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What's Happening this week at Storrs Library October 26 – October 31, 2020

Curbside Pickup Hours

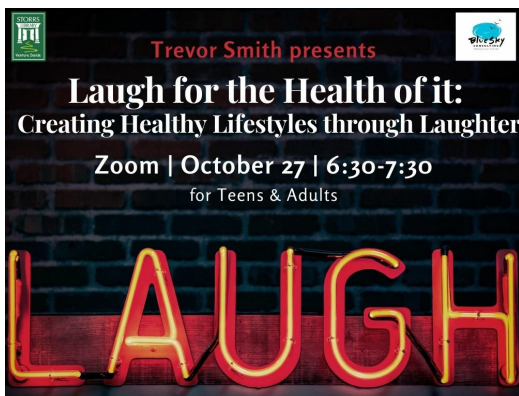
Monday & Wednesday: 3:00-6:00
Saturday: 12:00-3:00

Appointment Based Browsing

Tuesdays: 2:00, 3:00, 4:00
Thursdays: 5:00, 6:00, 7:00
Fridays: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00

Sign up for an appointment [here](#).

Youth Programs



Laugh for the Health of It (teens & adults) Tuesday, October 27 6:30 on Zoom

Trevor Smith of Blue Sky Consulting will present a program for teens and adults

called "Laugh for the Health of It: Creating Healthy Lifestyles through Laughter." Participants will learn a systematic method of chuckles, chortles, giggling and guffawing that promises to help reduce stress, prevent hardening of the attitudes and contribute to world peace. The laughter routine, designed to make anyone feel better, works without using jokes or comedy to stimulate the laughter.

For more information on Smith's therapeutic laughter programs, contact him at 413-204-8308 or tsmith@blueskyconsulting.us.

Please register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org. This program is

sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library. Join us for a virtual program using the Zoom platform. You will need a computer, smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.



Grow Play Learn sponsored by Pathways for Parents (18-36 months) Wednesday, October 28 9:30 on Zoom

This program and manipulatives are provided by Pathways for Parents. Come Zoom with us for stories, songs, and skill-building with manipulatives led by an Early Childhood Developmental trained staff member. This program is geared for children from 18 to 36 months with a caregiver. October's theme is Colors.

Registration is limited and required in advance for the month of October. The [Ages and Stages Questionnaire](#) must be completed before the first session. Registered participants will receive a set of Blocks to keep and use during the program that can be picked up during Curbside Services on Mondays and Wednesday from 3-6 and Saturday from 12-3. Register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org. You'll receive an email invitation to join shortly before the program begins.

This program uses the Zoom platform, and you will need a computer, smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.

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.



Autumn Decorating Contest Wednesday, October 28

Show off your autumnal spirit, and help us decorate our front lawn for the season! Make a scarecrow or decorate a pumpkin at home, and bring it to the library for the chance to win a prize. Drop your creation off on the library front lawn on Wednesday, October 28 or

Thursday, October 29, between 9 and 5. Please pick up your autumnal decorations between Monday, November 2, and Saturday, November 7.



The Longmeadow Historical Society Presents

History Now!

Life in Longmeadow during the Fight for Equal Voting Rights for Women 1830-1920

Zoom | October 30 starting at 3:30 | Teens & Adults



History Now! Life in Longmeadow 1830-1920

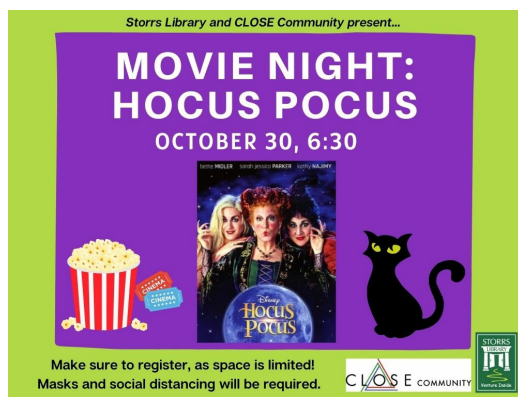
Friday, October 30
3:30 on Zoom

Longmeadow Historical Society presents History Now! Life in Longmeadow during the Fight for Equal Voting Rights for Women 1830-1920.

During this 30-minute Live Zoom presentation geared to tweens and teens, Longmeadow Historical Society Board Member Melissa Cybulski will share facts and photos of what life in Longmeadow was like during the time before women had the right to vote. Propaganda Ads from both sides of the issue will be examined and discussed. How did Longmeadow residents feel about this topic? Why were women prevented from voting? How were the laws changed?

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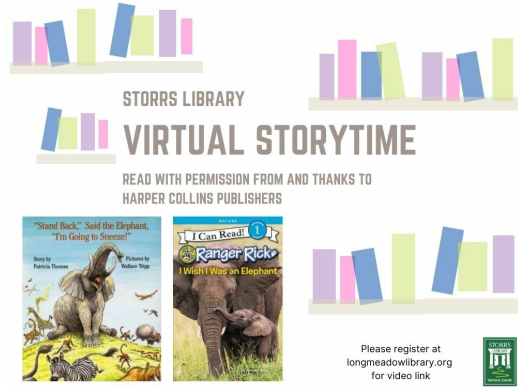
Outdoor Movie Night: *Hocus Pocus* (rated PG)

Friday, October 30
6:30pm

Join us on the front lawn of Storrs Library to celebrate the season with a screening of *Hocus Pocus*. Bring your own snacks, hot cocoa, chairs and blankets, and come in costume if you're feeling festive! This movie is presented in partnership with the CLOSE Community.

Make sure to register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org, as there will be limited space. Masks and social distancing are required. The movie is weather dependent.

Weekly Virtual Storytime



Please join us for a virtual read-aloud of "Stand Back," Said the Elephant, I'm Going to Sneeze!" written by Patricia Thomas and *Ranger Rick: I Wish I Was an Elephant* written by Jennifer Bove. This reading is with permission from and thanks to HarperCollins Publishers.

Please register at longmeadowlibrary.org to receive the link to the Richard Salter Storrs Library YouTube Channel recording starting October 26 at 9:00am. This recording is available October 26-November 1, 2020.



**StoryWalk® at Storrs:
Mouse Paint in partnership
 with CLOSE
 Ends October 28**

Storrs Library, in partnership with CLOSE Community Coalition, presents *Mouse Paints*, a StoryWalk® at Storrs Library. Please come to the Storrs Library during daylight hours to stroll around the Front Lawn and enjoy *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh. Masks and Social Distancing are required. This StoryWalk is available from Oct. 14 - Oct. 28.

For more information about CLOSE Community Coalition visit <https://closecommunity.org/>.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-HubbardLibrary. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Adult Programs

**Novel Knitters Online
 Tuesday, October 27
 10:00 on Zoom**

Join Novel Knitters online for an online meeting! Knitters and crocheters of all



levels of expertise are welcome to join us. Bring your projects to work on and share with the group. New members are welcome!

We will be using Zoom for this presentation. You will need a computer, smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.

Register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org. You'll receive an email invitation to join shortly before the program begins.



**The Gift of Rift:
How Our Connecticut River
Valley Geologic Heritage was
Buried, Preserved, and
Discovered
Wednesday, October 28
6:30 on Zoom**

Storrs Library and the Longmeadow Historical Society invite you to join Steve Winters, Professor of Earth Science at Holyoke Community College, as he digs in to the Mesozoic geologic era, and to learn the true nature of the rocks beneath our feet. We live in one of the most geologically interesting valleys in the world and, were it not for two or three nearly unbelievable events in the history of North America, we may never have known anything about our unique, world-class geologic ancestry. Our journey will take us back a half billion years when the Earth was a very different place, young but restless. To gain perspective, we'll roam the hills and valleys of a far-flung Earth 300 to 200million years ago, travel oceans that have opened and closed several times in geologic time, meet some feathered, three-toed carnivorous friends of ours(dinosaurs), and end up on the great river that connects us: the Connecticut. Cosponsored by Longmeadow Historical Society and Friends of Storrs Library.

Steve Winters is a trained hydrogeologist and geoscience educator at Holyoke Community College with a passion for geology and a way of telling the stories hidden in rocks that make science come alive. Steve lives in Turners Falls, MA.

We'll be using Zoom for this presentation. You'll need a computer,

smartphone, iPad, or similar device that has a camera and audio ability.

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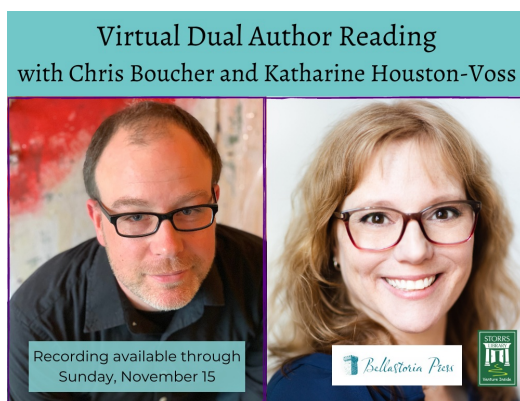


**Jack-O-Lantern
Spectacular at Roger
Williams Park Zoo
Friday, October 30
12:30pm on Vimeo**

The highly anticipated annual "Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular" from Roger Williams Park Zoo features a breathtaking display of 5,000 illuminated jack-o-lanterns artistically carved and displayed in scenes to play out the annual theme. Situated within the historic zoo, this event has won nationwide praise for its amazing artistry and its appeal as a unique, family-friendly autumn destination. Now you can tune into the show – no travel needed! View this limited-edition recording of the 2020 Spectacular! The camera will travel through the trail, capturing the sights and sounds of the show. PLUS, enjoy exclusive behind-the-scenes interviews, learn the history, and see how the carvers make magic.

Viewing will be available for 48 hours only starting at Friday October 30 at 12:30pm and ending on Sunday, November 1 at 12:30 pm. Please register in advance at longmeadowlibrary.org to receive the Vimeo link and password to access this prerecorded program. You'll receive an email invitation to join shortly before the program begins. The video is about 30 minutes long.

Hosted by Longmeadow Adult Center and Storrs Library, and sponsored by FOLOCA.



**Recording of Dual Author
Reading with Chris Boucher
and
Katharine Houston-Voss
Available now through
November 15**

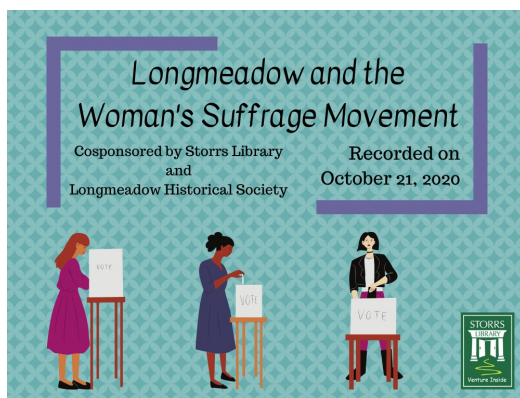
On Wednesday, October 14, Chris Boucher and Katharine Houston-Voss gave a

dual author reading via Zoom for Storrs Library, co-sponsored by Bellastoria Press. Chris and Katharine generously agreed to allow this program to be recorded, and we're excited to present it to you! This video is available from now through Sunday, November 15. Please register at longmeadowlibrary.org to access this recording.

Longmeadow natives Chris Boucher and Katharine Houston-Voss read from their new books: *Big Giant Floating Head* by Boucher and memoir *Loving Every Awkward Step: a humorous memoir about clubfoot, life choices, and surviving being different* by Houston-Voss. Join us as these two friends reunite to share their stories and process, followed by a Q&A discussion.

Christopher Boucher is the author of the novels *How to Keep Your Volkswagen Alive* (2011), *Golden Delicious* (2016) and *Big Giant Floating Head* (2019), all out from Melville House. He's also the editor of Jonathan Lethem's nonfiction collection *More Alive and Less Lonely* (Melville House, 2017) and the Managing Editor of the literary journal *Post Road*. Boucher currently lives in Northampton and teaches writing and literature at Boston College. More information can be found at his website, christopherboucher.net.

Born with both feet upside-down and backwards, Katharine Houston-Voss endured stares and answered awkward questions from the age of four. Those experiences developed a razor-sharp wit and a defiant spirit. Although she longed to blend in, she figured if she couldn't, she'd better stick out. Houston-Voss began writing her memoir when she was thirty-two and recovering from her fifth surgery on her left foot, her seventh surgery overall. By the time she finished the book ten years later, she realized that her perspective had changed: As a child, she desperately wanted to blend in, but as a mom, she wants her son to know it's okay to be different. Learn more at <https://www.khoustonvoss.com/>.



Recording of Longmeadow and the Woman's Suffrage Movement

Now available on YouTube

Storrs Library and Longmeadow Historical Society present a recording of

"Longmeadow and the Woman's Suffrage Movement" with Melissa Cybulski. Melissa presents a fascinating look at the history of Longmeadow and its relationship to the Woman's Suffrage Movement. She looks at how the

community of Longmeadow responded to the decades long struggle for women's voting equality, evaluating how the residents truly felt about the issue.

Melissa M. Cybulski is a guide at The Emily Dickinson Museum and a board member of the Longmeadow Historical Society. She has previously presented on the life of Sarah Storrs and on Longmeadow during the 1918 flu epidemic.

This program was recorded on October 21, and co-sponsored by Longmeadow Historical Society and Storrs Library. [Click here](#) to watch the video on the Richard Salter Storrs YouTube channel.

In Case You Missed It



We're open for appointment based visits!

Library Appointments:

Tuesday afternoons 2-2:45, 3-3:45, 4-4:45
Thursday evenings 5-5:45, 6-6:45, 7-7:45
Friday mornings 10-10:45, 11-11:45, 12-12:45

To Schedule an Appointment:

Please fill out our Library Visitation form by clicking [here](#) to select the day and time of your visit. Appointments can also be made by calling the Library at (413) 565-4181 x-1620.

For detailed information, please visit our website at longmeadowlibrary.org, or contact us at (413) 565-4181 or richard.salterstorrs@gmail.com.



MUSEUM PASSES

Now Available

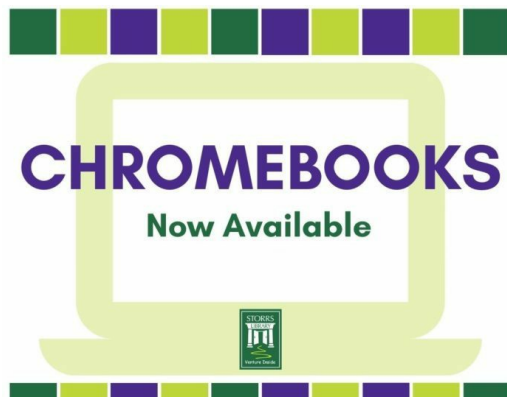


Museum's instructions and plan ahead. Passes are checked out for one week and limited to one pass per account.

Museum Passes are back!

Museum passes are available on a first come, first served basis through phone reservation at 565-4181 ext. 1620 and can be picked up during Curbside Pickup or Appointment Based visits. Before borrowing a Pass, carefully read the

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Chromebooks are now available to check out

Chromebooks are available on a first come, first served basis through phone reservation at 565-4181 ext. 1620 and can be picked up during Curbside Pickup or Appointment Based visits.

Chromebooks will come in a backpack that also contains a cord and charger, and should be returned during Curbside Pickup hours or Appointment Based visits. **Do not return Chromebooks through the Book Depository.**

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Hats & Scarves for Housing Insecure Populations Now through November 7

When Isabel Baxter-Paris was in the fourth grade, she started an initiative to knit scarves and hats for the housing insecure in the Pioneer Valley. Knitters

from all over the country participated, including Novel Knitters at Storrs Library, and over two hundred scarves were distributed in Pulaski Park in Northampton. This year, Isabel is asking once again for your help. If you know how to knit or crochet, please consider helping out by making a scarf or hat.

We do not currently have more yarn to distribute, but you are welcome to use any of your own if you'd like to participate. We will continue to collect hat and scarf donations through Saturday, November 7. You can drop off completed projects during Storrs Library Drop-By Curbside Pickup, or during an appointment based visit. The donation bin will be on a cart at the top of the stairs to the main entrance during Curbside Pickup, and directly inside the main entrance during appointment visits.

