



**Richard Salter Storrs Library**  
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## Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9–8  
Friday 9–5  
Saturday 9–4

# What's Happening in Youth Next Week at Storrs Library

Dates: May 14–May 20, 2023

## Community Donation Drive

### Lydia's Closet

Monday, May 1 – Wednesday, May 31



Lydia's Closet at St. Andrew's Church collects donations of new and gently used clothing for infants through teens and baby and toddler gear. Foster Care families and families in need in Western Massachusetts can shop at Lydia's Closet for clothing, shoes, and other supplies for their children at no cost. Lydia's Closet depends on the generous donations of people in the community to help keep the shelves stocked each season.

To continue to support children and families this summer, Lydia's Closet needs donations of the following:

Summer Clothing for Teenage Boys and Girls – Adult Sizes S, M, and L (tee shirts, shorts, jeans, sweatshirts, bathing suits)  
Summer Clothing for Boys and Girls - Toddler Sizes 2T through 5T and Youth Sizes 6 through 14/16 (tee shirts, shorts, sweatshirts, bathing suits)  
Sneakers for Teens - Women and Men Adult Sizes  
Sneakers for Toddlers and Youths  
New Socks and Underwear for Toddlers through Teens  
Lydia's Closet also welcomes donations of Car Seats (not expired), Pack N' Plays, Cribs, Strollers, High Chairs, and Baby Clothing and Supplies.

**You can drop off donations at the Library between May 1st and May 31st or anytime in the donation bin for Lydia's Closet in the parking lot behind St. Andrew's Church; 335 Longmeadow St.**

## Youth Programs

## Youth Chess (gr K+)

Monday, May 15, 3:15–4:15



[Read More/Register](#)

All skill levels are welcome for chess and a challenge! Chess instructors will provide help for beginners and more advanced players will get tips to sharpen their game. Registration is required and space is limited.

## Tot Time (ages 2–3yrs)

Tuesday, May 16, 9:30–10:00



[Read More/Register](#)

A circle storytime for children ages 2-3 years with their caregiver. Children will listen to stories, sing songs, dance, and enjoy hands-on fun with art or manipulatives.

## Newbies (birth–15mo)

Tuesday, May 16, 10:45–11:30



[Read More/Register](#)

Pathways for Parents CFCE presents Newbies at Storrs Library. Participants in this group will receive developmental milestone information, ways to engage in floor time play, resources, and opportunities to connect to other caregivers of children this age. Newbies is targeted for ages birth-15 months old.

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

## First Line Book Club (gr. 2–3)

Tuesday, May 16, 3:15–3:45

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 2-3

allergic

# First Line Book Club

Tuesday, May 16  
3:15 - 3:45

PLEASE REGISTER TO JOIN THE FUN

[Read More/Register](#)

Join our 2nd-3rd grade book group where we'll explore books that draw readers in from the very first line. Each month we'll enjoy a page-turning chapter book and meet to discuss what kept us turning those pages. This month's book selection is *Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd. Register and pick up your copy in advance from the Discovery Room.

## Grow Play Learn (birth-5yrs)

Wednesday, May 17, 9:30-10:30

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# GROW PLAY LEARN

Presented by Pathways for Parents, CFCE  
Wednesdays in May  
9:30 - 10:30  
Storytime and play for children birth -5 yrs

[Read More/Register](#)

Join Pathways for Parents CFCE for Grow Play Learn at Storrs Library. This group will include a storytime curriculum, fun play activities and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. This program is geared for children up through age five with a caregiver.

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## Bananas for Books Club (gr. K-1)

Wednesday, May 17, 3:15-3:45

FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-1

# Bananas for Books Book Club

Wednesday, May 17  
3:15 - 3:45  
Grades K-1

Registration required, space is limited

[Read More/Register](#)

Join our K-1st grade book group so we can discover terrific stories together. Before our monthly meeting, read the book that may-- or may not--have a banana in it. We will meet to talk about what made us laugh the most and work on a craft. This month's book selection is *Cranky Chicken Party Animals* by Katherine Battersby. Register and pick up your copy in advance from the Discovery Room.

## Tiny Tales (ages 1-2yrs)

Thursday, May 18, 9:30-10:00

[Read More/Register](#)

A lapsit storytime for children ages 12 to 24 months with their caregiver. Children will



register@longmeadowlibrary.org

# TINY TALES

Thursday, May 18

9:30 am

For ages 1-2



enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and free play, with an emphasis on repetition and social interaction.

## Kids Crafternoon

Thursday, May 18, 3:15-4:00



[Read More/Register](#)

Calling all crafty kids! Join the Storrs Library for a fun DIY craft session. Let your creativity run wild with all of our craft supplies. Kids under seven will need help from a caregiver. Please register.

## Food Explorers (ages birth-5yrs)

Friday, May 19, 3:15-4:00



[Read More/Register](#)

Join Food Explorers for a delicious program with your little foodies! Explore new foods, flavors and textures through food play and interactive games and activities all centered around food and nutrition. This program will be taught by Katie Shepherd, a Registered Dietitian who created Food Explorers as a way to combat picky eating in little children through cooking and food play.

Food Explorers is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

## More Than Mom Drop-In Playgroup

Saturday, May 20, 9:00-10:00

A drop-in playgroup for parents with kiddos up to 18 months, hosted by More Than Mom Inc., a nonprofit group providing support to area parents. We'll

# DROP-IN PLAYGROUP

SATURDAY MAY 20 9:00-10:00 AM

KIDS AGES  
0-18  
MONTHS

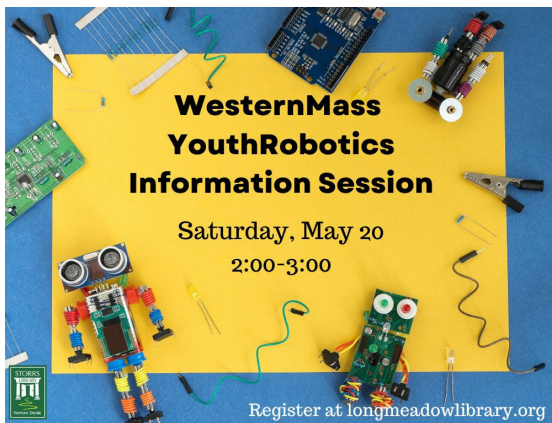
HOSTED BY  
MORE THAN  
MOM



have a story, bring out some toys, and everyone (parents included) will make some new friends!

## WesternMass YouthRobotics Information Session

Saturday, May 20, 2:00-3:00



[Read More/Register](#)

Dr. William Tran of the nonprofit Western Massachusetts Youth Robotics will be presenting an introduction to the organization's mission to bring hands-on robotics learning to students in entering grades 5 and up to interested families.

Learn about FIRST LEGO League Challenge (FLL) for Grades 4-8 and why participation is rapidly increasing across Massachusetts and the world (679,000+ participants, 50,000+ teams, 110+ countries; 322 teams in Massachusetts). FLL is much more than about robots. (More info on FLL: click on the flyer and also check out <https://youtu.be/HLa-rs0Bdro>). The nuts-and-bolts of starting up an FLL team will be covered. No technology experience is required, just enthusiasm.

About the speakers: Dr. William Tran and his students have been involved in robotics competitions for almost 5 years. They included members of retired FLL team Techno Tigers (Longmeadow), which was 3-consecutive overall champion at Massachusetts Qualifiers and won awards in Robot Design and Robot Performance at state. They are also joined by member of a FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) high school team that is 2023 New England champion and world championship divisional finalist-28th overall. Dr. Tran has been a parent, coach, mentor of a high school team, and judge at FLL competition.

**This presentation is for parents of children who would be interested in learning about this robotics program and how to start a team.**

In Case You Missed...

## Discovery Room Guessing Jar



Pop into the Discovery Room to test your estimating skills and enter a chance to win a prize. The participant who guesses correctly, or has the closest guess, wins the jar, the contents and a plush.

## Discovery Room Scavenger Hunt



Go on a quest in the Discovery Room and locate the list of items hidden around the room. Each month a new Scavenger Hunt will be displayed. One lucky participant will win a prize at the end of the month. Join us in the fun!

## Summer Volunteers



The Richard Salter Storrs Library is asking for teen volunteers to work at our summer reading desk. This volunteer work would consist of checking reading logs, distributing raffle tickets and discovery dollars, as well as running the Storrs Store.

If you're interested please fill out this [form](#).

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