



Richard Salter Storrs Library
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What's Happening next week at Storrs Library

Dates: July 26 – August 1, 2021



LIBRARY HOURS:

Mondays 10-5

Tuesdays 10-5

Wednesdays 10-5

Thursdays 10-8

Fridays 10-5

Saturdays 12-3 CURBSIDE ONLY

Come inside for self-serve holds pick-up.

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



Drums Alive (ages 8–adult)

Tuesday, July 27
6:30 – 7:30 pm

[Register](#)

Join us for an hour of fun, stress-free cardio drumming with Drums Alive instructor Ashley Field. Drums Alive is for every age and ability level (ages 8–adult). You are invited to follow along with the instructor and allow your brain and body to become one or you can lay low and enjoy the music and bang the "drum" to your own beat! This event will be outdoors in the Greenwood parking lot at 231 Maple Road, and this program is weather dependent with a rain date on July 29th at 6:30pm. Spaces are limited. Please register in advance. Social distancing should be maintained.

Co-hosted by Longmeadow Adult Center and Storrs Library, and sponsored by FOLOCA.

Youth Programs

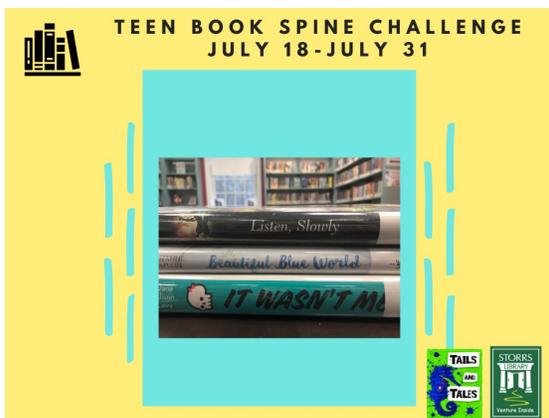


Scavenger Hunt Week Four: Get Moving

Starting July 18

[Go on a Scavenger Hunt](#)

Join Storrs Library for a weekly scavenger hunt! This week, the adventure is all about getting active. 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.



Social Media for Teens: Book Spine Challenge

July 18 – July 31

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.



Kid Craft Kit: Animal Pennant Banner

Available July 26– July 31

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: Pennant Banners

Available July 26– July 31

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.



Shaving Cream Painting

Tuesday, July 27

3:30– 4:00

[Register](#)

Children, with a caregiver, are invited to join Storrs Library staff to get messy and creative with Shaving Cream Painting. This program will be held on the Front Lawn, and each registered participant will have a station and their own art supplies. Social distancing is suggested, and registration is required. This program is weather-dependent.

Ready for K:



Kindergarten Readiness Program

Wednesday, July 28
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. Families will receive one set of materials to support each theme, which can be picked up at Storrs Library. 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.



Teen Book Club: Twisted Tales

Wednesday, July 28
3:30– 4:00

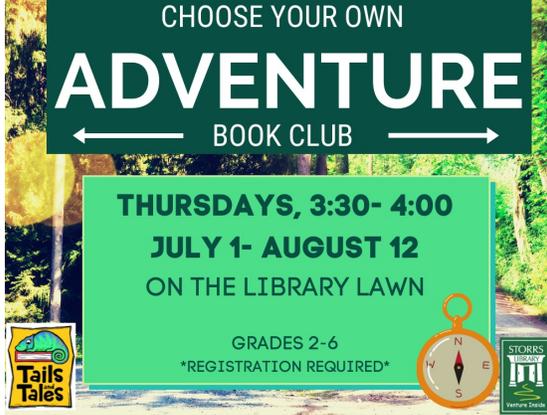
Register

Join us for a Teen Book Club rooted in fantasy and fairytale adaptations! This month, we'll be reading *Dark and Deepest Red*, by Anna-Marie McLemore. Teens, come to our meeting on the library lawn to talk about the book, and whatever else you've been reading this month! You can pick up a copy of the book from the library. Participants must register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org, and are welcome to bring their own mat or blanket. Social Distancing suggested.

Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

Thursday, July 29
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. 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.



Outdoor Olympic Games

Friday, July 30

3:30– 4:15

This event is full. It was rescheduled from its original date of July 2. We will reopen registration if space becomes available.

Kids, are you excited about the Summer Olympics? Join Storrs Library for some fun outdoor activities. Each registered child will receive a participation prize.

Advanced registration is required at longmeadowlibrary.org. This program is weather-dependent. This program will be held on the Front Lawn under tents, social distancing suggested.



Summery Storytime

Saturday, July 31

10:00– 10:30

Register

Join Storrs Library for an outdoor summer storytime on the front lawn. Start

your morning with stories, songs and movement, then stay to enjoy the StoryWalk. This program will be held on the Front Lawn under tents, social distancing suggested. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mats, blankets or chairs. Advanced registration is required, and this program is weather-dependent.

Adult Programs



Monthly Craft for Adults: Flameless Luminaires Available through July 30

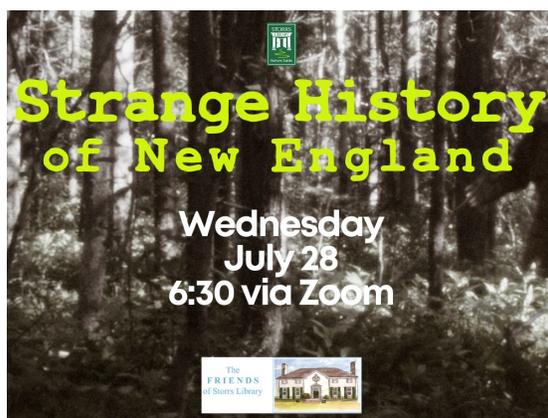
Stop by the Storrs Library to pick up our monthly craft for adults. Materials are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.



Device Advice: Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest Online Wednesday, July 28 2:00– 3:00

[Register](#)

Learn how to access Ancestry Library Edition when visiting the library along with using Heritage Quest Online at home. This program will be held in the Screening Room. Space is limited, and registration is required in advance.



Strange History of New England Wednesday, July 28 6:30– 7:30

[Register](#)

Pull up a log at home and join Storrs Library to listen to outdoor explorer Michael Girard from Strange New England as he shares some of New England's most interesting folklore. While on historic adventures of rediscovery, Michael

has uncovered some tales of strange creatures, secret hideouts, cities of gold and lost pirate treasure that most people have never heard of. Remember, not all folklore is fiction! This program will be held on Zoom. Please register in advance to receive the meeting link.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library.



Dyeing to Wear It

Saturday, July 31

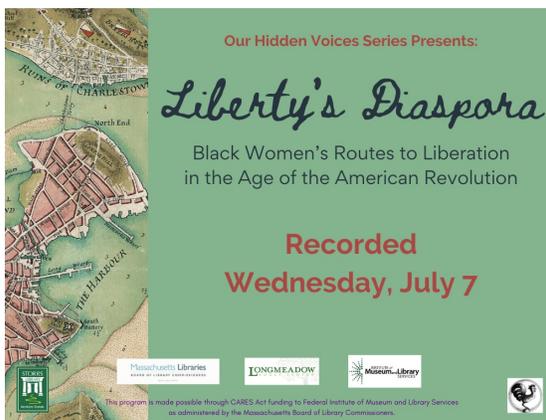
12:30- 3:30

[Register](#)

Join Storrs Library for "Dyeing to Wear It" with Rhonda Fazio from Dyer Maker Studio. This is an interactive workshop for you to create a beautiful piece of wearable art as you dye a silk scarf/tie with colors hand crafted from natural, raw materials extracted without the use of harmful chemicals. The class is infused with storytelling, filled with the textile history from the region and around the world, and how this history intersects with our shared American culture. This program is funded by Friends of Storrs Library and by a grant from the Longmeadow Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Advance registration is required as space is limited. This program will be held on the Front Lawn of Storrs Library, so please bring a blanket or lawn chair. Social distancing should be maintained. This program is weather dependent with a rain date of August 14th.

In Case You Missed It...



Recording of Liberty's Diaspora

Recorded July 7

[View Here](#)

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.

**Thomas J O'Connor
Animal Control and
Adoption Center Wishlist**

We will collect supplies from June 24 to August 28
Check out their Amazon and Chewy wishlists, too!

Canned dog and cat food	Paper towels	Assorted cat toys
Laundry soap	AA batteries	Dishwashing gloves
Liquid bleach	Postage stamps	
Fabric softener or dryer sheets	Tennis and ping pong balls	
Leashes and collars (for all size pooches)	Brooms, mops, and dustpans	
Stainless steel dishes and ceramic bowls (tip proof and any size)		

Summer Donation Drive: 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, 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.



Storrs Library
Summer Reading Program
Tails & Tales DINOSAUR Raffle
June 24 - August 28
Enter to win at longmeadowlibrary.org

Kids can enter for a chance to win a GIANT DINOSAUR!

Meet "Brachio Book" the Dinosaur June 24 at the Kick-Off Party.

The poster features a green dinosaur, a stack of colorful books, and the Storrs Library logo.

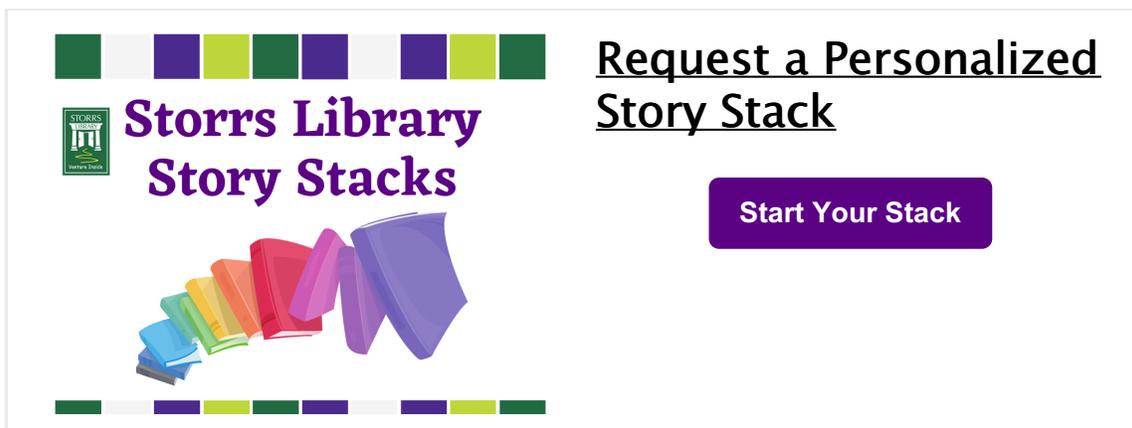
Tails and Tales Dinosaur Raffle

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.



Storrs Library
Story Stacks

Request a Personalized Story Stack

[Start Your Stack](#)

The advertisement features a stack of colorful books and the Storrs Library logo.

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.

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