

What's Happening at Storrs Library May 11 to May 16, 2020

Library Services Updates

**LIBRARY
CLOSED**

Until further notice.

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

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.salterstorrs@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.



The image is a promotional graphic for GivingTuesday. At the top, it says "GIVINGTUESDAY | NOW" in white and red text on a dark blue background. Below this is a red speech bubble containing a white icon of three hands. The background features a dark blue world map. In the center, the text "Save the Date:" is written in white, followed by "May 5, 2020" in white text on a teal rectangular background. Below that, the website "Now.GivingTuesday.org" is listed in white. The bottom section of the graphic has a yellow background. On the left is the Storrs Library logo, which includes the text "STORRS LIBRARY" and "Venture Inside". To the right of the logo, the text "PLEASE HELP STORRS LIBRARY SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES" is written in green. At the very bottom, the URL "LONGMEADOWLIBRARY.ORG/SUPPORT-STORRS-LIBRARY/" is written in green.

The Storrs Library is requesting your support today, **#GivingTuesday**, by purchasing gift cards and prizes from local businesses for the upcoming 2020 Summer Reading Program, "Imagine Your Story."

Over the years, Storrs Library has received prizes, gift cards, experiences, and services from local businesses and community organizations to encourage a love of the library and reading through our Summer Reading Program. This year the Board of Trustees is asking you to help us by supporting local business and community groups. Let's work together to support our entire community!

Thank you for donating on #GivingTuesday. Every purchase, no matter the size, will help our local businesses and community organizations. Gift cards can be mailed to Storrs Library at 693 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106. E-gift cards can be emailed to rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com, or [CLICK HERE](#) to make a monetary donation.

Below is a list of last year's Summer Reading Sponsors

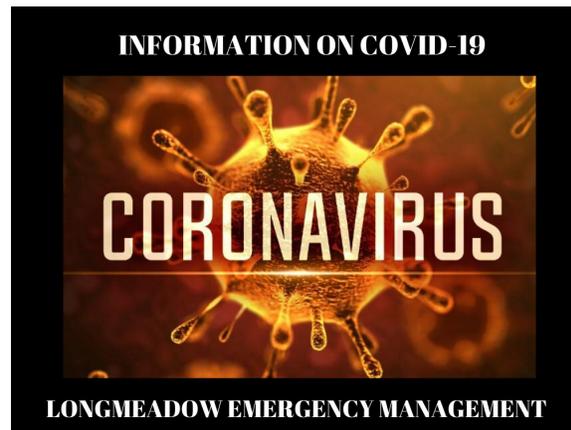
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PUZZLED ESCAPE GAMES
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T D BANK
THE KITCHEN
U.S.S. CONSTITUTION
UPS STORE
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YANKEE CANDLE

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



The 2020 Census is Live!

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WeCount

Make sure our community is counted! Respond online or by phone.

CENSUS2020

Proud Partner of the Pioneer Valley Complete Count Initiative for the 2020 Census

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Please visit
<https://www.2020census.gov>
for more information.

The United States
Census
2020

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.

Contact us!

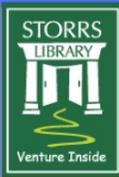
We are available for
Tech Support,
Research Assistance,
Customer Service
and more!

STORRS
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We are here for you! Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Storrs Library staff has been working remotely. We are pleased to offer limited LIVE Virtual Reference on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 12 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.

Programs & Activities on the Internet



GOOD
DAY!

Drop In with the Director for a check in & chat



Tuesdays,
12:30 - 2:00 PM



We miss seeing you and expect you might be missing seeing each other, too!

We invite you to (virtually) pop in and say "Hi," on Tuesdays for a weekly "Check In and Chat" with our Library Director! Drop in to catch up, share how you're doing, talk about our ideas, and reconnect

Register on longmeadowlibrary.org with your email to receive a link to join!

Drop In with the Director for a check in & chat

Hello Storrs Community!

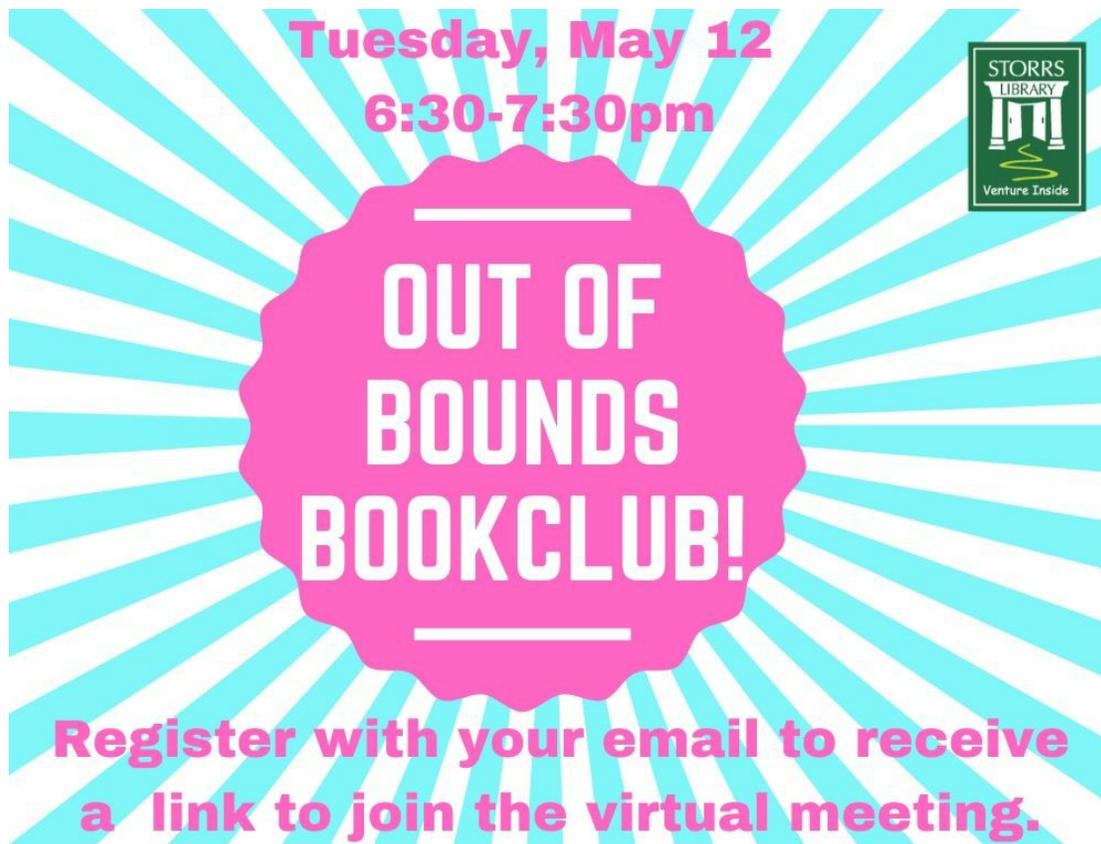
We miss seeing you and expect you might be missing seeing each other, too. If you'd like to (virtually) check in and chat with our Library Director on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. Drop in to catch up, share how you're doing, talk about ideas and to reconnect with each other.

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.



Tuesday, May 12
6:30-7:30pm

OUT OF BOUNDS BOOKCLUB!

Register with your email to receive a link to join the virtual meeting.

Out of Bounds Book Club
Tuesday, May 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Prepare a meal, pour a glass of wine and join us for a discussion about books! What have you been reading? Do you prefer audiobooks? Listen to other book lovers' recommendations!

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[*Register in Advance*](#). Shortly before the meeting, we will email you a link to the meeting. When you click on the link it will bring you directly to the meeting.



Save the Date
Monday, May 18 from 12:00 to 1:00
Cookbook Club: Simply Recipes

Love to cook? Join us for Virtual Cookbook Club on **Monday, May 18 from 12:00 to 1:00 PM!** We will be sharing our experiences cooking recipes from [Simply Recipes](#) website. Novice books are welcome! There is no need to register for a recipe as with our previous Cookbook Club meetings. [Please register](#) so that way we can send you the meeting link.

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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Save the Date
Monday, May 26 from 6:30 to 7:30
Restoring the American Chestnut Tree

Join us for a presentation by [The American Chestnut Foundation](#) on the tragic fall and ongoing recovery efforts to restore the American Chestnut to the eastern forest.

Early in the 20th century, the American Chestnut, known sometimes as the 'Redwood of the East,' encountered a virulent blight from Asia. Over the next 50 years, this blight led to the near disappearance of this iconic tree and to one of our nation's major ecological disasters of the past 100 years. Out of this tragedy has arisen a science-based, hopeful, and ongoing effort to restore the American Chestnut to its natural range in the U.S. eastern forest. This evening talk will take you through the highlights of the American Chestnut's history and the efforts to restore it to our woodlands.

[Please register](#) for access to this virtual program. The link will be emailed to registrants.

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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.

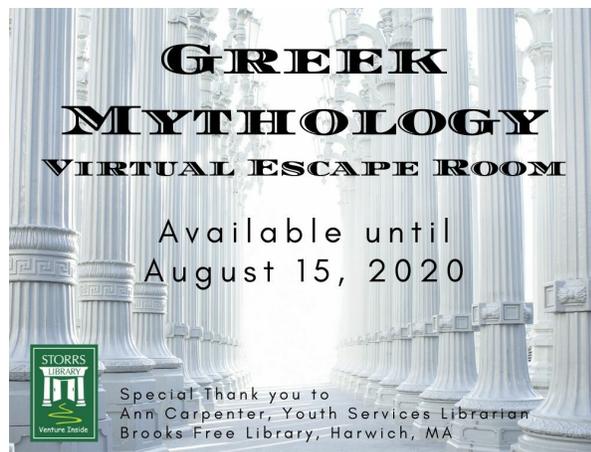
We encourage posts that range across a variety of topics or themes. Some ideas we have for this project include: photos of nature as it unfolds, favorite places, things that make you happy (a big batch of cookies, sidewalk art, your reading spot), something you've found inspiring or uplifting, drawings,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

Storrs Library invites you to participate in our 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.

Teen Cooking Challenge

"Keep Cooking & Carry On"

TOMATOES

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

- Pick out a recipe that features tomatoes as an ingredient.
- Make the recipe.
- Take a picture of your completed meal.
- Submit picture to 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. 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:

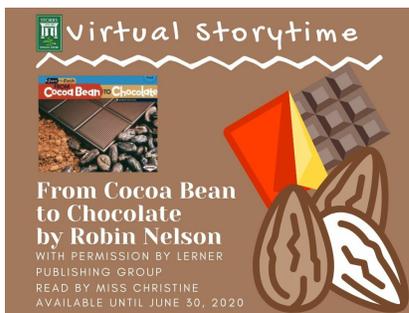
- [*Epicurious*](#)
- [*Alton Brown's Good Eats: the Return*](#)

- [Cooks vs. Cons](#)
- [American Diner Revival](#)
- [Worst Cooks in America](#)

Virtual 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.

**Library Programs
Across
Massachusetts**

**VIRTUALLY CONNECT WITH OUR
NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE
COMMONWEALTH!
FOR AGES 0-100+**

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Libraries across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been moving their programs online!

In addition to the offerings from Storrs Library, there are so many amazing programs to choose from across the Commonwealth! [Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners \(MBLC\)](#) has created eight calendars spanning Massachusetts capturing all of these virtual programs which includes Storrs Library and beyond! The best part? You do not need to be nearby to join any of these programs, so feel free to explore them all. Check out the following link to explore [MBLC's Online Library Events Calendar](#).

Please be aware that each library operates a little differently. Program registration and attendance rules are subject to the practices and policies of the hosting library. Enjoy!

Electronic Resources

**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!

The graphic features a stylized illustration of a person sitting at a desk with a laptop, another person standing nearby, and a stack of books. A small logo for Storrs Library is visible in the bottom left corner of the graphic.

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.

[Click to learn more!](#)

Enjoy access to a wealth of eBooks and eAudiobooks through Overdrive or Libby. Curious about how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks onto your personal device? Learn more about how to get started borrowing eBooks & more by visiting [our eResources page](#).

HOUSEBOUND?
Don't forget about our online resources!

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!

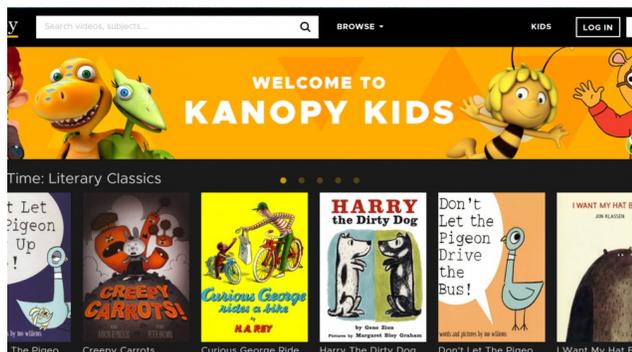
Icons: OverDrive, Libby, headphones, Wi-Fi, and a small logo for Storrs Library.

BOREDOM BUSTERS
FUN ONLINE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

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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!

[Kanopy](#) is a dedicated video streaming service featuring over 30,000 films including independent and world cinema, documentaries, instructional films, T.V. series and many other genres. The [Kanopy Kids collection](#) includes movies, T.V. series, animated stories and story time, language learning and educational films. There is something for everyone in Kanopy!



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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Magazines at your fingertips



RBdigital Magazines offers full-color digital magazines for any time, anywhere reading on desktops, mobile devices, and apps. Download digital magazines to your mobile device for offline reading.

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



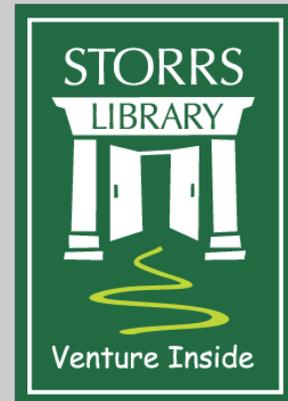
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