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Curbside Pickup Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays: 3:00-6:00
Saturdays: 12:00-3:00

What's Happening this week at Storrs Library September 28 – October 3, 2020

Announcement

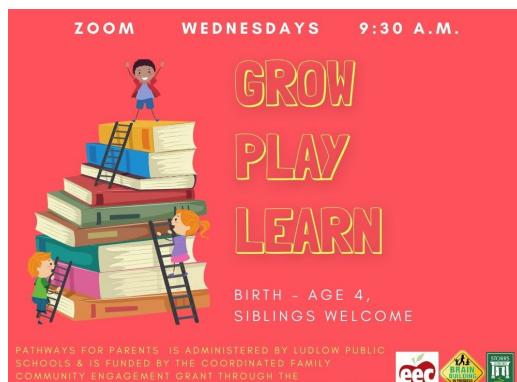


Commonwealth Catalog is back!

Commonwealth Catalog, or ComCat, has resumed its services. ComCat is a catalog for the entire

state of Massachusetts. If you can't find what you're looking for in CWMARS, ComCat is your next step! New to ComCat? Visit the website at <https://www.commonwealthcatalog.org/>, or take a look at their [Patron FAQs](#) page. If you have any questions, please contact us at (413) 565-4181 or richard.salterstorrs@gmail.com.

Youth Programs



Grow Play Learn sponsored by Pathways for Parents Wednesday, September 30 9:30 on Zoom

Come Zoom with us for stories, songs and skill building led by an Early Childhood Developmental trained staff member, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child. The program includes curriculum, Ages and Stages Questionnaire and resources to fit your child's individual

needs. This program is geared for children from birth to age four, and siblings are welcome.

This program uses the Zoom platform, and you will need a computer, smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.

Register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org. Shortly before the program begins you will receive an email with a link to Join the Meeting.

This program is sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Pathways for Parents is administered by Ludlow Public Schools and is funded by the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.



Virtual Puppet Show with AAA Northeast Educational Programs

Thursday, October 1

10:30 on Zoom

Karen Blackburn, Traffic Safety Specialist from AAA Northeast, will virtually visit Storrs Library with her Puppet Bob. Children and their caregivers will learn about being a safe passenger in a car, and being a safe pedestrian. It's a fun program featuring a silly puppet named Bob, and full of great safety information on sitting properly in a car seat or booster seat, and how to behave in the car. Karen and Bob will also go over safe walking for kids and families.

This program will be presented using the Zoom platform. You will need a computer, smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.

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Families in Harmony with Renee Coro

Friday, October 2

3:30 on Zoom

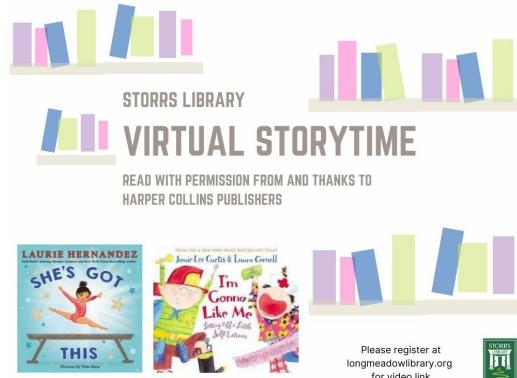
Families in Harmony Level Two for children ages 5-8 is a music-based, mindfulness program assisting children in becoming more aware of the present

moment focusing on both their physical and emotional well-being.

This innovative program will teach the participants simple techniques including but not limited to singing, instrumental play, songwriting, breathe work, and creative movement to integrate a mind-body experience fostering the healthy identification and expression of emotions. We will demonstrate and practice techniques that can support a healthier mental well-being in today's challenging world. Registration at longmeadowlibrary.org is required for this four-part series.

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Weekly Virtual Storytime

Please join us for a virtual read-aloud of *Fancy Nancy: Explorer Extraordinaire* written by Jane O'Connor and *Jane Goodall: A Champion of Chimpanzees* written by Sarah Albee. This reading is with permission from and thanks to

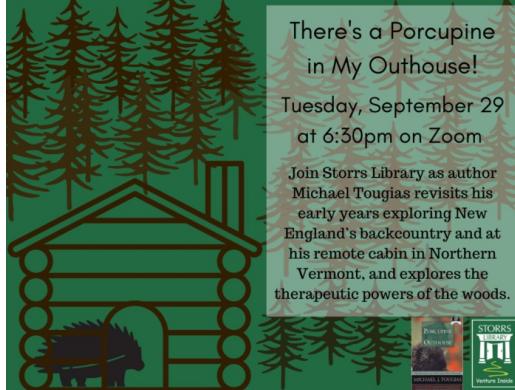
HarperCollins Publishers.

Please register at longmeadowlibrary.org to receive the link to the Richard Salter Storrs Library YouTube Channel recording starting September 28 at 9:00am. This recording is available September 28-October 4, 2020.

Adult Programs

**There's a Porcupine in My
Outhouse!
Tuesday, September 29
6:30 on Zoom**

Storrs Library presents Michael Toulias



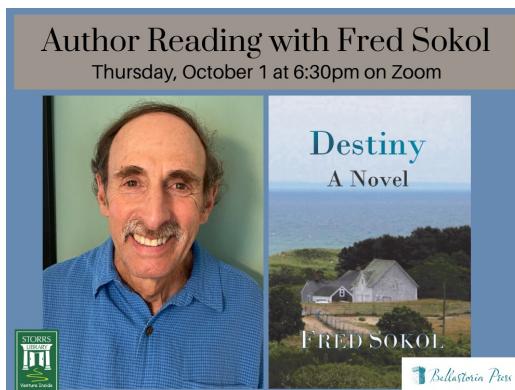
porcupines; and the history of Mountain Men. We'll visit special places in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, Northern NH, and Northern Maine, and explore the therapeutic powers of the woods.

Michael Tougias is the author and co-author of 30 books including *The Finest Hours* which was made into a major motion picture by Disney. Some of his other books include *So Close To Home* (about the first Uboat to enter the Gulf of Mexico), *Above & Beyond: JFK and America's Most Dangerous Spy Mission*, *Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea*, *Ten Hours Until Dawn: A True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do*, *Rescue of the Bounty*, *King Philip's War*, *The Blizzard of '78*, *Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide*, and several other books. He can be visited on the web at michaeltougias.com.

Come and enjoy a night of fun and odd nature experiences!

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.

Register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org. You'll receive an email invitation to join shortly before the program begins.



Author Reading with Fred Sokol Thursday, October 1 6:30 on Zoom

Storrs Library and Bellastoria Press are excited to present this author reading

featuring Fred Sokol and his most recent novel, *Destiny*. *Destiny* follows friends Morris and Mendel as they explore friendship, the natural world, what might have been, and what might still be. The reading will be followed by a Q&A

and the outdoor humor from his book, *There's a Porcupine in My Outhouse!* Based on misadventures in his early years exploring New England's backcountry and at his remote cabin in Northern Vermont, Tougias will revisit his first disastrous trip to his newly bought cabin; the history of Outhouses; encounters with bear, moose, fishing spiders and

discussion. If you'd like to purchase a copy of *Destiny*, Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley has agreed to take orders. Please visit their website at <https://www.odysseybks.com/>.

Fred Sokol, in semi-retirement, writes novels and plays. He also continues to review professional theater in Connecticut and the Berkshires for talkinbroadway.com. Fred co-authored *Muses in Arcadia: Cultural Life in the Berkshires*, enjoyed four decades as a community college and college professor, and directed 45 theater productions. Fred lives in Longmeadow with his wife Betsy.

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Recording of Fall in Love with Tour de France Ends October 2

On Thursday, August 27, Christina Uss presented "Fall in Love with Tour de France" live via Zoom for Storrs Library. Christina generously agreed to allow this

program to be recorded, and we're excited to present it to you! This video will be available from now through Friday, October 2. Please register at longmeadowlibrary.org to receive the video link.

Join Storrs Library for an historic look at the Tour de France with our own Christina Uss! We'll discuss some of the most exciting high points since 1903, what to watch in this year's race, and why this 2,000+-mile race still captivates cycling fans around the world annually. This year's race was postponed from the spring and now will run from August 29 - September 20, 2020.

Storrs library assistant and children's book author Christina Uss is excited to take you on a ride through the 117-year history of this epic race. She's been a Tour de France fan for decades, sneakily working the nicknames of famous Tour riders into her first book, *The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle*. Christina can't wait to talk to you about The Cannibal.

Recording of Virtual Forum

Virtual Forum with Senator Lesser



with Senator Lesser

Available now on YouTube

Watch our discussion with State Senator Eric Lesser of First Hampden and Hampshire District. Senator Lesser talked with us about current events and developments within our communities,

and answered questions from the audience. Thank you to Senator Lesser and his staff for collaborating on this program, and for granting permission to record and distribute it. This program was recorded during our live Zoom program on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. [Click here](#) to watch the full video on our YouTube channel.

Let's be friends on Social Media!

