



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: June 2, 2024–June 8, 2024

Art Exhibit

Kevin Higgins

Saturday, June 1 – Wednesday, July 31



This exhibit features the watercolor and pencil drawing of local artist Kevin Higgins. Please visit the Betty Ann Low Meeting Room anytime it available.

An Art Reception will take place June 27th from 5-7pm.

Adult Programs

Traveling Library

Monday, June 3, 11:00–1:30

TRAVELLING LIBRARY

First and Third Mondays

**Emerson Manor
11-12**

**Genesis House
12:30-1:30**



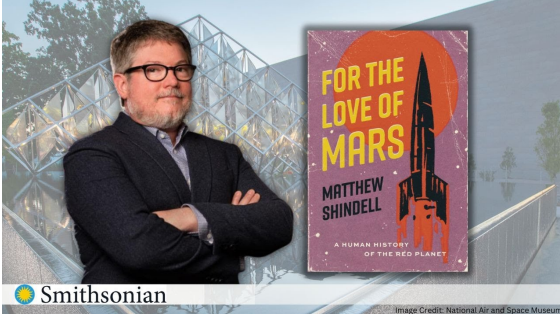
On the first and third Monday of the month residents of Emerson Manor and Genesis House can swing by the courtyard next to the office and check out books, magazines, books on CD, and DVDs.

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

Virtual Library Speakers: For the Love of Mars: A Human History of the Red Planet

Monday, June 3, 2:00–3:00

This is a virtual program. Mars and its secrets have fascinated and mystified humans since ancient times. Due to its



vivid color and visibility, geologic kinship with Earth, and potential as our best hope for settlement, Mars embodies everything that inspires us about space and exploration. For the Love of Mars surveys the red planet's place in the human imagination, beginning with ancient astrologers and skywatchers and ending in our present moment of exploration and virtual engagement. You're invited to come learn alongside Matt Shindell, National Air and Space Museum curator, as he introduces viewers to historical figures across eras and around the world who have made sense of this mysterious planet. Shindell will highlight historical figures such as:

- Mayan astrologer priests who incorporated Mars into seasonal calendars and religious ceremonies;
- Babylonian astrologers who discerned bad omens;
- figures of the Scientific Revolution who struggled to comprehend it as a world;
- Victorian astronomers who sought signs of intelligent life; and
- 20th- and 21st-century scientists who have established a technological presence on its surface.

Along the way, we will encounter writers and artists from each period who take readers and viewers on imagined journeys to Mars. By focusing on the diverse human stories behind the telescopes and behind the robots we know and love, Shindell will show how Mars exploration has evolved in ways that have also expanded knowledge about other facets of the universe. Register now for this captivating voyage through time!

[For More Information, Click Here!](#) + [View Past Speakers Here!](#)
[Register Here!](#)

Tech Tuesdays

Tuesday, June 4, 9:00–12:00

Need help with your device? Bring it to the Library for assistance!

Having trouble with email? Come to the

TECH
Tuesdays
9-12



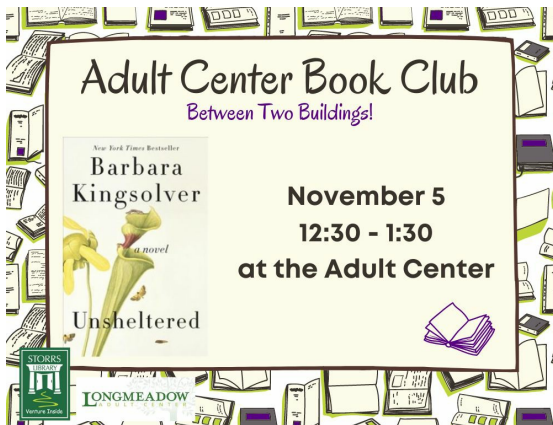
Library to get help!

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, June 4, 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.

Unsheltered: How could two hardworking people do everything right in life, a woman asks, and end up destitute? Willa Knox and her husband followed all the rules as responsible parents and professionals, and have nothing to show for it but debts and an inherited brick house that is falling apart. The magazine where Willa worked has folded; the college where her husband had tenure has closed. Their dubious shelter is also the only option for a disabled father-in-law and an exasperating, free-spirited daughter. When the family's one success story, an Ivy-educated son, is uprooted by tragedy he seems likely to join them, with dark complications of his own. In another time, a troubled husband and public servant asks, How can a man tell the truth, and be reviled for it? A science teacher with a passion for honest investigation finds himself under siege: his employer forbids him to speak of the exciting work just published by Charles Darwin.

Unsheltered interweaves past and present to explore the human capacity for resiliency and compassion in times of great upheaval. We look forward to you joining us!

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

Decoupage Oyster Shells

Tuesday, June 4, 6:00-7:00

This is an arts and crafts workshop where adult participants will learn how to paint, decoupage, and shellac large shells that can be used as jewelry dishes and ornaments. We will provide large shells that are



[Read More/Register](#)

cleaned and bleached in advance, as well as all of the materials to complete the craft project, including paints, brushes and palettes, Modge Podge/shellac, glue, cocktail napkins and prints, and full hands-on instruction. The result is a beautifully decorated oyster shell designed to the participant's liking!

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.

Please Register in Advance!

Fiber Arts Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 6:00–7:30



[Read More/Register](#)

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.

Music Appreciation with Rob HUMBERSTON Wednesday, June 5, 1:00–2:30



[Read More/Register](#)

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.

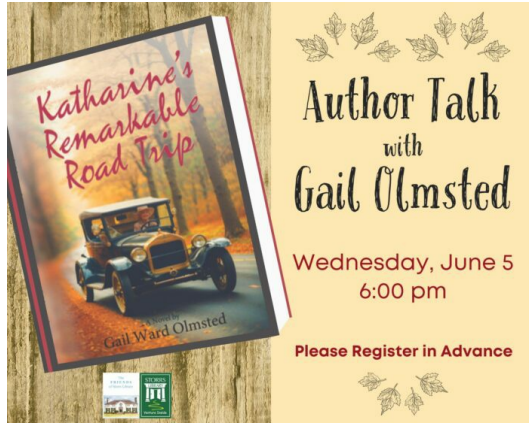
As in the last program, he will take a chronological approach to choosing different topics for listening and discussion, beginning in the Fall with the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Topics will include: musical forms; chant; historical musical instruments; specific genres of music; geographical considerations;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

Please Register in advance. This program is

intended for adults.

Author Talk with Gail Ward Olmsted

Wednesday, June 5, 6:00–7:30



[Read More/Register](#)

Gail Ward Olmsted is coming back! Join us as she talks about her new book, *Katharine's Remarkable Road Trip*, as well as the interesting woman who inspired her to write the book, Katharine Prescott Wormeley (1830-1908).

Katherine was born into affluence in England and emigrated to the U. S. at the age of eighteen. Fiercely independent and never married, Kate volunteered as a nurse on a medical ship during the Civil War, before founding a vocational school for underprivileged girls. A lifelong friend and trusted confidante of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, she was a philanthropist, a hospital administrator, and the author of *The Other Side of War: 1862*.

Gail's book is about a road trip Katherine decided to take in 1907 at the age of 77, from Newport, RI to Jackson, NH. Despite the concerns of her family and friends that she lacks the stamina for the nearly 300-mile journey, Katharine sets out alone. Over the next six days, she receives a marriage proposal, pulls an all-nighter, saves a life or two, crashes a high-society event, meets a kindred spirit, faces a former rival, makes a new friend, takes a stroll with a future movie mogul, advises a troubled newlywed, and reflects upon a life well lived; her own!

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Storrs Library.

Please Register in Advance.

Weekly Writers Group

Thursday, June 6, 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, June 7, 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.

Bocce on the Lawn

Friday, June 7, 11:00–12:00



Join us for Bocce on the Lawn every Friday morning at 11:00. No Experience Necessary.

This program is for Adults.

Bocce will be cancelled if it the lawn is too wet to play.
Bocce will not be held on May 31 and Jul. 5.

[See Our Full Calendar Here](#)

[Visit Our Website](#)

[Sign Up for Wowbrary to See What's New](#)

Let's be friends on Social Media!

