

## Richard Salter Storrs Library 693 Longmeadow Street Longmeadow, MA 01106 (413) 565-4181

#### **Library Hours**

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

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

Dates: May 5, 2024-May 11, 2024



The Library will open at 10:00 a.m on Friday, May 10th.

#### Art Exhibit

#### **Quabbin Art Association**

Thursday, May 2 - Friday, May 31



Visit Storrs Library to view an exhibit by the Quabbin Art Association in the Betty Ann Low Meeting Room. The exhibit will consist of a collection of 2D artwork.

Please visit anytime the room is available.

An reception will be held on Thursday, May 9th from 5-7pm.

#### **Donation Drive**

## **Longmeadow Food Pantry**

Wednesday, May 1 - Friday, May 31

Storrs Library will be hosting a food donation drive to support the Longmeadow Food Pantry which is in urgent need of non-perishable food items. We will be collecting items in the front lobby for the month of May.

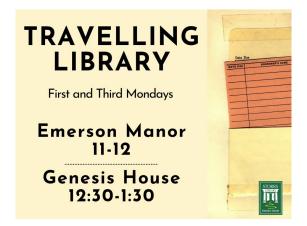


Some suggested items to donate are: mac & cheese, granola and protein bars, jelly, canned beans, canned pasta, tuna, pudding, Jell-O, healthy snacks, tomato sauce, condiments, applesauce cups, fruit cups, brownie, cake, and cookie mix, jerky, rice, pasta, canned soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pancake mix, oatmeal, instant coffee, tea bags, and any other non-perishable and unopened items.

## **Adult Programs**

## Traveling Library

Monday, May 6, 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.

## **Library Renovation Presentation**

Monday, May 6, 6:30-7:30



On May 14 the Town will vote on Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee funding for a renovation design and feasibility study of the Storrs Library entrance and other updates. The Library Board of Trustees has pledged matching funds for these renovations.

Come learn about the renovation proposal and find out what you can do to support your Library at the May 14 Town Meeting.

## Tech Tuesdays

Tuesday, May 7, 9:00-12:00

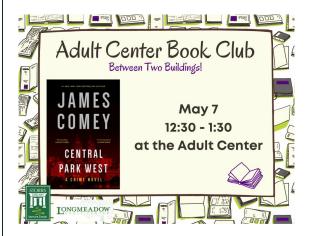
Need help with your device? Bring it to the Library for assistance! Having trouble with email? Come to the Library to get help! Want to learn about the Library's digital offerings? Drop in every Tuesday, 9-12!

Remember to bring your device, your

library card and any passwords you may need to access your accounts.

## Adult Center Book Club: Between Two Buildings

Tuesday, May 7, 12:30-1:30



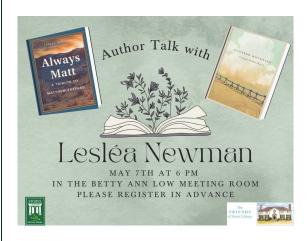
Join Storrs Librarians and members of the Adult Center Book Club on the first Tuesday of every month. Copies of this month's book will be on hold at Storrs Library.

Central Park West: When a years-long case against a powerful mobster finally cracks and an unimpeachable witness takes the stand, federal prosecutor Nora Carleton is looking forward to putting the defendant away for good. The mobster, though, has other plans. As the witness's testimony concludes, a note is passed to the prosecution offering up information into the assassination of a disgraced former New York governor, murdered in his penthouse apartment just days before. It's enough to blow the case wide open, and to send Nora into a high-stakes investigation of conspiracy, corruption, and danger. We look forward to you joining us!

Register by calling the Adult Center at 413-565-4150.

#### <u>Author Talk with Lesléa Newman</u>

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00-7:30



Read More/Register

Journey: An Ellis Island Story," "Here Is The World: A Year of Jewish Holidays, "Ketzel, the Cat Who Composed," and the children's classic, "Heather Has Two Mommies."

Her book, "Always Matt: A Tribute to Matthew Shepard" is a book-length illustrated poem bracketed by essays, which pays homage to Matthew Shepard's life and legacy. In 1998, Matt was a University of Wyoming Student who was kidnapped, beaten, robbed, tied to a fence, and abandoned simply for being gay. Lesléa Newman was the keynote speaker for Gay Awareness Week at his school that year and arrived on campus the day he died. Ever since then, she has been using

her voice to amplify his story in hopes of inspiring people to work for social justice.

While "Always Matt" explores Matthew Shepard's life and legacy, Newman's previous book, "October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard" explores the hate crime that took his life as well as its impact upon the world in a series of 68 poetic monologues from various points of view including the fence to which he was tied, the moon and stars that watched over him, and a deer that kept him company throughout the night.

Newman will read from both books and answer questions.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library.

Please register in advance.

## Fiber Arts Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 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.

Read More/Register

### Music Appreciation with Rob HUMBERSTON

Wednesday, May 8, 1:00-2:30



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:

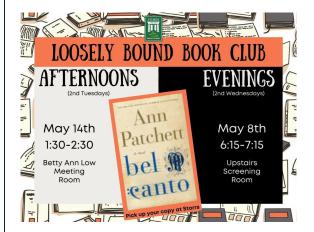
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musical forms; chant; historical musical instruments; specific genres of music; geographical considerations; and selected composers.

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

## <u>Loosely Bound Book Club – Evenings</u>

Wednesday, May 8, 6:15-7:15



Read More/Register

May's book selection - *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

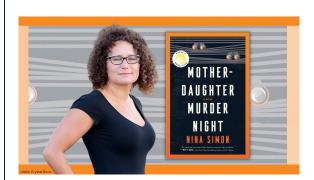
Summary of Book - "Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held in honor of the powerful businessman Mr. Hosokawa. Roxane Coss, opera's most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening—until a band of gunwielding terrorists takes the entire party hostage". -- Goodreads

Copies of this month's book selection are available at Storrs Library, as well as <u>online</u> in our Libby catalog.

Advance Registration is required.

# <u>Library Speakers: A Murder Mystery, Family Story, & Love Letter to Strong Women Everywhere</u>

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00-8:00



This is a virtual program. Nothing brings a family together like a murder next door. You're invited to join Nina Simon online as she chats about her lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths, Mother-Daughter *Murder Night. Mother-Daughter Murder Night* follows high-powered business woman Lana Rubicon. She has a lot to be proud of with her keen intelligence, impeccable taste, and the L.A. real estate empire she's built. But when she finds herself trapped 300 miles north of the city, convalescing in a sleepy coastal town with her adult daughter Beth and teenage granddaughter Jack, Lana is stuck counting otters instead of square footage—and hoping that boredom won't kill her before the cancer does. In a turn of events, when Jack happens upon a dead body while kayaking she quickly becomes a suspect in the homicide investigation, and the Rubicon women are thrown into chaos. Beth thinks Lana should focus on recovery, but Lana has a better idea. She'll pull on her wig, find the true murderer, protect her

family, and prove she still has power. With Jack and Beth's help, Lana uncovers a web of lies, family vendettas, and land disputes lurking beneath the surface of a community populated by folksy conservationists and wealthy ranchers. But as their amateur snooping advances into ever-more dangerous territory, the headstrong Rubicon women must learn to do the one thing they've always resisted: depend on each other. Harness your inner detective and sign up for the investigation.

For More Information, Click Here! + View Past Speakers Here!

Register Here!

#### Weekly Writers Group Thursday, May 9, 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.

## Storrs Stitchers (Drop-In) Friday, May 10, 10:00-11:00



Do you knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider, etc? Join us at Storrs Stitchers, a needle craft group that meets at the Library on Friday mornings at 10:00.

All needle work and levels of expertise welcome! Bring your own projects or participate in ongoing community projects. Please bring your own supplies.

This is a drop-in program. Registration is not required.

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