



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

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

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

Dates: September 17–September 23, 2023

## Art Exhibit

### Abstract Art Squad

Friday, September 1 – Friday, September 29



September's art show at Storrs Library will feature works by the Abstract Art Squad - four artists who met at an abstract art class three years ago and continue to meet weekly to support and inspire one another. Each artist has their own style ranging from simple geometrics to complex intuitive compositions.

Maggi Predmore - I create for the purpose of getting lost and letting my mind relax. There is no destination or final product in mind...just color explorations, lines, and forms that I find pleasing in the moment.

Nadine Shapiro - I studied Art History at Smith College and worked in museums until a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis early in my career shifted my interest to creating art. I work mostly with acrylics, colored pencils, pencils, and mixed media.

Roger Kellman - After many years of artistic realism, I love the freedom of painting abstracts in acrylic. With a blank canvas and a free mind, there are so many possibilities. I love contrasts in tone and color. Always exploring.

Jean-Marie Magnier - As a math and science person, I tend to prefer doing realistic, representational paintings because I can tell when I am 'getting it right'. Abstract art pushes me out of this comfort zone and allows me to simply enjoy the experience of playing with paint.

A reception will take place on September 12th from 5-7 pm in the Betty Ann Low Room where light refreshments will be served.

## Donation Drives

### St Mary's Parish Center Clothing Drive

Friday, September 1 – Saturday, September 30



St. Mary's Parish Center has put out a call for children's clothes for the refugee children who arrived at the Chicopee homeless shelter in June. They are asking for new and gently used clothing for newborns to age 14. If you wish to donate any clothing, please drop them off in the Front Lobby of Storrs Library. The drive will end on September 30th.

### Rays of Hope Pink Scarf Collection

Friday, September 1 – Saturday, September 30



Since it was founded in 1994, Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer has been committed to improving the breast health of people in our communities with quality and compassion. The event has grown from 500 to over 20,000 participants and has raised over \$15.7 million - all of which have been awarded locally throughout western Massachusetts.

In partnership with the Baystate Health Breast Network and Baystate Health Foundation, funding benefits research at the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research, breast cancer programs and services, outreach and education, and awards grants to various community support programs and organizations.

Storrs Library will be collecting handmade pink scarves to donate to the Rays of Hope Walk & Run. Scarves collected will be distributed to breast cancer survivors at the Rays of Hope Walk. All scarves should be adult-length and have some pink in them. There are no restrictions on materials or fabric. Please safety pin tags onto scarves with any special care instructions. We have patterns and pink yarn you're welcome to use, while supplies last. We certainly welcome any pink yarn donations that you'd like to share!

Scarves will be collected in the front lobby starting September 1st.

## All Ages Programs

# Book Bike at Longmeadow Pride Festival

Sunday, September 17, 11:00-4:00



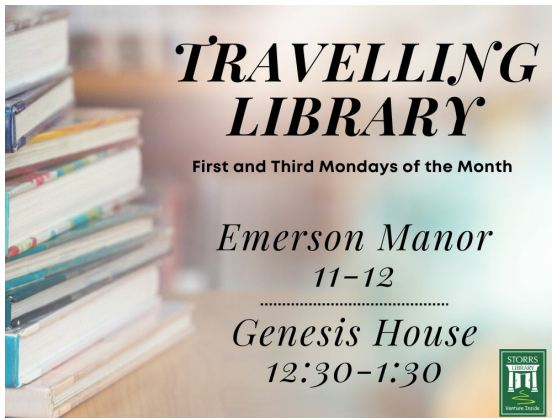
Storrs Library's Book Bike is on the road to the Town Green for the third annual Longmeadow Pride Festival. Please visit us to learn about upcoming programs, museum passes, pick up book lists and craft kits, check out books, and more!

For more information on the event check out Longmeadow Pride Alliance on Facebook or visit their website <https://www.longmeadowpride.org/>.

## Adult Programs

### Traveling Library

Monday, September 18, 11:00-1:30



On the first and third Monday of the month residents of Emerson Manor and Genesis House can swing by the courtyard next to the office and check out books, magazines, books on CD, and DVDs.

**Please call 413-565-4181 x1620 with any material requests the week before the event.**

### Tech Tuesdays

Tuesday, September 19, 9:00-12:00



Need help with your device? Bring it to the Library for assistance!  
Having trouble with email? Come to the Library to get help!  
Want to learn about the Library's digital offerings? Drop in every Tuesday, 9-12!

Remember to bring your device, your library card and any passwords you may need to access your accounts.

### Lunch with Foodies Cookbook Club: Nigella LAWSON

Tuesday, September 19, 1:00-2:30

Love to cook? Join us for Lunch with Foodies Cookbook Club! Every month, we



# Cookbook Club



Tuesday, September 19:

## Recipes from Nigella LAWSON

1:00 in the  
Betty Ann Low Room

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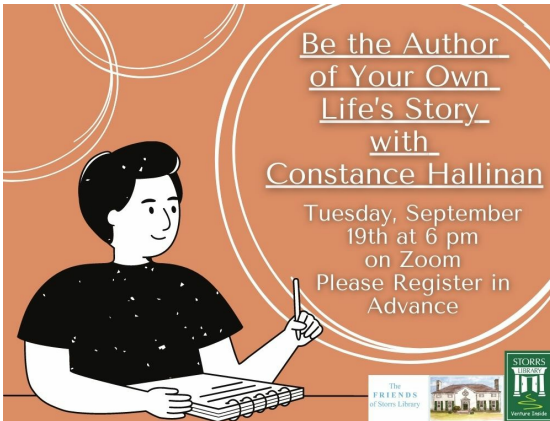
will explore a different chef or cookbook. This program welcomes anyone who would like to try new recipes and share their prepared dish from the selected cookbook. Every month is a food bonanza as we sample the many different recipes prepared by others. Novice cooks are always welcome!

This month we will feature recipes from [Nigella LAWSON's](#) cookbooks & website. Cookbooks available at the Circulation Desk. Bring your creation, your comments, and your critiques to share with the group!

We will meet in the Betty Ann Low Room. **Advance Registration Required.**

## Constance Hallinan's Be the Author of Your Own Life's Story

Tuesday, September 19, 6:00–7:00



[Read More/Register](#)

We have all been thrown into the reality of the unknown by the pandemic. We often feel we have little or no control over how we live our own lives. However, there will come a time when all this fear, anxiety, and uncertainty is behind us. Because we are no longer rushing around, caught up in the whirlwind of past times, we now have the opportunity to reflect upon what we want to incorporate into our lives, both personally and professionally once the pandemic has abated. We are, for the most part, conductors of our own life's symphony, choreographers of our own life's dance, painters of our own life's landscape, and authors of our own life's storyline.

But how do we begin living the life we want and, once we begin, how do we keep on living through stress, chaos, loss, and setbacks? To compose, choreograph, to author our own future, we need to incorporate awareness, acknowledgment, and action into our daily lives. Topics covered in this webinar include habit formation, cognitive theory of change, mindfulness, acceptance, responsibility, and implementation.

**This program is sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library.**

**This program will be on Zoom. Please register in advance and the link will be sent to you shortly before the program.**

## Fiber Arts Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 6:00–7:30



The Storrs Library Fiber Arts Group is a generous and talented group who use recycled textiles to make beautiful and artistic products.

Items are donated to Friends of Storrs Library for fundraising. If you know how to sew (while you help the FOSL), we would love for you to join us.

Please register in advance.

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## Bocce on the Lawn

Wednesday, September 20, 11:00–12:00



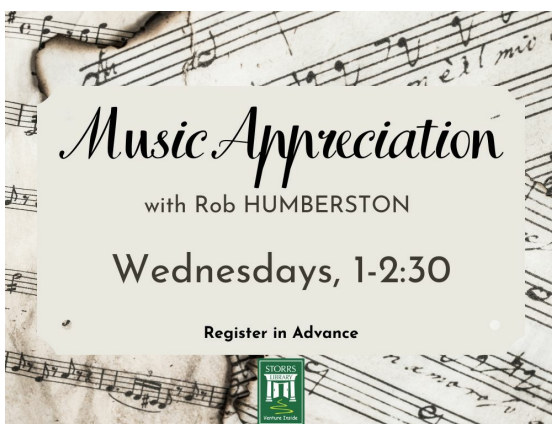
Join us for Bocce on the Lawn this summer! Every Wednesday morning at 11:00. This program is for adults. No Experience Necessary.

Register in advance!  
(Bocce will be cancelled if it rains)

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## Music Appreciation with Rob HUMBERSTON

Wednesday, September 20, 1:00–2:30



Following the completion of a year of his Music Appreciation program, Rob Humberston returns for another year of musical listening and exploration by way of his personal collection of recordings built over five decades. One unique aspect of his collection is the inclusion of recordings based on historically informed performance practices, often utilizing instruments - both original and in reproduction - appropriate to the time of the composition.

As in the last program, he will take a chronological approach to choosing different topics for listening and discussion, beginning in the Fall with the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Topics will include: musical forms; chant; historical musical instruments; specific genres of music; geographical considerations; and selected composers.

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Also as in previous years, December will highlight the music of Christmas through the ages, and the New Year will begin with the Baroque Era and continue to the 20th Century. Please join us for another year of beautiful music among collegial participants. There will be new programs beginning in January so please check the calendar.

Please Register in Advance. This program is intended for adults.

## Leather Pouch Making with Castle Nitor

Wednesday, September 20, 3:30–6:30



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Leather is one of the first materials humans mastered. We have used leather for many purposes, but one of the most common is to help us contain and carry our belongings.

Come get hands-on with history with Castle Nitor. Learn how to make your own leather pouch. Our teachers will show you the fundamental techniques as you create your own piece of history. Learn the basics of sewing leather. We will have all the supplies and tools you need to make a fun project. Enjoy a break in a different time!

This class is run by Allison, the Lady of Castle Nitor; she is a history lover who collects craft skills and loves teaching and creating a fun, relaxing environment for all. Castle Nitor is bringing daily life and the arts of the past to life again.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library.

## Weekly Writers Group

Thursday, September 21, 9:30–11:00



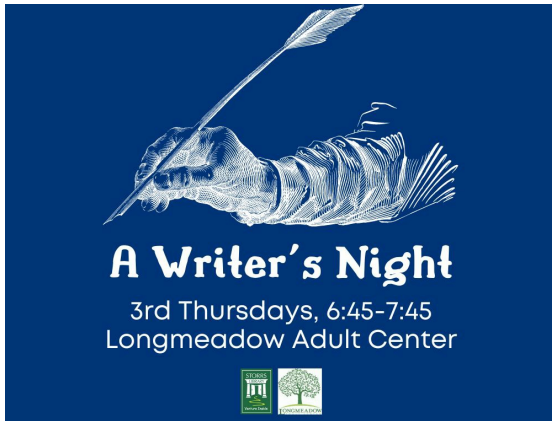
You're invited to join the Weekly Writing Group!

The Writers Group is a welcoming place to share and grow as a writer while being listened to and supported. Each week members share a page or two of their writing from that week and then join in a ten minutes writing exercise with sharing and discussion afterwards.

The Writers Group meets every Thursday at 9:30 am on the second floor of the library. This group is intended for adults.

## A Writer's Night at the Adult Center

Thursday, September 21, 6:45–7:45



The Longmeadow Adult Center and Straw Dog Writers Guild are delighted to present "A Writer's Night."

This month's speaker is Thomas Clark, a poet, songwriter, and performer living in Florence MA. He is the Co-founder and Director of the Florence Poets Society and the Executive Editor of Silkworm. Tommy is the current Beat Poet Laureate of Massachusetts and the host of the Twilite Poetry Pub on WXOJ-FM Valley Free Radio. His first full-length collection, *Fifty Words for Rain* was published in 2021.

**Register by calling 413-565-4150, option 1. Or tell the person at the desk you're going to "A Writer's Night."**

**The Longmeadow Adult Center is located at 211 Maple Road, Longmeadow**

## Cornhole on the Lawn

Friday, September 22, 11:00–12:00



Join us for Cornhole on the Lawn every Friday morning at 11:00. No experience is necessary.

This program is intended for adults.

Please register in advance!

Cornhole will be canceled if it rains.

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## Dungeons & Dragons Campaign

Saturday, September 23, 10:00–1:00



Bring your characters and your adventuring spirit and join us for our Saturday Dungeons and Dragons Campaigns!

All skill levels welcome - all necessary materials provided.

At this time our campaigns are intended for adults.

Advanced registration is required.

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