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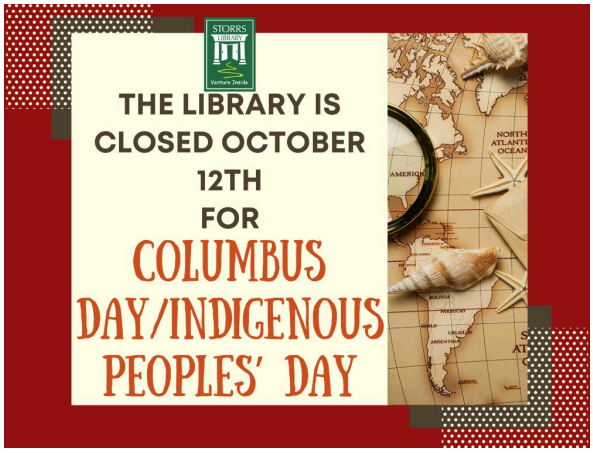
Library Hours

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

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

Dates: October 11, 2026-October 17, 2026



The Library is closed Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Art Exhibit

Art Exhibit: Isabel Margolin

Friday, October 2- Wednesday, October 28

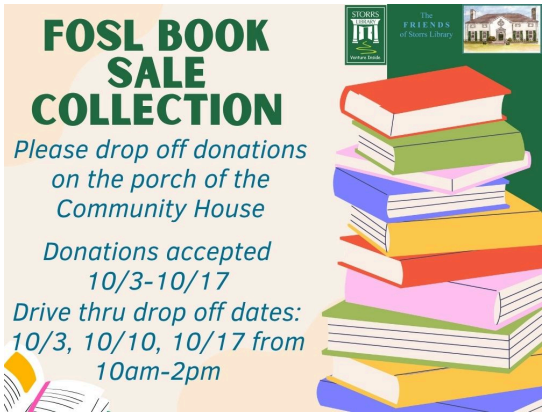
While wrestling with the idea of using my savings to either repair my roof or take an art class, I decided on the most sensible option: enroll in an art class. From a weekend course in mosaics, I forged on and was rewarded for my efforts, gaining both personal gratification and recognition of my work. I employ a method called "indirect," whereby I place my tile face down on a board covered in sticky paper, then realize my pattern when I take the board and turn it over onto another board covered in cement. This can lead to amazing creations or a trip to my basement. I hope this exhibit inspires the artist in you.

Please visit the exhibit anytime the Betty Ann Low Meeting Room is available.

Donation Drives

FOSL Book Sale Collection

Saturday, October 3 - Saturday, October 17



A World of Words Awaits You at our annual book sale! The Friends of Storrs Library (FOSL) invite you to mark your calendars for another fantastic book sale supporting Storrs Library, to be held at the Longmeadow Community House, 735 Longmeadow St, Longmeadow, MA. The Book Sale is one of FOSL's main fundraising events, and it has grown remarkably over time. All proceeds from this event support Storrs Library and help fund important programs and resources for our community. Whether you're donating books or shopping for your next great read, your participation makes a difference!

Book Collection Dates: (all book collection will take place at the Community House)
October 3rd - October 17th, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Bring your gently used books to help stock our tables! Please no textbooks, dictionaries, outdated travel guides or encyclopedias. No moldy or torn books. No CDs, VHS tapes, DVDs or Games. We will accept puzzles with all pieces included.

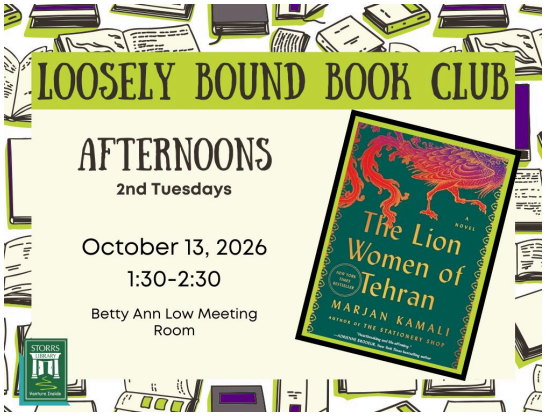
Special Drive-Thru Drop-Off Dates:
October 3rd, October 10th, and October 17th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Convenient drop-off right from your car!

Book Sale Dates:
October 23rd (9:00 AM - 6:00 PM)
October 24th (9:00 AM - 6:00 PM)
October 25th (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Adult Programs

Loosely Bound Book Club

Tuesday, October 13, 1:30-2:30



Read More/Register

Please join us for Loosely Bound Book Club every 2nd Tuesday, 1:30-2:30 at the Library. Each month we will select, usually a book of fiction, but from time to time we may read a nonfiction selection that is highly rated.

This month's selection: *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali

Summary: "In 1950s Tehran, seven-year-old Ellie lives in grand comfort until the untimely death of her father, forcing Ellie and her mother to move to a tiny home downtown. Lonely and bearing the brunt of her mother's endless grievances, Ellie dreams of a friend to alleviate her isolation. Luckily, on the first day of school, she meets Homa, a kind, passionate girl with a brave and irrepressible spirit. Together, the

two girls play games, learn to cook in the stone kitchen of Homa's warm home, wander through the colorful stalls of the Grand Bazaar, and share their ambitions for becoming 'lion women.' But their happiness is disrupted when Ellie and her mother are afforded the opportunity to return to their previous bourgeois life. Now a popular student at the best girls' high school in Iran, Ellie's memories of Homa begin to fade. Years later, however, her sudden reappearance in Ellie's privileged world alters the course of both of their lives. Together, the two young women come of age and pursue their own goals for meaningful futures. But as the political turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point, one earth-shattering betrayal will have enormous consequences."--CWMARS

Copies of this month's selection are available at Storrs Library, as well as through our Libby app. Visit our display at the bottom of the stairs in the old lobby.

New participants always welcome! Advance Registration is required.

Tech Tuesdays

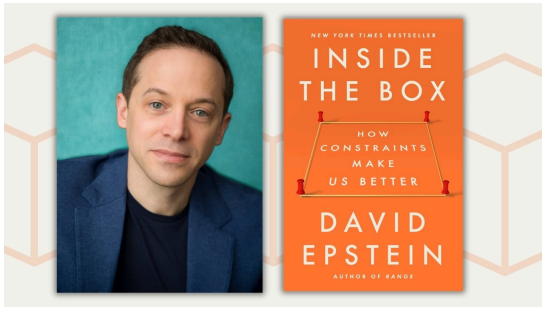
Tuesday, October 13, 1:30-4:30

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, 1:30-4:30!

Remember to bring your device, your library card, AppleID and any passwords you may need to access your accounts, such as your email account.

Library Virtual Speakers: The Power of Limits: How Constraints Drive Genius with David Epstein

Tuesday, October 13, 2:00-4:00



Join us for an inspiring virtual conversation with bestselling author David Epstein as we explore his latest book, *Inside the Box*, and redefine how to approach our greatest challenges!

We are constantly told to "think outside the box" to innovate, solve complex problems, and reach our goals. But what if the secret to true breakthrough creativity and peak performance actually lies in working within our limitations? In *Inside the Box*, David Epstein draws on science, research, and fascinating real-world case studies to

demonstrate how constraints, boundaries, and structure can become powerful catalysts for ingenuity and mastery. Epstein challenges traditional ideas about skill acquisition, focus, and problem-solving, revealing how top performers and innovators across industries turn rigid limits into unmatched strengths.

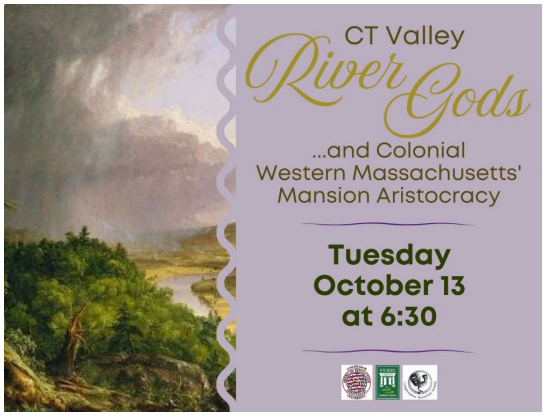
About the Author: David Epstein is the author of three New York Times bestsellers — *The Sports Gene*, *Range*, and most recently *Inside the Box: How Constraints Make Us Better*. He was previously an investigative reporter at ProPublica, and before that a senior writer at *Sports Illustrated*. Prior to becoming a writer, he was living in a tent in the Arctic training to become an environmental scientist. Like many of the characters in *Range*, he has had a winding career path.

Don't forget to Register Ahead of Time so you can Submit Your Questions!

For More Information and to Register, Click Here!

LHS Presents: The Connecticut Valley River Gods...and Colonial Western Massachusetts' Mansion Aristocracy

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30-7:30



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In the early days of colonial New England, William Pynchon moved west and founded Springfield in 1636. He gave rise to an English style aristocracy that would soon include the Ashley, Dwight, Partridge, Porter, Stoddard, and Williams families. These seven families, related by birth, marriage and religion would be joined by other families, particularly merchants and ministers, to become the Connecticut Valley River Gods. The Gods and their kin occupied pulpits in almost every city and town. Their influence was not confined to the Connecticut River Valley but flowed from far North to far South like the great Connecticut River itself. Soon their power attracted the attention of royal officials in the provincial capital of Boston. Rather than lose control and resources in the distant counties, royal officials in Boston decided to make the River Gods their chief advisors in western matters. They created a “patronage machine” in which royal governors awarded the River Gods various appointments for their services. The colonial legislature also conferred land grants to the River Gods in the Valley and the Berkshires. Western Massachusetts, as we know it today, was born.

This program helps Longmeadow Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and is sponsored by the Longmeadow Historical Society.

Please Register in Advance!

Music Appreciation with Rob HUMBERSTON

Wednesday, October 14, 1:00-2:30

Continuing in September for a ninth season, Rob Humberston will continue to present and discuss music in Western Civilization from the Medieval to Modern Eras. From September through November, participants will hear and learn about music from earliest chant to both sacred and secular music before 1700. In December we'll focus on holiday music, and in January we'll explore Bach and the Baroque Era before continuing the musical timeline through the Classical and Romantic Eras for the remainder of the winter and spring. Please join a congenial group of music lovers who enjoy some beautiful music through the ages.

The fall programs will focus on music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

This program is intended for adults.

Weekly Writers Group

Thursday, October 15, 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. Each week, members share their writing based on a prompt given the previous week and each piece is discussed. The group then writes for ten minutes to an in-session prompt, followed by additional discussion.

This an informal writing group intended for adults.

This is not a class and we do not teach writing.

World Events Discussion with Vinnie FERRARO

Thursday, October 15, 3:00-4:30

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Please join us for a fascinating series discussing current world events led by Vinnie FERRARO. Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, 3:00-4:30, Vinnie will discuss current issues relevant to our changing world.

For supplemental readings please visit: Current Events Readings, Storrs Library | World Politics News

This week, we will be discussing: **The Question of Taiwan**
In the Shanghai Communique of 1972, the US agreed that Taiwan is part of China but nonetheless insisted that the eventual integration of Taiwan into the People's Republic of China should not be a violent transition. Since that time, the US and China have been unable to agree on a strategy to implement that decision, and Chinese President Xi has announced that he wants the question resolved by 2027. Can the dispute over the status of Taiwan be settled peacefully or is a violent conflict on the question inevitable?

Kindly Register in Advance for each session so staff know how many chairs will be needed.

Learn to Play Mahjong!

Thursday, October 15, 6:00-7:45

Have you always wanted to learn to play Mahjong? Now is your chance!

We are offering a 6 week Mahjong class. All materials will be provided.

Registration is Required. This Class is Currently Full.

Attending the first class is mandatory.

Storrs Stitchers (Drop-In)

Friday, October 16, 10:00-11:30

Do you knit, crochet, cross stitch, or embroider? Then please join us every Friday for Storrs Stitchers!

Storrs Stitchers is a needle craft group that meets at the Library on Friday mornings at 10:00. All needle workers welcome! Bring your own projects or participate in one of our ongoing community projects. All levels of expertise are welcome.

Please bring your own supplies.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, October 17, 10:00-1:00

Bring your characters and your adventuring spirit and join us for our Saturday Dungeons and Dragons Campaigns!

All skill levels welcome - all necessary materials provided.
At this time our campaigns are intended for adults.

Advanced registration is required.

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