



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 30–August 5, 2023

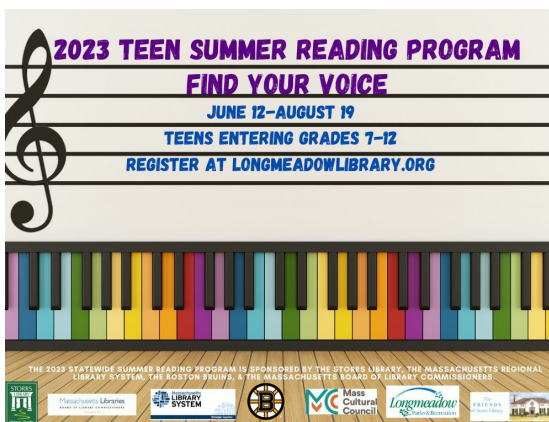
Summer Reading Program



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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 31, 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 31, 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.

BOLT: Board of Library Teens (gr. 9–12)

Monday, July 31, 4:30–5:00

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Teens in grades 9-12 are you looking to volunteer at the library? Then join BOLT! The Board of Library Teens is the spot to make a difference for our community. The



group will meet monthly to help plan events, programs, and displays. These gatherings are also a great chance for everyone to hangout, have fun, and get to know each other!

Bringing Home Cultures of the World (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, August 1, 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.

LEGOs at the Library (gr K+)

Tuesday, August 1, 3:30-4:15



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Children in kindergarten and older are invited to join us for a LEGO building experience. Design and build a structure, then name it and display it!

Grow Play Learn (birth-5yrs)

Wednesday, August 2, 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.

Ready for K (ages 4-5) Wednesday, August 2, 12:00-12:30



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.

Pompeii: A Living History Game with Mastermind Adventures(ages 12+) Wednesday, August 2, 3:30-5:00



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Explore the past, learn about the present (and science), and have a blast in the process.

In Mastermind Adventures' Pompeii Living History Game Program, participants step into the shoes of someone living in ancient Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupted. They'll work together to escape the looming disaster or get entombed in ash and pumice. Either way, they'll learn history is made, and how personal decisions impact their community.

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Bubbles & Books Storytime (ages 2+)

Thursday, August 3, 11:00–11:30



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Join us on the Front Lawn for a bubble themed storytime! We'll read books about bubbles, try bubble painting, and of course, blow bubbles! If there is inclement weather, this program will move to the Betty Ann Low Meeting Room.

All Ages Blackout Poetry

Thursday, August 3, 3:30–4:30



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Create a unique poem by redacting words, phrases, and entire sentences from a printed magazine page. Participants will isolate specific words in written texts and blot out whole passages to create their very own poetry.

This is an all-ages program. All materials will be provided.

Please register in advance.

Splish Splash Story Time (ages 3+)

Friday, August 4, 10:00–10:45

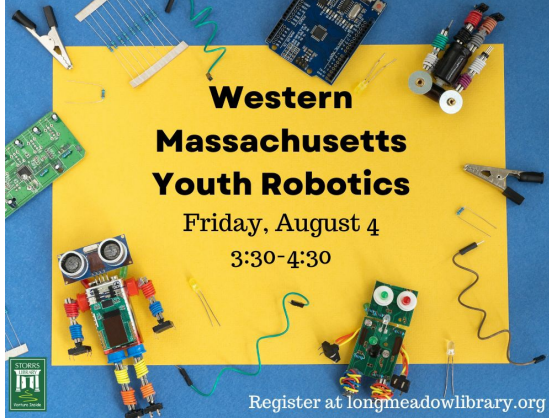


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Have some splish splash fun at the Storrs Library with Splish Splash storytime! Join us for storytime and water fun on the front lawn. This program is weather dependent. Participants are encouraged to bring towels.

Western Massachusetts Youth Robotics (Gr. 5–6)

Friday, August 4, 3:30–4:30



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Western Massachusetts Youth Robotics and high school FTC team Cosmic Loop (independent) will be teaching advanced robotics skills to prepare youths for the FIRST LEGO League Challenge (FLL) competition (season starts on August 1st). No technology experience is required, just enthusiasm! The 8 hand-on sessions cover: 1) Scratch coding skills to move the robot accurately, 2) design of gear attachments and base robot, and 3) robot strategies. Each session is mostly free standing but some do build on previous ones. Each participant is recommended to bring a laptop (any operating system) or Chromebook. Setup instructions will be e-mailed prior to the session.

This session is best for rising 5th and 6th graders who are new to robotics and are planning to compete in FIRST LEGO League Challenge (FLL) competition.

Western Massachusetts Youth Robotics (Gr. 5-6) Saturday, August 5, 2:00-3:00



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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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