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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: July 21, 2024–July 27, 2024

Art Exhibit

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.

Summer Reading Program



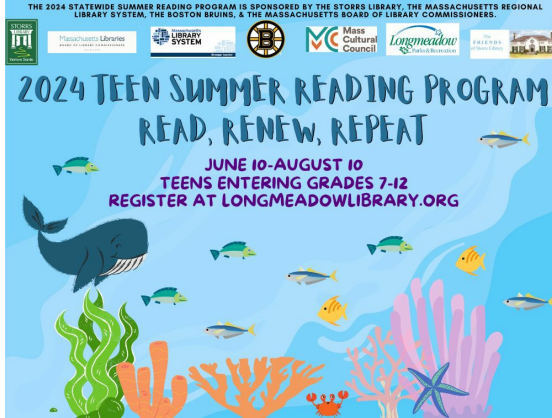
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Register for the 2024 Children's Summer Reading Program "Read, Renew, Repeat" online, then venture to Storrs Library to pick up a reading log. Children earn Discovery Dollars by reading and listening to stories and earn Discovery Tickets by attending programs. There will be prizes and raffles all summer long!

The 2024 Statewide Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Storrs Library, The Massachusetts Regional Library System, the Boston Bruins, & the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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Register for the 2024 Teen Summer Reading Program "Read, Renew, Repeat"



online, then venture to Storrs Library to pick up a reading log. Teens earn Discovery Dollars by reading and listening to books, magazines, podcasts and more and earn Discovery Tickets by attending programs. There will be prizes and raffles all summer long!

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The 12th annual Ride to remember will be traveling through Longmeadow September 7, 2024. Storrs Library is collecting snacks for the Longmeadow rest stop. Please consider donating: Power/Nutrition Bars, Power Bites, Mixed Nuts, Powerade/Gatorade Regular and Sugar-Free, Water Bottles, Fruit Snacks, Big Y fits cards, and Costco gift cards.

Youth Programs

Youth Chess (gr K+)

Monday, July 22, 3:15-4:15



[Read More/Register](#)

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.

Teen Game Night (ages 13+)

Monday, July 22, 6:30-7:30

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Join us for an old-school game night! Have a blast from the past with some of your favorite games. There will be Chromebooks, Ipads, and Wiis provided, but feel free to bring your own devices if desired. For Teens (13 and up!)



Animal Explorers (ages 2+)

Tuesday, July 23, 9:30-10:00



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Come and join our safari as we explore new animals each week by reading books, singing songs, playing games, and getting creative!

Newbies (birth-15mo)

Tuesday, July 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.

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.

Library Virtual Speakers: Learning the Power of Poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo (9th-12th)

Tuesday, July 23, 2:00-3:00

This is a virtual program. You're invited to learn about the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo! In this exciting author



conversation and Q&A, Acevedo will provide a short reading from her National Book Award winning and New York Times bestselling novel-in-verse, *The Poet X* serving as the backdrop to this amazing chat!

The Poet X is about an Afro-Latina heroine who tells her story with blazing words and powerful truth. Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers—especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about.

With Mami's determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she doesn't know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out. But she still can't stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent.

A virtual author talk you don't want to miss—come create out loud with Elizabeth Acevedo!

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

Fantastic Forts (gr. K+)

Tuesday, July 23, 3:30–4:30

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Tuesday, July 23rd
3:30
Grades K+

Register @ longmeadowlibrary.org

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Using boxes, sheets, tablecloths, chairs and more....we will construct forts! Bring your own pillows, blankets, flashlights, stuffed animals, etc. if desired. Once each structure is built, each participant will have the opportunity to choose books from the library to read in their fort, color, or play games!

Tinkering with Tools (gr. 4+)

Tuesday, July 23, 6:00–7:30



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Are you interested in tinkering and gadgets? Do you like working with tools, or would you like to learn how? Have you ever wondered what's inside appliances and electronics? Would you like to fix a broken appliance? Children entering fourth grade and older are invited to Storrs Library to deconstruct, fix, or rebuild a small appliance, using your hands and tools.

Nature Quest

Wednesday, July 24, 10:00–11:00

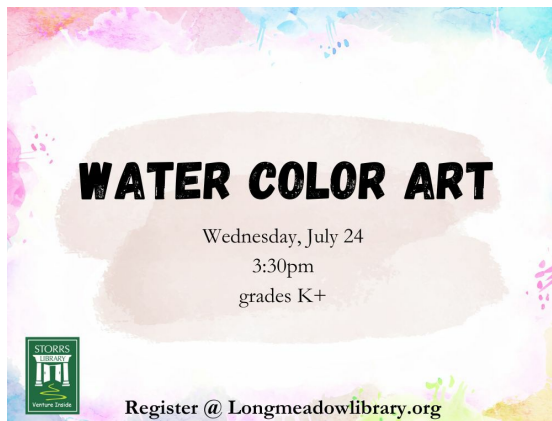


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Children of all ages are invited to explore nature around Bliss Park! Visit the Storrs Library Book Bike, listen to a story and follow scavenger hunts to learn about the local environment! This program is weather dependent.

Water Color Art (gr. K+)

Wednesday, July 24, 3:30–4:30



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There are so many watercolor techniques to explore! Children grades kindergarten and up are invited to create works of art at the library!

Stay Cool Storytime (ages 2+)

Thursday, July 25, 9:30–10:00

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Stay Cool with Storrs Library! Join us for fun stories followed by a cool craft! This program involves messing learning, so please dress in craft comfortable clothing. If there is inclement weather, this program will move to the Betty Ann Low Meeting Room.



Page to Screen Club: Jumanji

Thursday, July 25, 3:15-4:45



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All ages are invited to join the Page to Screen Club! Each month we chose a book to read, and then meet to watch the story come to life on the big screen! This month we are reading *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg, and we will watch *Jumanji* (1995). Register and pick up your copy in advance from the Discovery Room.

Stories and Movement (ages 2+)

Friday, July 26, 9:30-10:00



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Bring your toddlers over to Stories and Movement and get them active while playing and interacting with stories.

Grow Play Learn (birth-5yrs)

Friday, July 26, 10:30-11:30

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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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Pirate STEAM (ages 6+)

Friday, July 26, 3:30–4:15



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Test your pirate skills with this Pirate Steam program!

Teen Service Projects for College Applicants

Friday, July 26, 3:30–4:30



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The best way to stand out for college is to start volunteer or community organizing, and start early! Come to the library once a month to develop a customized service project for your college applications with Longmeadow's built-in community organizers: a public librarian! This program is for any grade but underclassmen are especially invited to attend.

Helping Endangered Species with Joy Marzolf

Saturday, July 27, 10:30–11:30

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What is an endangered species? Why are many animals and their habitats disappearing? Learn about endangered species in the wild here in New England, and around the world, and what we can all do to help them. Don't miss meeting some of their animal relatives up close and



personal! If there is inclement weather, this program will move inside.

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

Character Art with Kevin Higgins

Saturday, July 27, 2:00–3:00



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Join artist Kevin Higgins to learn how to make expressive characters. Children ages 5 and up are invited to learn about Kevin Higgins' process, and find their own art style!

In Case You Missed...

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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