



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: July 16–July 22, 2023

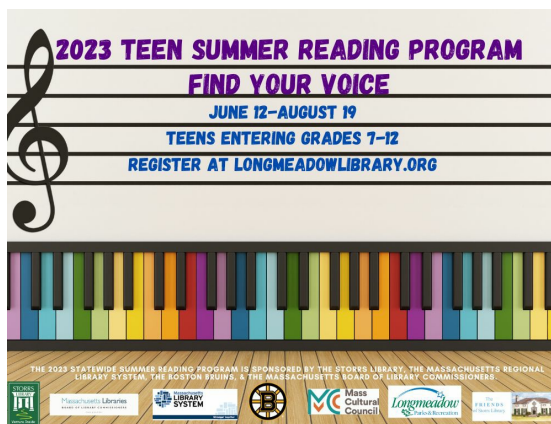
Summer Reading Program



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Register for the 2023 Children's Summer Reading Program "Find Your Voice" online, then venture to Storrs Library to pick up a reading log. Children earn Discovery Dollars by reading and listening to stories and earn Discovery Tickets by attending programs. There will be prizes and raffles all summer long!

The 2023 Statewide Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Storrs Library, The Massachusetts Regional Library System, the Boston Bruins, & the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



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Register for the 2023 Teen Summer Reading Program "Find Your Voice" online, then venture to Storrs Library to pick up a reading log. Teens earn Discovery Dollars by reading and listening to books, magazines, podcasts and more and earn Discovery Tickets by attending programs. There will be prizes and raffles all summer long!

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The Richard Salter Storrs Library will partner with the Boys and Girls Club of West Springfield to collect new outdoor supplies, craft supplies, and sensory-friendly homework supplies. Items will be collected in the Storrs Library lobby from June 12

until August 19.



Youth Programs

Summertime Storytime (ages 3-5)

Monday, July 17, 10:30-11:30



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Join us for Summertime Storytime, a program of stories, activities, songs, and a scavenger hunt around the "block" that will take us through the woods behind the Library. Everyone Welcome! Please register in advance.

Youth Chess (gr K+)

Monday, July 17, 3:15-4:15



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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.

First Line Book Club (gr. 2-3)

Tuesday, July 18, 3:15-3:45

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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

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 2-3

A Boy Called BAT
WRITTEN BY Elena K. Arnold
WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY Charles Santoro

First Line Book Club

Tuesday, July 18
3:15 - 3:45

PLEASE REGISTER TO JOIN THE FUN

meet to discuss what kept us turning those pages. This month's book selection is *A Boy Called Bat* by Elena K. Arnold.

Register and pick up your copy in advance from the Discovery Room.

Community Zine Tuesday, July 18, 5:00–7:00

COMMUNITY ZINE

JULY 18th @ 5pm

Betty Ann LOW ROOM

The Friends of Storrs Library

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During this program, patrons will be encouraged to create their own works of art (prose, poetry, art, photography, collages, etc.) to add to our Community Zine.

Patrons can submit their own works to the Youth Services Desk outside of this sit-down program.

The Community Zine will be compiled by the end of Summer Reading into a binder which will be available for patrons to look through.

Please register in advance as supplies will be limited.

Grow Play Learn (birth–5yrs) Wednesday, July 19, 9:30–10:30

PATHWAYS FOR PARENTS IS FUNDED BY THE COORDINATED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT THROUGH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE

GROW PLAY LEARN

Presented by Pathways for Parents, CFCE

Wednesdays in July

9:30 - 10:30

Storytime and play for children birth -5 yrs

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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.

Ready for K (ages 4–5)

Wednesday, July 19, 12:00–12:30



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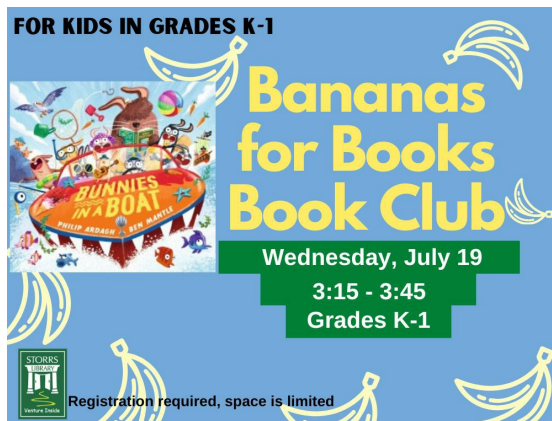
This program consists of 4 weekly sessions and is specifically geared toward children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of '23, along with their caregiver(s). **Please note, you are registering for all 4 sessions.**

This program will address skills including letters, shapes, cutting, numbers & self-portraits! Materials provided by Pathways for Parents CFCE include a kindergarten readiness activity workbook, and parent/caregiver resources.

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

Bananas for Books Club (gr. K-1)

Wednesday, July 19, 3:15–3:45



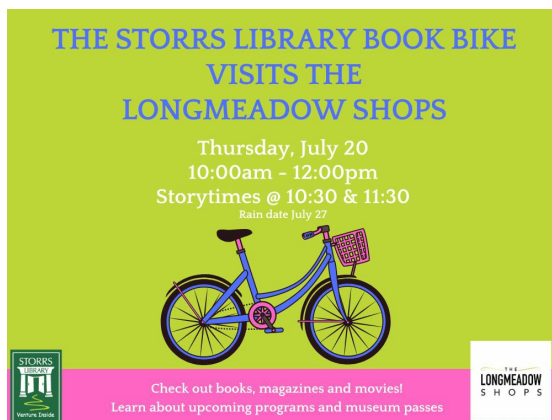
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Join our K-1st grade book group so we can discover terrific stories together. Before our monthly meeting, read the book that may--or may not--have a banana in it. We will meet to talk about what made us laugh the most and work on a craft. This month's book selection is *Bunnies in a Boat* by Philip Ardagh.

Register and pick up your copy in advance from the Discovery Room.

Book Bike at The Longmeadow Shops

Thursday, July 20, 10:30–12:00



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). Face painting available before or after each storytime session. No registration required. Fun for all ages.

A face painting artist from Dazzle Day Face Painters will join in the fun!

In case of inclement weather, this program will be rescheduled for July 27th.

Kindness Rocks

Thursday, July 20, 3:00–4:45



[Join the Waitlist](#)

All are invited to join Storrs Library staff to help create our own Kindness Rock Garden in order to spread positivity in our community. Come paint a rock with an inspiring message then leave it for someone else to find and enjoy!

This program will be held on the Front Lawn and is weather dependent.

Advanced registration is required.

Bringing Home Cultures of the World (ages 2–3)

Friday, July 21, 10:30–11:15



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Renee Coro, Music Therapist, will support each child and family celebrating culture, arts and music in this dynamic program. We will use songs from different cultures to inspire children to design and create their own musical instrument, while engaging in this fun-filled learning experience. This program supports both the arts and music and multiculturalism. Once musical instruments are constructed, each child will "Find their Voice", as the Summer Reading 2023 theme notes, and use their voice and instrument to express themselves, while creating communal self-identity.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Longmeadow Cultural Council a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Robert the Guitar Guy (ages 6+)

Friday, July 21, 1:00–1:45

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Robert the Guitar Guy's musical shows are a unique mix of bedtime lullabies and rock n' roll beats, with a cast, made up of marching ants, and jumping spiders – all amidst an entertaining blend of comedy and movement. His captivating performances go beyond just entertainment to give children the gift of music competency

ROBERT THE GUITAR GUY

Friday, July 21
1:00-1:45
Ages 6+

This program is sponsored by Debbie Levy in loving memory of her son Ned.

Please register online at longmeadowlibrary.org

through rhythmically stimulating tunes! Robert lights up the stage with his wildly creative musical shows! With a variety of singing and movement, he creates an exciting experience for young audiences.

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Let's Laugh Book Club (gr. 4-5)

Friday, July 21, 3:15-4:00

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 4-5

Let's Laugh Book Club

Please register!

FRIDAY JULY 21 | 3:15-4:00 PM

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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 *The Book that No One Wanted to Read* by Richard Ayoade.

Register and pick up your copy in advance from the Discovery Room.

Volunteer Fair

Saturday, July 22, 10:00-2:00

Join us for our **VOLUNTEER FAIR**

Find your way to get involved in the greater community!

Saturday, July 22nd
10 am - 2 pm
on the Front Lawn of Storrs Library*

*The fair will be moved inside in the event of inclement weather

Logos include: CASA, DAKIN HUMANE SOCIETY, RADIO Valley Eye, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Loro Meddove Fall Festival, The Friends of Storrs Library, and STORRS LIBRARY.

Part of Finding Your Voice is discovering the causes you are passionate about. So, we here at Storrs Library want to invite our patrons to our Volunteer Fair where families can come and learn about all of the organizations in the community that are making the world a better place. Some organizations involved in our Volunteer Fair include Dakin Humane Society, Valley Eye Radio, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Hampden County, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and more!

This event will take place inside the Betty Ann Low Room in the case of inclement weather.

Registration is not required!

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 week 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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