



**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 21–May 27, 2023



**The Library will be closed Saturday, May 27th through Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.**

## 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 22, 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 23, 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 23, 10:45–11:30

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Pathways for Parents CFCE presents Newbies at Storrs Library. Participants in this group will receive developmental

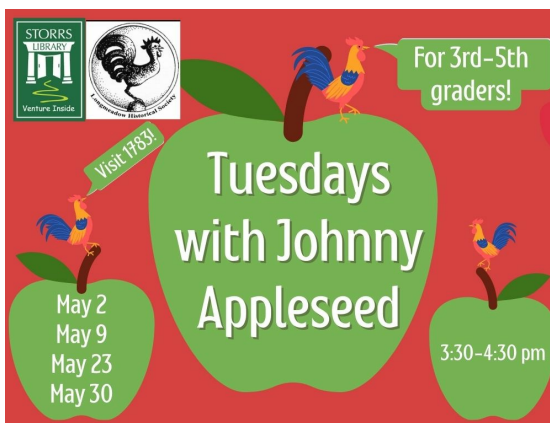


milestone information, ways to engage in floor time play, resources, and opportunities to connect to other caregivers of children this age. Newbies is targeted for ages birth-15 months old.

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.

## Tuesdays with Johnny Appleseed (gr. 3-5)

Tuesday, May 23, 3:30-4:30



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Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to register for an exciting new opportunity in collaboration with the Longmeadow Historical Society. Local historian and Historical Society board member, Melissa M. Cybulski, is writing a new chapter book all about our town and one of its most famous boy heroes, Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman! The group will tour the Storrs House Museum next door to the library and hear about life for Johnny and his friends in 1783. Participants will have the chance to offer real-time feedback as Melissa works to edit her manuscript and get her new book published.

Group will meet in library lobby and walk over to the Storrs House Historical Society.

## Creating a Compelling College Application for High School Juniors

Tuesday, May 23, 7:00-8:00



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Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper, partners at Stand Out For College, LLC, are offering this Zoom presentation to help high school juniors and their parents understand how to use the summer productively to create a compelling college application.

They will cover the college application process including current admissions trends, writing the personal statement essay and supplemental essays, teacher recommendations and how students can position themselves to increase their chances for admission. This program is a detailed and strategic overview of what

students should focus on to make their college applications compelling.

## Grow Play Learn (birth–5yrs)

Wednesday, May 24, 9:30–10:30



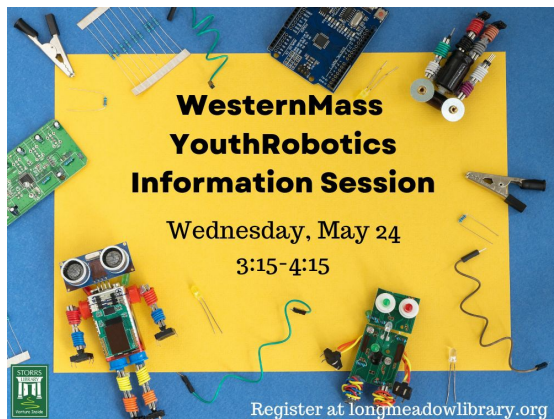
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Join Pathways for Parents CFCE for Grow Play Learn at Storrs Library. This group will include a storytime curriculum, fun play activities and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. This program is geared for children up through age five with a caregiver.

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.

## WesternMass YouthRobotics Information Session

Wednesday, May 24, 3:15–4:15



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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.**

## Family Yoga with Lisa Katz (ages 2–5)

Thursday, May 25, 9:30–10:15




Pathways for Parents CFCE presents




### Family Yoga

with Lisa Katz



**Thursday, May 25 at 9:30am**  
**Storrs Library Front Lawn**



Registration required at [longmeadowlibrary.org](http://longmeadowlibrary.org)

[Read More/Register](#)

Pathways for Parents CFCE presents Family Yoga on the front lawn of Storrs Library with Yoga Instructor Lisa Katz. Enjoy a morning of stretching, balancing, focused breathing, and movement activities.

Registration is required. A yoga mat or blanket is recommended. If there is inclement weather, this program will move to the Betty Ann Low Meeting Room.

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.

## Author Visit with Jennifer Mann

Thursday, May 25, 3:15–4:45



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Reading Maple and Rosemary!



Leading a comics workshop!



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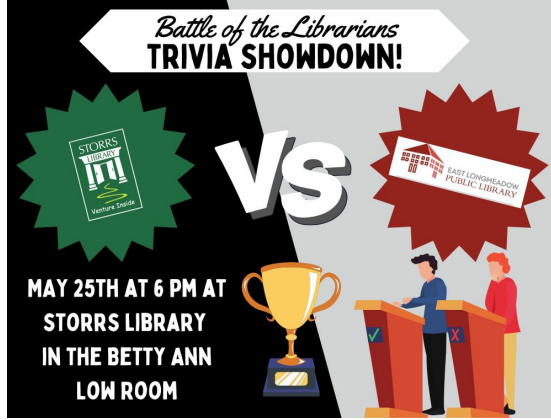
Author-illustrator Jennifer Mann is coming to visit! Mann will be reading from her new book Maple and Rosemary, followed by a Q&A. Mann will also be leading a comics workshop for children and adults, including learning how to decide what to write/draw, how to draw simple characters, and some bare bones (and magic) about the mechanics of comics.

## Battle of the Librarians – Trivia Showdown vs ELPL

Thursday, May 25, 6:00–7:30

[Read More/Register](#)

Join us for an All-Staff Trivia Tournament against our neighbor, East Longmeadow



Public Library. Both libraries will designate members of their staff to answer trivia questions in front of a live studio audience of our lovely patrons.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please register in advance.

## 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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