



What's Happening at Storrs Library April 27 to May 2, 2020

Library Services Updates



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 has decided to temporarily close the Library building.

Storrs Library is closed to the public. Library staff are available for remote assistance between the hours of 9 to 5, Monday to Friday by email at richard.salterstors@gmail.com or voicemail from our main number 413-565-4181 (press 1). If you leave a voicemail, please include the best telephone number to reach you.

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

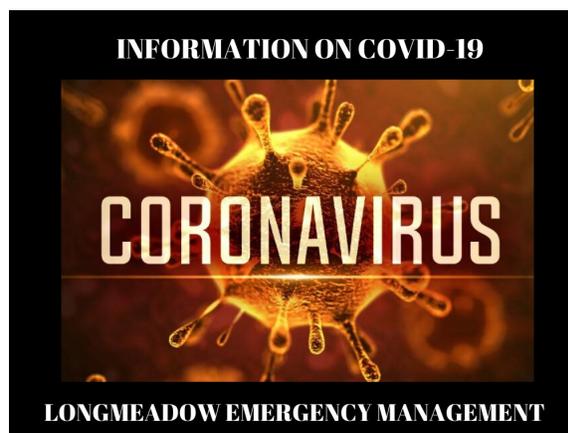
Reopening information will be provided when possible.



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](#).



The 2020 Census is Live!



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

Check In and Chat

Hello Storrs Community!

We miss seeing you and expect you might be missing seeing each other, too. If you'd like to (virtually) pop in and say "Hi," join us on Tuesdays from

12:30 to 2:00 PM beginning May 5th. We will be hosting a weekly "Check In and Chat" time to catch up, see how you're doing and what you're doing, share ideas, and reconnect.

We will use the Jitsi Meet platform for our group time. You will need a computer, smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.

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.

[Register in Advance](#). Shortly before the weekly meeting time you will receive a link to Join the Meeting. You may join at any time between 12:30 and 2:00 PM.



Invasive Plants in Longmeadow and Beyond



On Tuesday, April 28 from 3 to 4, 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.

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Storrs Share Therapy Quilt Project

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.

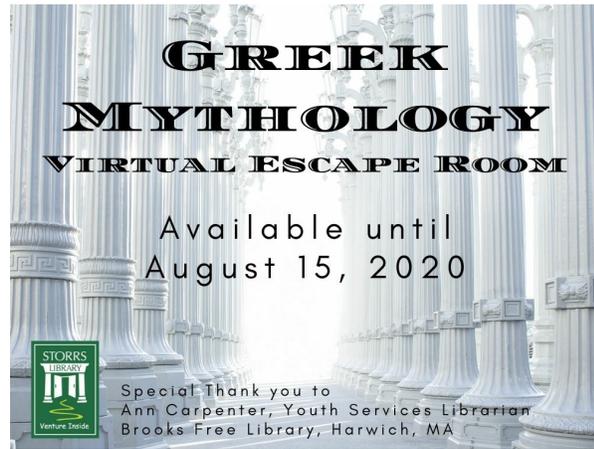
Out of respect for individual privacy, we ask that submissions not include identifiable photos of people.

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.

Greek Mythology Virtual Escape Room

Looking for a fun challenge? Whether playing solo or with a team, Storrs Library invites you to try and complete the challenges set forth by the Greek Gods to earn a lifetime of riches! [Please register](#) to receive an invitation link. This escape room activity will be available until August 15, 2020.



This virtual escape room is geared for ages 10 and older, but all are welcome to play. A special thank you to Ann Carpenter, Youth Services Librarian at the Brooks Free Library in Harwich, MA. for sharing this escape room with Storrs Library.

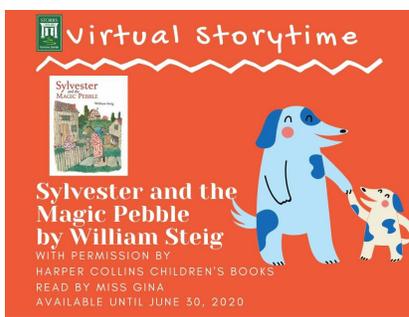
Try our LEGO Challenge & Build a Catapult!

Storrs Library invites you to participate in our third virtual LEGO challenge. Build a LEGO catapult. Use [this video](#) as a guide and launch your imagination!

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 fourth LEGO challenge next week.

Virtual Storytime



Storrs Library welcomes you to Virtual Storytime with Miss Gina and Miss Christine. From classic tales to new releases, there is a story for everyone to enjoy! Check our [Program Calendar](#) often as more stories will be added.



With publisher permission, these stories are available from now until June 30, 2020. Please register for each storytime session to receive a link to an unlisted YouTube video.



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.

- [*The Metropolitan Opera presents: At-Home Gala*](#). In its most ambitious effort yet to bring the joy and artistry of opera to audiences everywhere during the Met's closure, the company will present an unprecedented virtual At-Home Gala, featuring more than 40 leading artists performing in a live stream from their homes all around the

world. The event will take place **Saturday, April 25, at 1 p.m. EDT**, and will be available for free on the Met's website. After the live showing, the gala will be made available for on demand viewing on the Met website until **6:30 p.m. EDT the following day**.

- [*The Cornell Lab of Ornithology*](#) has made available several resources to [*help make your weeks a little easier*](#). They've got live cams, bird identification tools and tips, and virtual birding activities with videos, quizzes, and sounds! Check out the links to see the depth of these resources for yourself!
- [*The Favorite Poem Project*](#) is dedicated to celebrating, documenting and encouraging poetry's role in our lives. During the first one-year open call for submissions in 1998, 18,000 Americans wrote to the project volunteering to share their favorite poems - Americans from ages 5 to 97, from every state, representing a range of occupations, kinds of education, and backgrounds. From those thousands of letters and emails, they've culled several enduring collections, including videos that can be accessed for free [here](#).

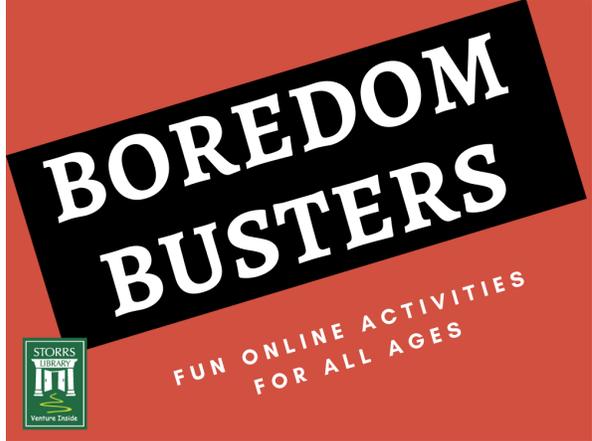


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- **Brain Pop:** During school closures, Brain Pop is offering FREE

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.

No Library Card?
No Problem.

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!

STORRS LIBRARY
Venture Inside

The graphic features a purple and white color scheme. It includes an illustration of a person sitting on a laptop, a person standing next to a large tablet, and a person sitting on a chair. There are also icons of books and a smartphone. The Storrs Library logo is in the bottom left corner.

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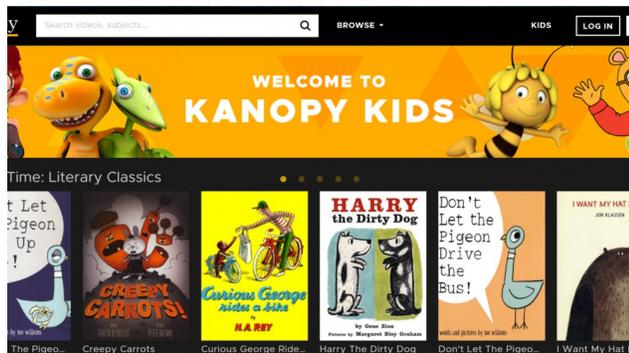
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The graphic has a yellow background with a dark blue border. It features icons for a computer monitor with the OverDrive logo, a pair of headphones, a smartphone with the Libby logo, and a Wi-Fi symbol. The Storrs Library logo is in the bottom left corner.

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

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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

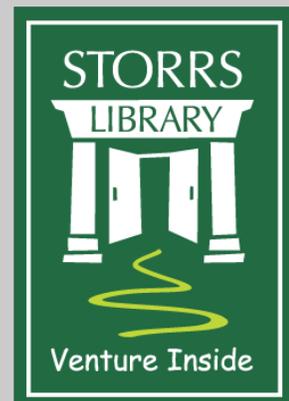
their understanding of potential career paths. It features a powerful set of tools that they can use to:

- 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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