



What's Happening at Storrs Library May 25 to May 30, 2020

Library Services Updates



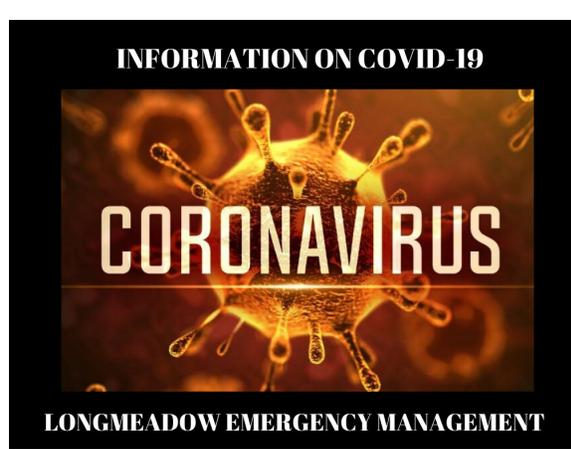
In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), while using an abundance of caution and taking our cue from CDC and other health professionals, the Town of Longmeadow and the Richard Salter Storrs Board of Trustees has decided to temporarily close the Library

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.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.

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



Absentee and Vote by Mail Information from the Town of Longmeadow

We are sharing the following statement on behalf of the [Town of Longmeadow](#):

The Town of Longmeadow is concerned about protecting your right to vote in a safe manner. We are planning to open the polls with protective measures in place. The polls will be open for the Local Election on June 16th, September 1st for the State Primary, and November 3rd for the General Election. You may also request an absentee ballot.

Please find a link to the Absentee Ballot on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website:

Please note that you are eligible to vote absentee due to the COVID-19 crisis. You also have the option to request an absentee ballot for all three elections on the same application. The ballots will be mailed to you before each election.

- PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST FOR BALLOTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;
- Do not wait;
- One application is needed for each voter.

You can scan and email the completed and signed application to kingram@longmeadow.org. You can mail to Town Clerk, 20 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106 or drop off in the mail slot at Town Hall.

Questions? We recommend reviewing the Town of Longmeadow's [May 4th Press Release Vote by Mail for June 16th Election](#) for more information.

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.



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.

THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT FOUNDATION

Restoring the American Chestnut Tree

*Tuesday, May 26
6:30 to 7:30 PM*

STORRS LIBRARY
Venture Inside

Join Storrs Library virtually to learn about the American Chestnut's history and the efforts to restore it to our woodlands!

Register at longmeadowlibrary.org

Restoring the American Chestnut Tree

Tuesday, May 26 from 6:30 to 7:30

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.

This program was formally advertised as being held on Jitsi

Meet. We will now be using Zoom for this presentation. You will 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](#).

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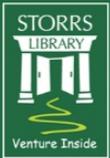
Novel Knitters Online

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Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are welcome!

Tuesday, May 26th
10:00 - 11:30 AM

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Novel Knitters Online
Tuesday, May 26 from 10:00 to 11:30

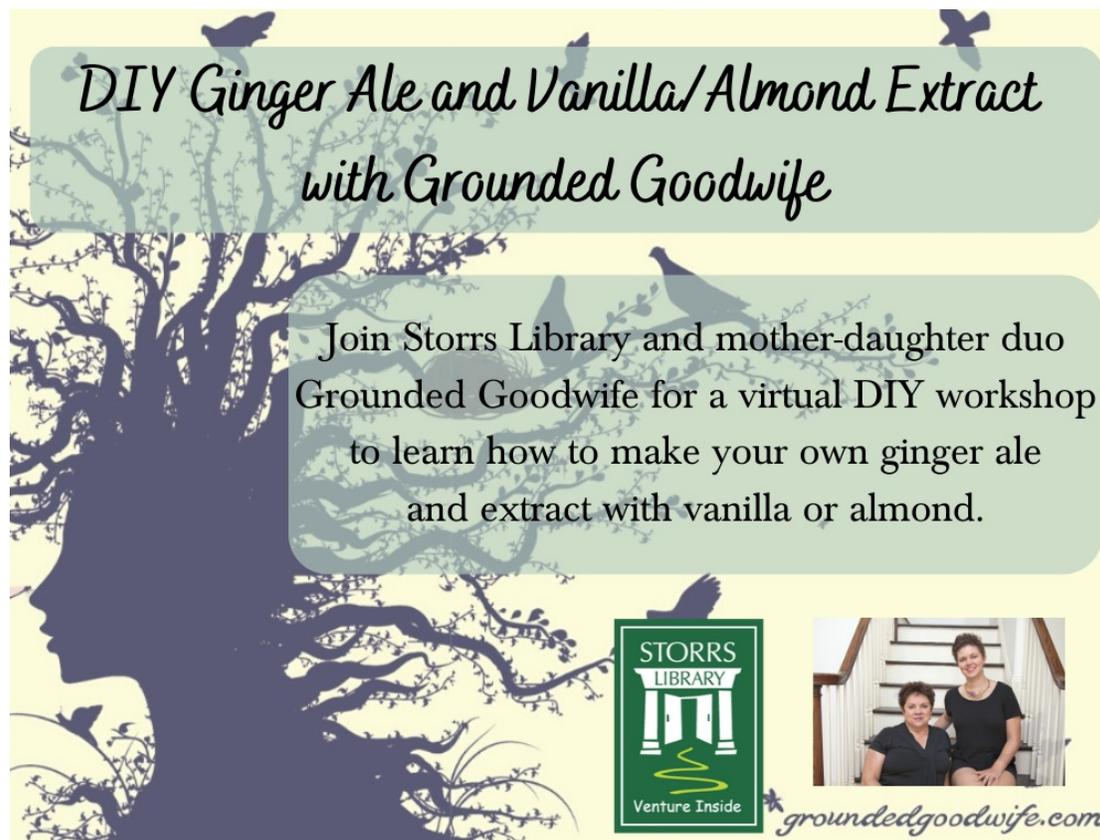
Join Novel Knitters online for a special online meeting! Knitters and crocheters of all levels of expertise are welcome to join us. Bring your projects to work on and share with the group. New members are welcome!

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

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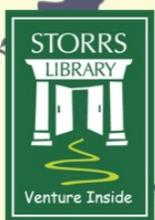
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*DIY Ginger Ale and Vanilla/Almond Extract
with Grounded Goodwife*

Join Storrs Library and mother-daughter duo Grounded Goodwife for a virtual DIY workshop to learn how to make your own ginger ale and extract with vanilla or almond.



groundedgoodwife.com

Save the Date:
Novel Knitters Online
Tuesday, May 26 from 10:00 to 11:30

Join Storrs Library for a virtual hands-on workshop from the mother-daughter duo Grounded Goodwife! They'll be

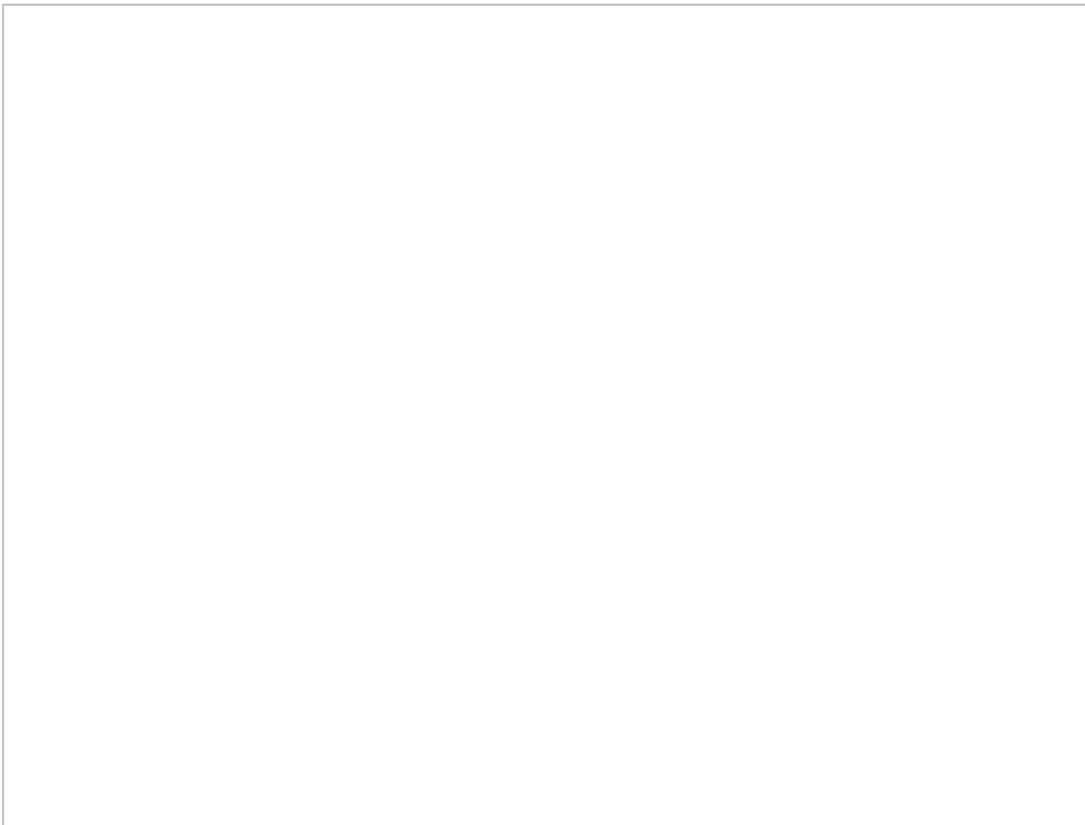
demonstrating how to make your own ginger ale and vanilla and almond extracts using simple ingredients at home. Want to cook along with them? You'll get the ingredient lists for both recipes when you register! The full list will appear in a box at the bottom of your confirmation screen.

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.

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SAVE THE DATE:
Monday, June 8 from 2:00 to 3:30
The Role of Women in the Irish War of Independence

The proclamation of an independent Irish Republic at Easter 1916 opened with the statement "IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN" and goes on to state "The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens.. cherishing all the children of the nation equally." The first Irish constitution in 1922 guaranteed equal suffrage to women. These were remarkably progressive positions at the start of the 20th century and even more remarkable given the conservative nature of Irish society with a Catholic ethos.

The role women played during the revolutionary period (1913-1923) was central to the process of liberation. This enabled them to gain political power and prestige. Their actions gave them an undeniable and legitimate role in determining the future of Ireland. They were not playing a supportive role to the military men. Some of them fought. More of them did the dangerous work that only women could have done. Even more played their role by ensuring that the British war effort did not reduce Ireland to a chaotic and dispirited nation. This presentation will introduce you to some of the bravest and most determined women the world has known.

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

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[**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 2:00 and 3:30 PM.



**Virtual
Cookbook Club**
Monday, June 15
12:00 to 1:00
Smitten Kitchen

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, June 15 from 12:00 to 1:00
Virtual Cookbook Club: Smitten Kitchen

Love to cook? Join us for Virtual Cookbook Club! We will be sharing our experiences cooking recipes from [Smitten Kitchen](#) website. Novice books are welcome! You are welcome to list a recipe when registering, but there is no need to do so as with our previous Cookbook Club meetings.

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

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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.



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!

Youth Programs & Activities on the Internet

virtual art gallery

submit photographs of your original artwork
to rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com.
artwork will be posted to the library facebook page.
submissions due by sunday, may 31.



Teen Virtual Art Gallery

The Storrs Library is featuring a Teen Virtual Art Gallery!

Submit photographs of your original artwork to rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com. We will post your artwork to Storrs Library's Facebook page. You may include information such as: your name, title & of your work, medium, and a short explanation.

Submissions due by Sunday, May 31.

CALLING ALL TEENS @ PETS!
JOIN OUR PET PARADE!
Submit your best pet pictures to
rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com.
Pictures will be posted to the Library Facebook page.
Submissions due by Saturday, May 23.



Virtual Pet Parade!

Join the Storrs Library Pet Parade! Submit your best pet pictures to the Library

at rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com by Saturday, May 23. We will post all pictures to our [Facebook page](#). Prizes will be awarded!

Clothesline Art Show

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR CHILD'S ORIGINAL ARTWORK
preschool - entering gr. 6



Clothesline Art Show

This will be the Storrs Library's second annual Clothesline Art Show!

(for children in grades preschool - entering gr. 6)

Please submit photographs of your child's original artwork to rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com.

We will post your child's artwork to the Library Facebook page. Please keep privacy issues in mind should you choose to include information such as: a title of your child's work, medium (crayon, finger paint, etc.), and/or a short explanation.

Submissions due by Sunday, May 31.

Try our LEGO Challenge & Build an Airplane!

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.

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.



Virtual Art Drawing with Michael Cady (Week 1)

This video will be available May 27 - June 2.

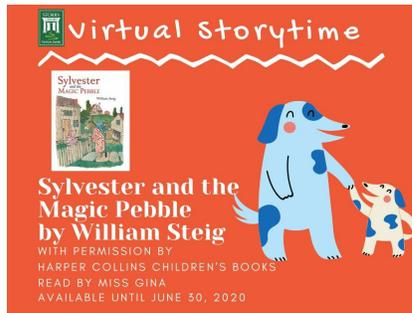
Michael Cady will present a fun and informative Virtual Cartoon Class where you will explore different techniques and tips of cartooning. Videos from the studio will provide instruction on drawing different characters, how to add words to cartoons, and what elements make our cartoons really stand out.

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. There are 12 Virtual Art with Michael CADY videos scheduled for release weekly through August 12!

[Registration](#) will begin on Wednesday, May 27, 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 Gina and Miss Christine. 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, 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.

A blue poster with white clouds and stars. The main title is 'Calling all Teens!' in a white, hand-drawn font. Below it is the question 'Can you help the Library this summer?'. A large green box with a blue border contains the text 'SIGN UP TO BE A Virtual Volunteer'. Three arrows point from this box to three smaller green boxes, each containing a task: 'Write book, movie and/or music reviews to post on our Social Media', 'Take Bookstagram and/or Book Face photos to post on our Social Media', and 'Write letters of thanks & encouragement to local nursing facilities and/or health care workers'. A small Storrs Library logo is in the bottom right corner.

Calling All Virtual Volunteers!

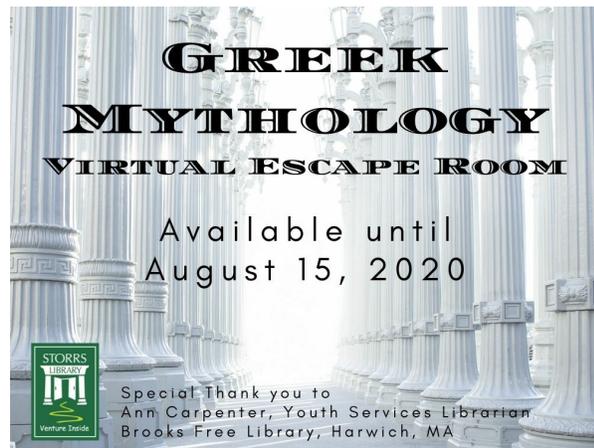
Summer 2020 Edition

Sign up to be a Virtual Volunteer this summer! We are asking teens entering grades 7 & up to help the Library with a variety of Virtual tasks by signing up to be a Virtual Volunteer.

If you are interested in Volunteering this summer, please send an email to rssdiscoveryroom@gmail.com telling us your name, the grade you are entering in the fall and a phone number where we can contact 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.

Teen Cooking Challenge

"Keep Cooking & Carry On!"

—
CHICKEN

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

- Pick out a recipe that features chicken 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*](#)

Electronic Resources

No Library Card?

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!

No Problem.



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.

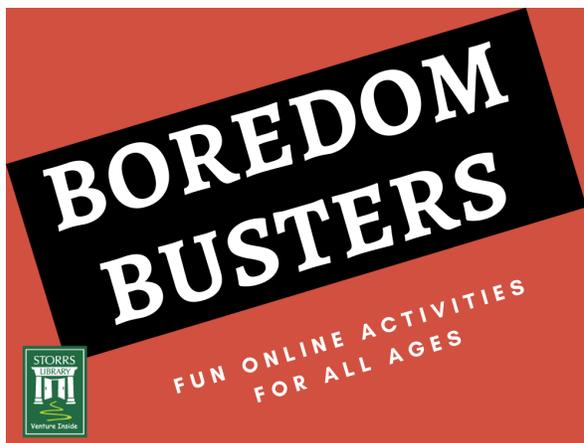
[Click to learn more!](#)

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HOUSEBOUND?

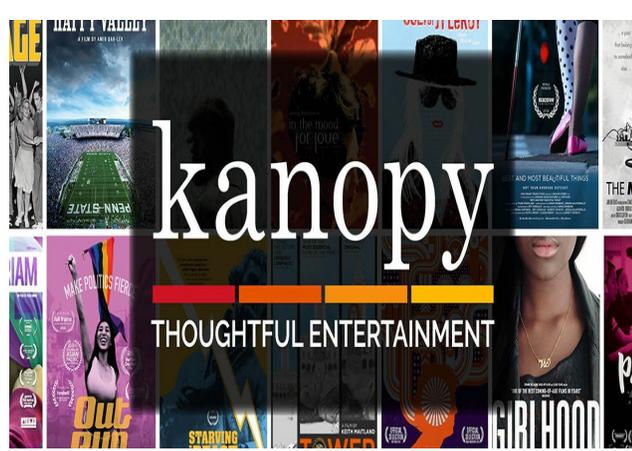
Don't forget about our online resources!

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!



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.



[Hoopla](#) is a dedicated video streaming service featuring movies, tv shows, music, eBooks, and comics for online streaming or download to mobile devices or your TV -- The best part? No waiting

lists!

Borrow up to 10 items per calendar month and select titles may qualify for credit-free viewing.

[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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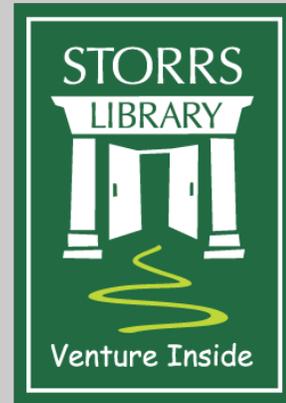
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