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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: April 21, 2024–April 27, 2024

Donation Drive

Homework House

Monday, April 1 – Tuesday, April 30



Please consider donating this month to support Homework House in Holyoke, MA.

According to their mission statement, "Homework House's mission and programs are firmly rooted in the social justice vision of our founders and our programs have been inspiring children, supporting families, and transforming our Holyoke community for almost 15 years. We believe that every child is has unique gifts and talents and that all children are capable of excellence. Every child deserves access to high quality academic enrichment programs regardless of a family's ability to pay or the neighborhood in which they live.

Today, Homework House serves almost 90 youth each day at our two sites with the help of over 250 volunteer tutors. Homework House is an independent non-sectarian organization serving all children regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or gender."

You can access the list of items they are most in need of by clicking [here](#).

The drive will run from April 1st - April 30th, and donations will be accepted in the Storrs Library Front Lobby.

Youth Programs

Process Art (ages 3–6yrs)

Monday, April 22, 10:00–10:45

[Read More/Register](#)

Children ages 3-6 are invited to participate



in this group with their caregiver. Process art is art that focuses on the experience and process involved in creating. It is free, open-ended art, meaning children are able to freely choose what materials to use, how to use them and what to create. This group is sensory friendly!

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.

Youth Chess (gr K+)

Monday, April 22, 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 tips to sharpen your game for more advanced students. Registration is required and limited.

Tot Time (ages 2–3yrs)

Tuesday, April 23, 9:30–10:00



[Read More/Register](#)

A circle story time 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, April 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

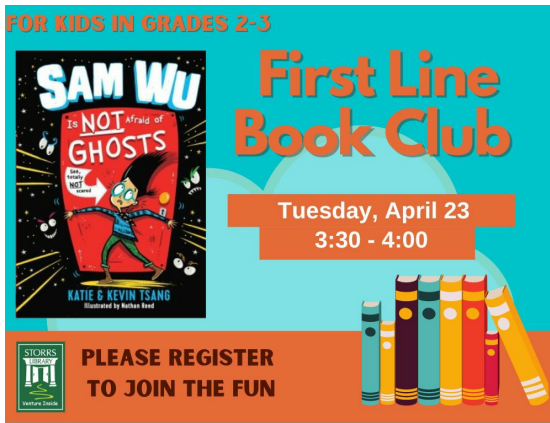


caregivers of children this age. Newbies is targeted for ages birth-15 months old.

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First Line Book Club (gr. 2-3)

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30-4:00



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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 meet to discuss what kept us turning those pages. This month's book selection is Sam Wu is not Afraid of Ghosts by Katie Tsang.

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

Grow Play Learn (birth-5yrs)

Wednesday, April 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.

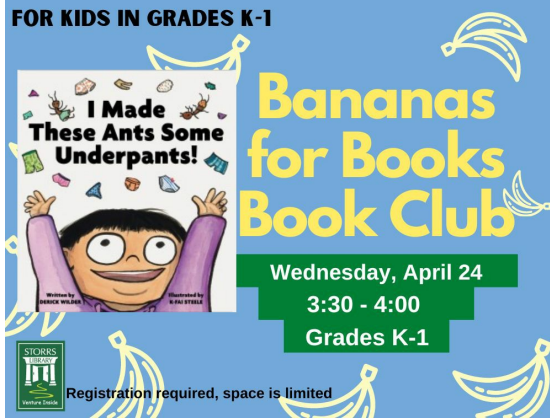
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Bananas for Books Club (gr. K-1)

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30-4:00

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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 I Made These Ants Some Underpants by Derick Wilder.

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

Tiny Tales (ages 1–2yrs)

Thursday, April 25, 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.

Art Time!

Thursday, April 25, 3:30–4:30



[Read More/Register](#)

Use your imagination to create art! Use everything from paper scraps to boxes to create.

Me, You and We (ages 3–5yrs)

Friday, April 26, 9:30–10:00

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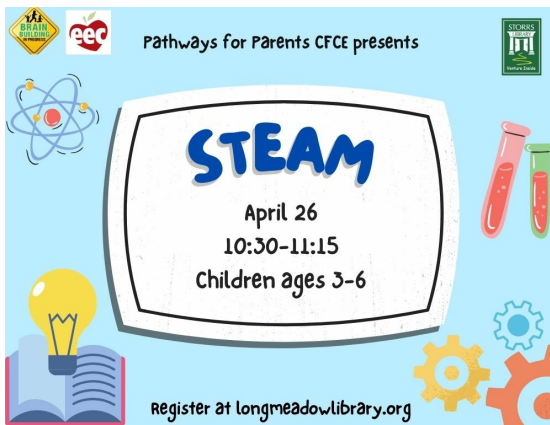
"Me, You and We" is a playgroup that will support 3-5 year olds and their caregivers in developing and practicing social-emotional skills. Curriculum includes learning about others, understanding and managing feelings, following directions, taking turns, and solving



problems.

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STEAM (ages 3-6) Friday, April 26, 10:30-11:15

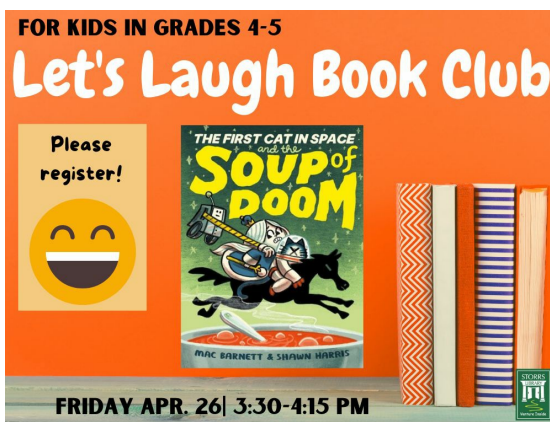


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Children ages 3-6 are invited to join this group with their caregiver. Children and families will explore the concepts of science, technology, engineering, art and math, while completing the activity provided. This activity will also be paired with a themed book to generate discussion and further exploration of the concepts in the activity.

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, April 26, 3:30-4:15



[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 *First Cat in Space and the Soup of Doom* by Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris.

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

Professor Bugman and the Arthropod Petting Zoo (ages 5+)

Saturday, April 27, 10:30-11:30

PROFESSOR BUGMAN
ENTOMOLOGY ADVENTURES

Arthropod Petting Zoo

April 27
10:30-11:30
Ages 5 and up

Register @ longmeadowlibrary.org

[Read More/Register](#)

Get up-close and hands-on to learn about a variety of crawly arthropods and the incredible adaptations that help them survive this wild world! This program is for kids 5 and up.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library.

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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