 12th through May 4th

*We are closing to the public in order to help slow the potential spread of COVID-19.
Thank you for your cooperation.*



In response to the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), while using an abundance of caution and taking our cue from CDC and other health professionals, the Town of Longmeadow and the Richard Salter Storrs Board of Trustees have decided to temporarily suspend library services.

Storrs Library is closed to the public, but staff are available are available for remote assistance between the hours of 9 to 5, Monday to Friday by email at richard.salterstorrs@gmail.com. Staff is regularly checking Storrs Library's voicemail for our main line (413-565-4181). Please note that if you leave a voicemail, we ask that you include in your message the best telephone number to reach you by for staff to return your call.

Curious about what is going on with your books that was on hold before our unexpected closure? [Visit our website for up-to-](#)

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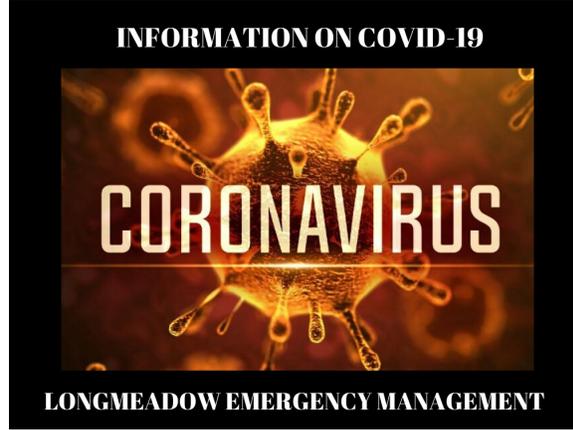
Pending no further health concerns, Storrs Library hopes to reopen Tuesday, May 5, 2020, for regular library services.



We are here for you! Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Storrs Library staff have been working remotely. We are pleased to offer limited LIVE Virtual Reference on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 11 and from 2 to 4 in addition to continuing to return voicemails and emails throughout the week, Monday to Friday from 9 to 5.

To learn more about how to contact us, [please visit our website](#). We thank you for your patience as staff is limited and replies are delayed.

Stay up-to-date and informed about COVID-19 by using the [resources available to you on our website](#).



A blue and white graphic for the 2020 Census. It says "2020 Census is Live!" in large blue letters. Below that is the "WeCount" logo with a green checkmark. To the right, it says "Make sure our community is counted! Respond online or by phone." and includes a "STORRS LIBRARY" logo. At the bottom, it says "Please visit https://www.2020census.gov for more information." and "United States Census 2020". On the left, there is a map of Massachusetts and the text "CENSUS2020" and "Proud Partner of the Pioneer Valley Complete Count Initiative for the 2020 Census".

Every ten years, the US Census Bureau counts every person living in the United States and its five territories. [Click here](#) for information about how and why to participate in the 2020 Census.

Programs & Activities on the Internet

A graphic for an online presentation. The title "INVASIVE PLANTS IN LONGMEADOW AND BEYOND" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, a box says "NOW ONLINE". To the left, a text box says "Join environmental biologist Jennifer Forman-Orth for a presentation on invasive plant species affecting our community! Learn to identify and manage these unwanted plants so we can work together to minimize the damage they are capable of. Please register to receive access instructions." To the right, a box says "TUESDAY APRIL 28 3:00 - 4:00". At the bottom, there are logos for "LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION", "MDAR MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES", and "STORRS LIBRARY Venture Inside". The background features green vines and trees.

On Tuesday, April 28 from 3:00 to 4:00, join Storrs Library

for a virtual presentation by environmental biologist Jennifer Forman Orth on invasive plant species affecting our community. Longmeadow has been hit with invasive plants that can ruin your gardens, damage your home, and create long-lasting problems. Learn how to identify these unwanted plants, and safely manage and eradicate them so that we can work together to limit the damage.

Jennifer Forman Orth works for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) on a number of botanical and entomological issues, including invasive plants, plant resources for pollinators, introduced insect pests, and mosquito control. She also participates in the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group (MIPAG). Jennifer completed her Ph.D. at UMass Boston studying the odd breeding system and seed viability of Japanese knotweed, and has a master's degree from Boston University's Center for Energy and Environmental Studies. Jennifer is currently in the middle of her second term as a member of the City of Framingham's Conservation Commission.

This program will be held online with the Jitsi Meet platform. [*Please register to receive access instructions*](#), which will be emailed shortly before the event. The program link will not be publicly published.

New to Jitsi Meet? Download our [*Jitsi Meet Cheat Sheet*](#) which can help you get started.

New to videoconferencing and web chats? [*Download our Video Conferencing Privacy Tips handout*](#) for steps that you can take to safeguard your privacy online.

Sponsored by Longmeadow Conservation Commission and Longmeadow Tree Committee.



We miss our community and all of our library patrons! In this strange time of separateness, let's create a virtual spot where we can mingle and share. Spring is popping all around us, and many other good things are

happening.

Help us transform our Instagram account into a virtual patchwork quilt full of good, beautiful, and happy sights during this time.

Want to participate? To be included on our Instagram account:

- Snap a photo and email it to richard.salterstorrs@gmail.com to be included on our Instagram.
- In the email, please use "Storrs Share Therapy Quilt Project" in the Subject line
- Contribute as often as you like and watch our quilt grow.

We encourage posts that range across a variety of topics or themes. Some ideas we have for this project include: photos of nature as it unfolds, favorite places, things that make you happy (a big batch of cookies, sidewalk art, your reading spot), something you've found inspiring or uplifting, drawings, something you're creating, quotes or messages that would fit in an Instagram photo.

Out of respect for individual privacy, we ask that submissions not include identifiable photos of people.

If you don't have the capability to email a photo, you

can email a short message or some words of wisdom and we will "sew it into the quilt" for you.

Be well,

Storrs Library Staff

Try our LEGO Challenge & Build a Tower!

Storrs Library invites you to participate in our second virtual LEGO challenge. Join us in designing, building and virtually displaying your LEGO Tower creation. Make one or a city of towers and share them with us.

This is a children's activity, and families are encouraged to build together. Please email your pictures to

rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com. Pictures can include the progression of your build or the finished structure. Please remember to have fun AND to protect the privacy of your child(ren) and your family. Submissions with identifying features or backgrounds will not be shared. Pictures will be compiled and shared via the Storrs Library Facebook page.

Storrs Library is the perfect virtual space for your LEGO displays! Have questions? Contact us at 413-565-4182 or email rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com. Pictures will be added throughout the week. Stay tuned for your LEGO challenge 3 next week.





Overwhelmed by all of the options online? We are here to help! Enjoy a variety of high quality performances, educational opportunities, presentations and more from your home.

- [*Job Seekers Networking Group: Learn How To Cope With Job Loss & Stress*](#): Tewksbury Public Library has moved their Job Seekers Networking Group online! MA residents who are unemployed, underemployed, or looking to change careers are invited to attend every Monday at 2pm. Meetings feature a different topic and different guest speaker each week, so check the Tewksbury Public Library [*calendar*](#) to register for future topics.
- [*History Chat: A Crane Estate Lunch-and-Learn*](#): Join Robin Donovan Bocchiaro, Cultural Site Administrator for Crane Estate in Ipswich, for lunch Wednesdays at noon! Robin will discuss a different historical Crane Estate topic every week. April 22nd is, "Designing a Landscape: History for Earth Day!"

- [*The Antibody Reading Series*](#): Check out this new online reading series from the [*Virtual Book Channel \(VBC\)*](#), sponsored by [*Literary Hub \(LitHub\)*](#). Every episode features multiple authors who give a brief reading of their recent work followed by Q&A. New episodes are uploaded every week. Check it for some great new books!

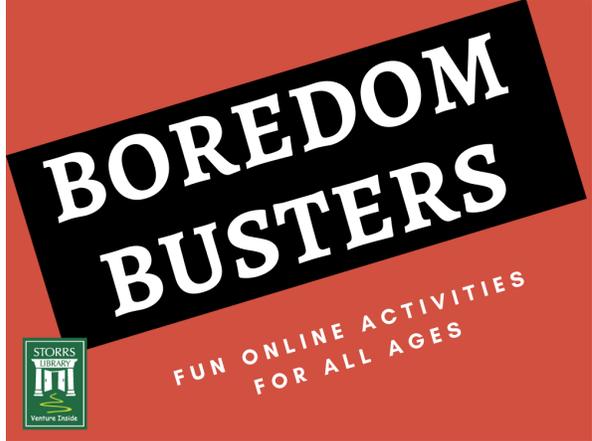


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- **Brain Pop**: During school closures, Brain Pop is offering FREE access to families. Brain Pop is organized in grade categories and then by subject, with each subject offering a variety of videos, activities, games and related resources. "The digital nature of BrainPOP makes it a perfect solution for distance learning while your students are home. Here are some ideas for

engaging and keeping them on track" Sign up for your family account today by visiting: <https://go.brainpop.com/COVID19>

- **Gale in Context:** For those teens and tweens studying and researching from home, this is a great database to use! Gale is offering this database for free during school closures. Gale In Context: High School " supports student papers, projects, and presentations while empowering the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills with content aligned to national and state curriculum standards." If you are prompted for a password, use "open" (no quotes) to gain access. Click this link to get started <https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=SUIC&u=c19micro&password=open>
- **Pathways for Parents:** Are you looking for fun programs for the little ones? Do you miss our weekly Grow Play Learn program? Pathways for Parents and the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant are offering a variety of LIVE programming on their FaceBook page. Each week Pathways is offering storytimes with Miss Jane on Mondays and Wednesdays, yoga with Lisa Katz on Tuesdays, anxiety tips with licensed Mental Health Coordinator Madison Bull on Thursdays and Move and Groove music programs with Miss Renee on Fridays. There will be more virtual program offerings, so check their FaceBook page often or contact Pathways via email at pathwaysforparents9@gmail.com.



Check out this [list of fun online activities](#) we've assembled for you! Games and books and virtual tours... There's a little something for everyone -- kids, teens, and adults!

Electronic Resources

In response to the ongoing pandemic, library patrons who do not have a library card number are now able to borrow materials from our Digital Collections. Get your Instant Digital Card today, for free - all you need is a mobile phone number.

A purple and white graphic. The text "No Library Card? No Problem." is written in a bold, purple font. Below the text, there is a grey box with white text: "If you don't have a library card, you can still access materials through our online catalog by signing up for an Instant Digital Card. All you need is your phone number!". To the right of the text is an illustration of a person sitting at a desk with a laptop, another person standing next to a stack of books, and a person sitting on the floor with a tablet. A small Storrs Library logo is in the bottom left corner.

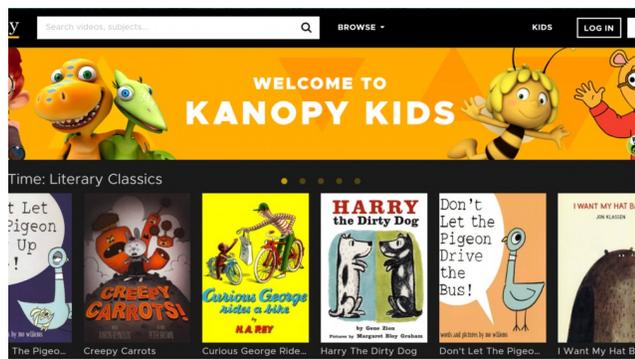
[Click to learn more!](#)

A yellow graphic with a dark blue border. The text "HOUSEBOUND?" is written in large, bold, dark blue font. Below it, in smaller dark blue font, it says "Don't forget about our online resources!". Underneath, there is a paragraph: "Get eBooks and eAudiobooks through Overdrive or Libby, and check out our eResources page for even more online resources you have access to as a library member!". At the bottom, there are icons for a computer monitor with the Overdrive logo, a pair of headphones, a smartphone with the Libby logo, and a Wi-Fi symbol. A small Storrs Library logo is in the bottom left corner.

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The videos can be viewed on a range of devices by downloading the appropriate app. There is a limit of 12 downloads per month, but some collections have credit-free viewing.



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Our library's collection includes both new and back-list titles with no holds, no checkout periods, and no limits.

All Massachusetts residents are eligible for a [*Boston Public Library eCard*](#)! Your eCard gives you access to databases, electronic resources and a variety of materials that are available from the Boston Public Library.



BPL eCard applicants must meet the criteria of:

- Reside permanently in Massachusetts.
- Live in-state for most of the year to attend school.
- Commute to a Massachusetts employer on a sustained and regular basis (primary place of work).
- Own property (real estate) in Massachusetts.



Explore our Career eResources from [*Gale Online Resources!*](#)

These valuable online databases deliver personalized guidance for patrons trying to navigate the job market or deepen their understanding of potential career paths. It features a powerful set of tools that they can use to:

- Explore careers and occupations and find additional education and training options
- Assess strengths and match careers to skills and interests
- Get resume and cover letter help, job application support, and interactive interview practice
- Search for available jobs, including internships and entry-level opportunities



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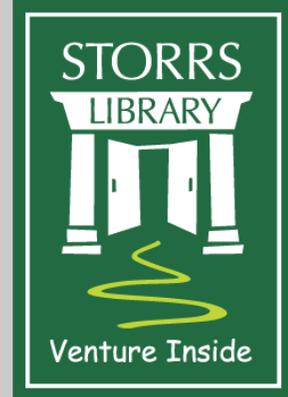
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