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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 7-May 13, 2023



The Library will open at 10am on Friday, May 12th.

# **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 8, 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 9, 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 9, 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.

## Tuesdays with Johnny Appleseed (gr. 3–5) Tuesday, May 9, 3:30–4:30



**Read More/Register** 

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.

# Grow Play Learn (birth-5yrs)

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



#### **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.

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.

## Minecraft with Friends Wednesday, May 10, 3:15-4:00



Build and explore in your own world or work together to build our community world at Minecraft with Friends! Patrons may bring their own tablets if they wish. iPads will be available for use in the program.

**Read More/Register** 

## Tiny Tales (ages 1–2yrs) Thursday, May 11, 9:30–10:00



#### **Read More/Register**

A lapsit storytime for children ages 12 to 24 months with their caregiver. Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and free play, with an emphasis on repetition and social interaction.

## Mothers and Others Origami (ages 5+) Thursday, May 11, 3:15-4:00



Read More/Register

Our local origami expert will teach us how to make hearts from origami paper to celebrate all the special people in our lives. Friends under five will need help from a caregiver. Please register.

## Family Yoga with Lisa Katz (ages 2–5) Friday, May 12, 10:30–11:15

Read More/Register

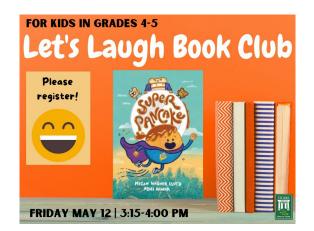
Pathways for Parents CFCE presents Family Yoga at Storrs Library with Yoga Instructor



Lisa Katz for children ages 2-5. Join Lisa to enjoy stretching, balancing, focused breathing, and movement activities.

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.

## Let's Laugh Book Club (gr. 4–5) Friday, May 12, 3:15–4:00



#### **Read More/Register**

Join our 4th-5th grade book group and find a reason to laugh each month. We'll read funny, quirky stories from every section of the library, from graphic novels to nonfiction, and meet up to talk about what makes a book worth reading. This month's book selection is *Super Pancake* by Megan Wagner Lloyd. Register and pick up your copy in advance from the Discovery Room.

## Music Play (ages birth-5) Saturday, May 13, 10:30-11:15



#### Read More/Register

Children 0-5 are invited to join us for Music Play! Chris McHugh Sirard has been making music with babies and toddlers for over 20 years. She holds a Masters degree in Music Education (MME) from the University of South Carolina, specializing in early childhood music development. OWL Music classes encourage making connections with the beauty of music as well as making connections with loved ones and new friends. Her classes are full of movement. singing, and playing. Children are encouraged to move freely around the space while Miss Chris and the caregivers model the music-making. All music responses are supported!

Music Play 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.

## Learn to Play MAGIC THE GATHERING (ages 12+) Saturday, May 13, 1:30-3:00



#### **Read More/Register**

Teens are invited to learn a legendary trading card game: Magic the Gathering! Every participant receives a free starter deck to keep, courtesy of MagiKids by Weirdcards. Volunteer Magic experts will launch players right into their first battle, teaching them how to use their unique decks to cast spells and unleash creatures.

Friends will be made. Fun will be had. Join the gathering.

# 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!

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