



# What's Happening at Storrs Library

## August 3 to August 8, 2020

### Adult Programs

#### Autonomous Vehicles - Oh, the Places You'll Go! Friday, August 7 10:30 on Zoom

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Driverless cars may still be a fantasy, but today's vehicles feature technologies that are the basis for self-driving cars of the future. Join

Storrs Library for this great informational program from AAA Northeast to learn about the current features in cars today, but also looks toward how this technology could be used in future.

John Paul began his career as an automotive technician and maintains his ASE Master Automotive Certification. He is president of the New England Motor Press Association, a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE International), chairman of several vocational school automotive advisory boards, and an advisor to the AAA National Automotive Engineering board. He is an active writer, contributing columns to newspapers and websites, and has written thousands of articles for AAA, weekly newspapers, and automotive publications. In addition to his automotive expertise John is also passionate about transportation safety. Working as a lead instructor for AAA's Driver Improvement Program John helps educate drivers about safe vehicle operation and as a Child Passenger Safety instructor helping care givers keep children safe while traveling.

We'll be using Zoom for this presentation. You'll need a computer, smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.

New to Zoom? Watch one of their short videos to help you get started: [Join a Meeting or Joining & Configuring Audio & Video](#)

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](#). You'll receive an email invitation to join shortly before

the program begins.



## Reflecting on Walden and Thoreau: Video Presentation Now Available

Join Storrs Library and Bay Path University Professor Brenda Hardin Abbott, Ph.D. for our two-part program to discuss and reflect on Henry David Thoreau's classic book,

Walden. Each program will have unique content. Join us for one or both sessions!

Available at your leisure is a prerecorded video presentation. Professor Hardin will be discussing the themes of Walden and its continued relevance to our world today. [Click here](#) more information on the virtual discussion.

*The original launch for this program was delayed due to technical difficulties. We apologize for any inconvenience. It is now available, and we hope you will participate at your leisure.*

Please [register](#) to receive the video link, available through August 26.

## Recording of John Muir: Father of Our National Parks Now available

On Thursday, July 16, J.T. Turner performed John Muir: Father of Our National Parks live via Zoom for Storrs Library. J.T. and his organization The Actors Company generously agreed to allow this program to be recorded. We're excited to present it to you!

*This video will be available from now through Friday, August 14. Please [register online](#) to receive the link.*

John Muir was a brilliant inventor who became one of the world's most recognized and impactful conservationists. His writings have inspired millions to take to the outdoors, and re-discover the beauty and importance of

A promotional graphic for a recording. It features a photo of actor J.T. Turner as John Muir, wearing a hat and vest, standing in a landscape. Text on the left says "John Muir: Father of Our National Parks Recording available now through Friday, August 14th". Below that, it says "This is a recording from the live performance by award winning actor J.T. Turner, hosted by Storrs Library online on July 16th. Please register to receive the video link." A Storrs Library logo is in the top right corner.

nature. Now, the father of our National Parks shares his personal story with you. Using passages from Muir's own works and a depth of research into his life and times, award-winning actor J.T Turner celebrates the life of this great American immigrant, philosopher, and writer. This dramatic virtual performance will transport you from Muir's childhood in Scotland, through his years as an engineer, inventor and explorer, to his fight to preserve the wilds of America.

The Actors Company's J.T. Turner (AEA, SAG-AFTRA, IRNE Award winner) has toured theaters, museums, schools, historical sites, libraries, and events all over the U.S. with his original one-man shows, including "The Adventures of Benjamin Franklin," "Shakespeare's Ghost," "Robert Frost, Light and Dark," "A Visit with C.S. Lewis," "Charles Dickens in A Christmas Carol," "Washington Irving in The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "A Visit with Aesop," and more. His original play "Within These Walls" was featured at the Smithsonian Museum of American History. J.T. is also a professional circus ringmaster, Qigong & TaiChi instructor, fight choreographer, and acting, accent and public speaking coach.

## Youth Programs



### Soil and Gardening Video with Hampden Hampshire Conservation District (toddlers-age 8) Sunday, August 2

Join us to learn all about soil and what you can grow in it! Kathleen from the Hampden Hampshire

Conservation District will lead us on an adventure to learn what lives beneath our feet and some of the wonderful things you can grow in the soil. You will even create a fun plant person of your very own! Fun for ages 8 and under.

Please register to receive the video link. This video is available from August 2-August 8.

For more information on conservation and management of natural resources like farmland, woodland, wildlife management and farmland preservation visit <http://hampdenhamshireconservation.org>.

[Registration](#) will begin Sunday, August 2 at 9:00am.

# Jungle Jim's Virtual "Imagine Your Story" Balloon

## Magic Show

(all ages)

Monday, August 3

Join Jungle Jim on a comical reading adventure! This engaging performer takes you on an incredible journey with balloons and magic right through your screen. An

interactive and energetic program, Jungle Jim appeals to audiences of all ages and encourages viewers to participate in the fun.

Please register to receive the video link. This program is available from August 3-August 10.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Longmeadow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. It is also sponsored in part by the MOMS Club of Longmeadow.

[Registration](#) will begin Monday, August 3 at 9:00am.



## In and Around Your Home Scavenger Hunt (week 7)

This Scavenger Hunt is designed to teach your child/ren skills such as counting, sorting, organizing, and directions, among others. Each week between now and August 9

we will provide a list of items that can be found in and around your house. You will look for 1 of the first item, 2 of the second item, 3 of the third item, etc.

# Virtual Yoga with Lisa Katz (Grades K-5) Monday, August 3

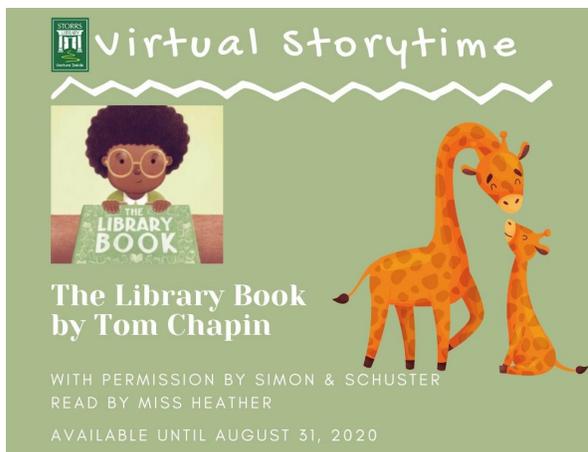


Welcome to Virtual Yoga with Lisa KATZ, where you will get an in-studio experience in the comfort of your own home. This program is geared for elementary aged children and will be available through August 16. Please register to receive the video link.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library.

[Registration](#) will begin on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

## Check out our Virtual Story Times: New stories are being offered regularly!



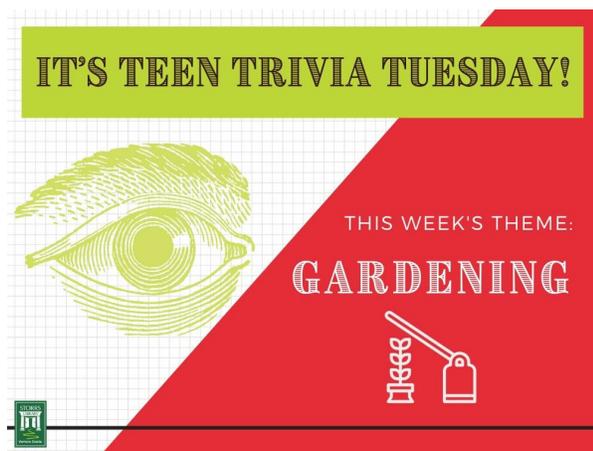
Storrs Library welcomes you to Virtual Storytime with Miss Katie and Miss Heather. From classic tales to new releases, there is a story for everyone to enjoy! Check our [Calendar of Events](#) often as more stories will be added.

With publisher permission, select stories are available from now until August 31. Please register for

each storytime session to receive a link to an unlisted YouTube video.

## Welcome to Teen Trivia Tuesday! This week's theme: Gardening

Questions are geared for Tweens & Teens entering gr. 7-12, with a curveball or two thrown in for good measure. To participate, check out our [calendar](#) on Tuesday morning for instructions and a list of multiple-choice questions. Highlight your answers in the email and click Send.



A random winner will be chosen to win a prize and will be announced the following day, Wednesday. Participants can also go into their Summer Reading Beanstack account and log this as a completed Activity Challenge to earn a ticket.

Good Luck!



## Virtual Art by Michael Cady

Michael Cady will present a fun and informative Virtual Cartoon Class where you will explore different techniques and tips of cartooning. Videos from the studio will provide instruction on drawing

different characters, how to add words to cartoons, and what elements make our cartoons really stand out. The goal of this series is to 'jump start' your imagination as well as give instruction and insight to the young cartoonist! If you love to draw, or just want to doodle, there will be something here for everyone! Grab a pencil or pen, sit down and strap in- we are going to have some fun!

This program is sponsored by the MOMS Club of Longmeadow.

[Registration](#) for this week's video will begin on Wednesday, August 5 at 9:00 AM and will be available through August 11.

## Try our LEGO Challenge & Build a Treehouse!

Storrs Library invites you to participate in our virtual LEGO challenge.

This is a children's activity, and families are encouraged to build together. Please email your pictures to [rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com). Pictures will be added throughout the week.

## Teen Cooking Challenge

"Keep Cooking & Carry On"

EGGPLANT

### TODAY'S CHALLENGE

- Pick out a recipe that features eggplant as an ingredient.
- Make the recipe.
- Take a picture of your completed meal.
- Submit picture to [rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com](mailto:rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com).



### RECIPE RESOURCES

Feel free to use a recipe from a personal cookbook, a favourite online resource or check out one of the sites below:

- Jamie Oliver
- Nigella Lawson
- Bobby Flay
- Barefoot Contessa



## Teen Cooking Challenge!

Every week through August 13, Storrs Library is challenging you to use a combination of creativity and science to create a dish that either features or makes use of the ingredient of the week.

Once the dish has been created and plated to satisfaction, please take a picture and email it to [rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com](mailto:rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com). Pictures will be compiled and shared via the Storrs Library Facebook page! Challenges will remain active for 1 week. Remember to have fun and protect your privacy.

Below are some links for your reference & inspiration:

- [\*Epicurious\*](#)
- [\*Alton Brown's Good Eats: the Return\*](#)
- [\*Cooks vs. Cons\*](#)
- [\*American Diner Revival\*](#)
- [\*Worst Cooks in America\*](#)

## Virtual Pet Pals: Read to the Library Fish Available July 31 - August 14

This is a virtual "Read to a Pet" storytime featuring pets that belong to Library Staff and Volunteers. Children play the video, then sit and read to a furry friend. We will feature a new friend every couple weeks or so, but old friends will still be available to read to until August 14. Play the second video of Rosie sitting and listening intently while you read!



### Pet Pals: the Library Fish

Play the video and the fish will swim around the tank while you read!

Hello.

We are the Library fish and were very generously donated by the EDGERLY family. We would love to hear you read us a story as we swim.



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[Registration](#) will begin on Friday, July 31 at 9:00 AM.

## Virtual I Spy Challenge

Can you find everything in our I Spy Challenge? I bet you can! See if you can find the following:

- 1 Library Card
- X Marks the Spot
- 3 Paint Brushes
- Something that helps take out staples
- Something that cuts
- 1 Ball of Yarn
- 1 Yellow School Bus



## In Case You Missed It

### Our Curbside Pickup hours have changed!

We are delighted to continue offering Drop-By Curbside Pickup! We've learned a lot and are adjusting to provide the best possible service.

The only change in our schedule is on Mondays. Curbside Pickup will now be available from 3-6 Monday afternoons. We will continue to offer Curbside Pickup on Wednesdays from 3-6 and Saturdays from 12-3.

When you receive notifications about your holds becoming available at Storrs Library, drop by during any of our Curbside Pickup hours listed above. No appointment is necessary.

For additional information about Drop-By Curbside Pickup and how to request materials from Storrs Library, [visit our website](#).



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**Saturdays** 12-3



## Fine Forgiveness through December 31, 2020

At Storrs, we understand this is a challenging time. Keeping our families and ourselves safe and healthy is our priority, and an overdue book can seem like just one more complication. Storrs wants to make life a little easier and here's

how we're doing it:

Storrs Library has eliminated late fees on overdue materials through December 31, 2020 in an attempt to remove barriers and increase access to books, resources and services.

**Overdue Fines:** Existing late/overdue fines will be cleared from all accounts, so everybody has a fresh start. If fines appear on your record, don't worry! Staff will remove them during your next transaction. In addition, our system automatically renews your items once, so you can hold onto most items for six weeks. This doesn't mean that you can check out an item and never bring it back. After all, Library materials belong to all of us, and others in the community may be waiting for them.

**Long Overdue/Lost Status:** An item will enter this status 28 days after the maximum borrowing period is over; 6 weeks in most cases. If you do not return your item, you will receive an email notification to either return the item or be held responsible for replacement costs and your account will be suspended from further borrowing. To get your account back to zero, just return the item.

What will happen after December 31, 2020? Fines are a significant source of revenue that cannot be overlooked. The Storrs Library Board of Trustees will continue to deliberate on the best course for the Library and community as they provide for operational costs not funded by the Town of Longmeadow. We will keep you informed of our decision on this important issue.

In the meantime, don't worry about late fees and keep borrowing, reading, attending virtual programs, and please stay safe!

If you have questions or want to share your thoughts about our Fines, please contact Jean Maziarz, Library Director, at [jmaziarz@longmeadow.org](mailto:jmaziarz@longmeadow.org) or 413-565-4181 x-1601

For a statement about fines by the American Library Association, [click here](#).

# Requesting Materials Outside Storrs Now Available

Storrs Library is pleased to announce that we are once again able to share materials with most Western MA libraries!



## Storrs is now able to share materials between MA Libraries!

**Questions?  
See Below!**

What this means for you:

- You can request items from "All C/W MARS Libraries." When placing holds, you no longer need to restrict your search to Longmeadow.
- We are accepting Book Club requests. If your Book Club would like to order several copies of the same title, please contact Nick CALABRESE at [ncalabrese@longmeadow.org](mailto:ncalabrese@longmeadow.org).

We are very excited to be able to offer this additional service however, due to the extent of staff furloughs, we are unable to offer same day service and Museum Passes remain unavailable until further notice.



## Storrs Library's Virtual Summer Reading Program for Ages 0- 100+! June 15 - August 14

This year we are offering a 100% Online program using the Beanstack platform! There are four different programs based upon age. Everyone will have the opportunity to enter our Weekly and Grand Prize raffles by logging reading, completing activities, and patrons entering grades 1 and up also earn tickets by writing reviews.

So read, have fun, and join us in having a great summer!

Want to learn more? [Visit our website.](#)

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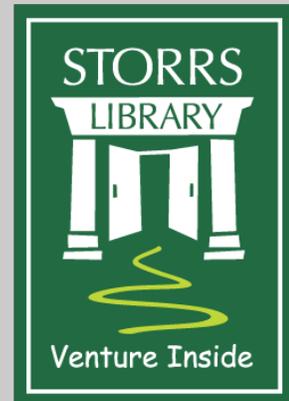
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