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What's Happening next week at Storrs Library

Dates: July 19 – July 25, 2021

Library Services

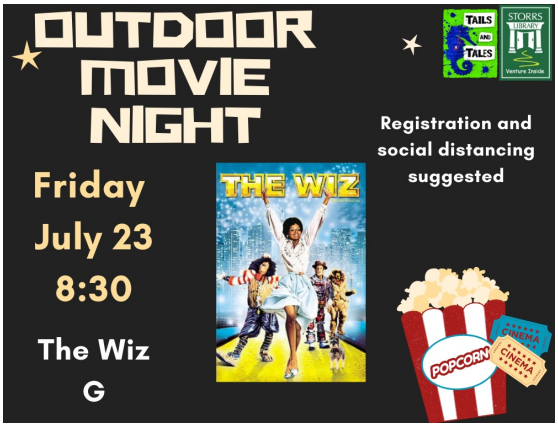
Storrs Library is open; no appointments needed!
Our new hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-5, and Thursday from 10-8. On Saturday, we'll offer curbside pickup only from 12-3.
We look forward to seeing you soon.

Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Program began on June 24 for all ages! This year's theme is Tails and Tales, and the program runs from June 24-August 28th. Register at longmeadowlibrary.beanstack.org, and find out more at https://www.longmeadowlibrary.org/summer-reading-tails-and-tales/.

The 2021 Statewide Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Storrs Library, The Massachusetts Regional Library System, the Boston Bruins, & the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Institute of Museum and Library Services with support from the National Women's Hockey League team Boston Pride.

All Ages



Outdoor Movie: The Wiz

Friday, July 23
8:30 pm

Register

Join Storrs Library for an outdoor movie on the lawn! Registration is required in advance, as space is limited. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Social Distancing suggested. This program is weather dependent.

About the movie, from the CW/Mars catalog: "Dorothy is a 24-year-old Manhattan kindergarten teacher who is whisked away from her inner-city neighborhood via a snowstorm to the mysterious land of Oz. Oz is a sprawling, decaying, nightmarish, and dangerous megalopolis that resembles the physical characteristics of New York City." Copyright 1978. Rated G. Run Time 135 mins.

Youth Programs

Scavenger Hunt Week Three: Nature

Starting July 18

Go on a Scavenger Hunt

Join Storrs Library for a weekly scavenger hunt! This week, the adventure is all about food. Visit our calendar here, and click on the age range you'd like to download and/or print! Don't forget that this counts toward summer reading if you're registered on Beanstack.

Kid Craft Kit: Coloring Page Palooza

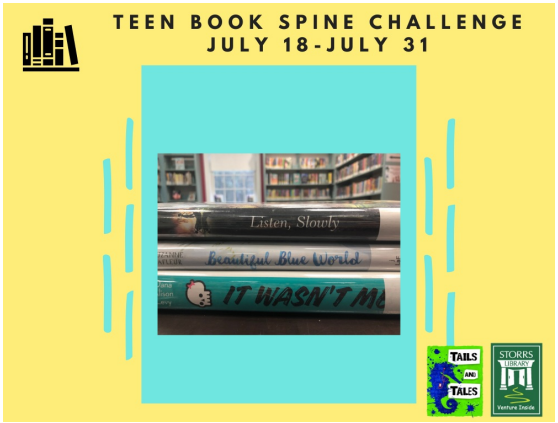
Available July 19– July 24

Stop by the library to pick up a fun craft or activity to complete at home! Kid Craft Kits will be available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last.

Teen Take and Make: Animal Coloring Pages

Available July 19– July 24

Teens are welcome to pop by the library to pick up a fun craft or activity to complete at home! Each Take and Make will be available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last.



Social Media for Teens: Book Spine Challenge

starting Sunday, July 18

Teens entering Grades 7-12, write us a poem using only book spines! Use your own, or come get books from the library. Your poems can be short haikus, or towering epics. Send us a picture at storrsteens@gmail.com.

Coloring Diffusing (Kids and Teens)

Monday, July 19
10:00– 10:30

Register

Teens and Children, with a caregiver, are invited to join Storrs Library staff to get messy and creative. Youth participants will use the color diffusing paper and colored water to create their own unique pieces.

This program will be held on the Front Lawn under tents, and is weather dependent. Social Distancing suggested. Each registered participant will have a station and their own art supplies. Advanced registration is required.

Family Chalk Festival

Tuesday, July 20
10:30– 11:00

Register

Children, with a caregiver, are invited to join Storrs Library staff to help decorate the front walkway with chalk drawings of a family pet or a storybook animal. While you're chalking, enjoy the Storrs Library Storywalk! Each registered participant will have a station and their own chalk supplies. Advanced registration is required, and this program is weather dependent. Social Distancing suggested.

Ready for K: Kindergarten Readiness Program

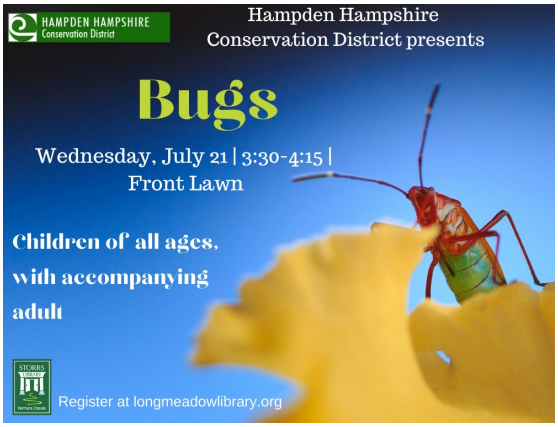
Wednesday, July 21
9:30– 10:00

Register

Ready for K is a four-week readiness series for children entering Kindergarten (ages 5 and 6) this fall. Children and a caregiver are invited to join Storrs Library and Pathways for Parents CFCE weekly on Zoom. Each week's Zoom

meeting will focus on a skill or concept important for school readiness.
The themes for each week are:
Week 1: Letters
Week 2: Shapes and Cutting
Week 3: Numbers
Week 4: Self Portrait

Families will receive one set of materials to support each theme, which can be picked up at Storrs Library starting July 1. Space is limited, and registration is required in advance.
This program is facilitated by Jane Christian and sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Pathways for Parents and Parent Child + is administered by Ludlow Public Schools & is funded by the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.



Hampden Hampshire Conservation District Presents Bugs!

Wednesday, July 21
3:30– 4:15

Join Our Waitlist

This program is full, but feel free to join our waiting list, and we will contact you if spots become available.
The Hamden Hampshire Conservation District presents Bugs, a program for children and their caregivers. Children will enjoy a bug-themed read-aloud, play a clue-filled game of Bug Bingo, and search for bugs on the Front Lawn of Storrs Library.

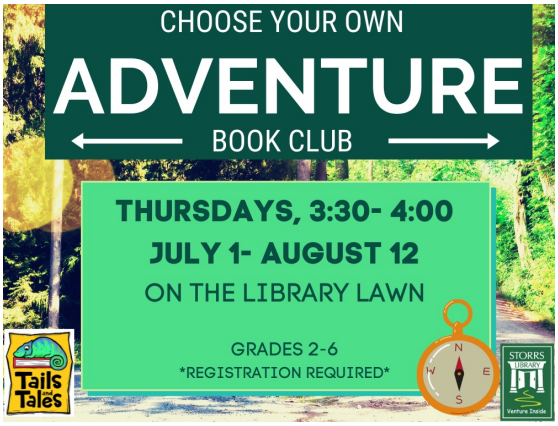
Registration is required in advance, and space is limited. This program will be held on the front lawn, so please bring a blanket or lawn chair. Social distancing suggested. If there is inclement weather a rain date will be scheduled.

This program is funded by a grant through the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Summer Storytime at the Shops

Thursday, July 22
10:00–12:00

Storrs Library Storytime is on the road! Join us at The Longmeadow Shops in front of J. Crew Factory at 10:30 or 11:30 for fun stories, a few movement activities and a Kid Craft Kit, while supplies last! Go to The Shops early or stay late for glitter tattoos from 10:00am-12:00pm. This program is fun for all ages. If there is inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled for July 29th at the same time and location.



Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

Thursday, July 22
3:30–4:00

Register

Join our Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club, for kids entering Grades 2 through 6, meeting weekly on Thursday afternoons until August 12th.

Library staff will read out loud a new Choose-Your-Own-Adventure book each week and attendees will vote on which path to take together. Pet the cobra? Turn to page 13. Run away from the cobra? Turn to page 22. There's no need to pick up a book beforehand to participate. If your reader enjoys the format, we have plenty of similar books for them to check out of the library.

This program will be held on the Front Lawn under tents. Social Distancing suggested. Advanced registration is required, and please register separately for each child who will be attending. If there is inclement weather, the program will be held on Zoom.

Henry the Juggler

Saturday, July 24
10:00– 11:00

Register

Henry the Juggler is coming to Storrs Library for a show on the library lawn! Please bring a blanket or lawn chair if you would like to. Space is limited, and participants must register in advance. Social Distancing suggested. If there is inclement weather, this program will be rescheduled.

Henry the Juggler (AKA Henry Lappen) is wanted! He is wanted by audiences everywhere for his zany attempts to defy the laws of gravity. He juggles any number of balls, clubs, rings, members of the audience . . . He balances strange

items on the tip of his nose. Everything is accomplished wordlessly as Henry uses body language (and road signs!) to express himself. Caution: Henry is known to use innocent bystanders in his act.

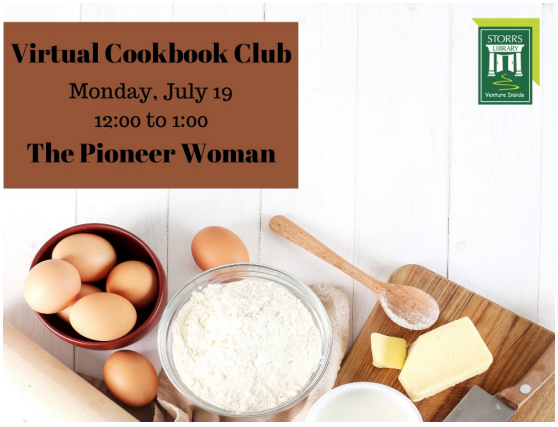
This show is funded by a grant from the Longmeadow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Adult Programs

Monthly Craft for Adults: Flameless Luminaries

Available through July 30

Stop by the Storrs Library to pick up our monthly craft for adults. Materials are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.



Virtual Cookbook Club

Monday, July 19
12:00– 1:00

Register

Love to cook? Join us for Virtual Cookbook Club! We will be sharing our experiences cooking recipes from The Pioneer Woman website. Novice cooks are welcome! There is no need to register your recipe for virtual meetings as with our previous in-person Cookbook Club sessions. Make sure to register in advance.

Selling Your Longmeadow Home

Monday, July 19
6:30– 7:30

Register

Join Storrs Library with Realtor Lesly Reiter for a two-part program about buying and selling homes. Part one is "Selling Your Longmeadow Home." This seminar will cover a range of topics throughout the home selling process including preparations before listing, open houses, the offer process, impacts of the pandemic, and more. Questions from the audience are welcome and encouraged! Part two, "Purchasing a Home in Longmeadow," is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20. Please register separately.

We will be using Zoom for this presentation. Please register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org.

Happy Feet Walking Book Club

Tuesday, July 20
9:30– 10:30

Register

Need to step away from the screen and get moving? Join the Storrs Library for a morning walk through the neighborhood! We'll walk and talk about the monthly book pick. Meet in the library parking lot. Come a few minutes early if you need to fill up your water bottle and/or use the restrooms. Appropriate footwear is all that is required. Please register in advance. If there is inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled to Tuesday, July 27th.

This month we are reading: An American Marriage by Tayari Jones. Copies of the book are available for pick up at Storrs Library during curbside hours or appointment times. eBook available on Hoopla, Overdrive and The Libby App. Audiobook available on Hoopla, Overdrive and The Libby App.

Purchasing a Home in Longmeadow

Saturday, July 17
1:00– 2:00

Register

Join Storrs Library with Realtor Lesly Reiter for a two-part program about buying and selling homes. Part two is "Purchasing a Home in Longmeadow." This seminar will cover a range of topics throughout the home buying process including a budget, the different types of mortgage lenders, inspections, the actual steps to buy, and more. Questions from the audience are welcome and encouraged! We will be using Zoom for this presentation. Register in advance

at longmeadowlibrary.org in order to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Part one, "Selling Your Longmeadow Home," is scheduled for Monday, July 19. Please register separately.

Zen Doodle and Dwell

Friday, July 23
11:00– 12:00

Register

Join us for an Adult Summer Craft. An excellent de-stressor, doodling allows the mind to relax and subconsciously process thoughts and anxieties lurking in its folds. Zen Doodle is a less formal cousin to Zentangle, and allows the drawer to submerge themselves into creating meandering free-flow designs. Register in advance, and join us for a fun way to unwind!

Program will be held outdoors if weather allows. If moved indoors, masks will be required in the Screening Room.

Bi–weekly Bocce on the Lawn

Saturday, July 24
1:00– 2:00

Register

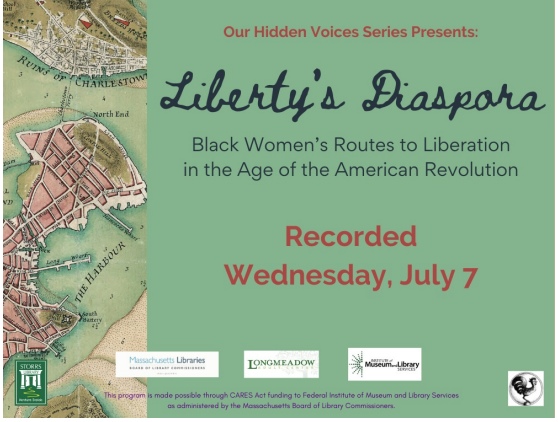
Join us for Bocce on the Lawn. Also known as Bowls in England and Pétanque in France, Bocce is a bowling game that originated in Italy during the Roman Empire and is now enjoyed world-wide.

We will meet on the front lawn of the Library and games will begin at 1:00. Separate registration is required every Saturday. Social distancing should be maintained.

In Case You Missed It...

Recording of Liberty's Diaspora

Recorded July 7



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Storrs Library is excited to present "Liberty's Diaspora: Black Women's Routes to Liberation in the Age of the American Revolution" with Dr. Barbara Krauthamer of UMass Amherst. Dr. Krauthamer shared her most recent research into the journeys of escaped slaves around the American Revolution as they traveled north through New England, Canada, and sometimes across the Atlantic to Africa. Join us to revisit the era of our nation's founding and learn about some of the overlooked stories of our own history.

Dr. Barbara Krauthamer is Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her research focuses on slavery, emancipation, and gender in United States history. She is the author of Black Slaves, Indian Masters: Slavery, Emancipation, and Citizenship in the Native American South and co-author of Envisioning Emancipation: Black Americans and the End of Slavery.

The Adventures of Benjamin Franklin

Recorded July 12

Register to View Here

Printer, scientist, inventor, author, ambassador, patriot - Benjamin Franklin has been called "the First American." His rich and colorful life is recounted in this wonderful one-man show. On July 12, J.T. Turner joined Storrs Library as one of the world's greatest statesmen and authors, telling a tale that weaved together history and humor. Dr. Franklin recounted his life from his youth in Boston through his days as a printer in Philadelphia, and then his years as an inventor, philanthropist, and revolutionary.

This program was funded by a grant from the Longmeadow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This program was recorded and is available through August 11, 2021 on our Richard Salter Storrs Library YouTube channel. Please register for access to the video.

Summer Donation Dive: Thomas J O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center

June 24– August 28

Please join Storrs Library in raising awareness and support for Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center. From June 24 until August 28, Storrs Library will collect the following items of need: AA batteries, assorted cat toys, brooms and dustpans, canned dog and cat food, dishwashing gloves, fabric softener or dryer sheets, laundry soap, leashes and collars (for all sizes), liquid bleach, mops, paper towels, postage stamps, stainless steel and ceramic dishes bowls, and tennis and ping pong balls. Items will be collected in the lobby.

Virtual Wish Lists are available on Chewy and Amazon to send donations directly to Thomas J O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center.

Tails and Tales Dinosaur Raffle

June 24– August 28

Enter Here

ALL children are encouraged to enter for a chance to win "Brachio Book" the Dinosaur. Submissions can be entered from June 24-August 28 at longmeadowlibrary.org. The winner will be announced on August 30.

Please note the Dinosaur measurements: 43 inches in height, 83 inches in length and weighs about 20 pounds. The winner is responsible for picking up "Brachio Book" from the Library by September 10.

Request a Personalized Story Stack

Start Your Stack

Are you looking for your next great reads? Let us help! A team of librarians will create a stack of books for you based on the information you provide in the Story Stack form HERE. Librarians will be in touch once your stack is ready. This service is for readers of all ages.

Beginning Wednesday, June 9, and for the duration of our roof replacement project, our outdoor book return bins will not be accessible before 10 am. Thank you for your patience!

See Our Full Calendar Here

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