



Storrs Library  
February 2022 Report of activities

**Shining Moments:**

- This was a really nice Facebook comment!



**Maureen Kammerer Wittbold**

This was such a wonderful experience for Margaux and her bunny, Anna! Thank you to all the creative and dedicated people at Storrs Library! You have nurtured Margaux's love of literature, her imagination, and her curiosity. Her childhood is being so enriched thanks to all of you!

- Another patron verbally complimented the Youth Services Team on program offerings. She said their family came almost every day over February vacation and was thrilled with how safe the programs felt for their family and how they enjoyed the wide variety of options. They also look forward to the programs on the upcoming half school days in March.

**Administrative**

- For FY2022 there will be two State Aid to Public Libraries award payments from the MBLC. Each payment will represent approximately half of the total annual award, depending on budget conditions. The first installment was paid to Longmeadow in December 2021, in the amount of \$13,914.49. The second payment will be sent to the Town of Longmeadow by the last quarter of FY2022. Annual state budget language requires that "any payment made under this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city or town and held as a separate account and shall be expended by the public library of such city or town without appropriation." (Ch. 154, Acts of 2019).
- Library Director completed work on the Richard Salter Storrs Public Library Annual Town report.
- Library Director continued work on the FY2022 budget, with analysis on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter spending.
- The Library was closed on Feb 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Meetings/events attended by the Director: 2/3 Board Project Committee, 2/4 CW Mars Executive Council; 2/4 LongMeddow Days Committee, 2/14 Board Executive Committee, 2/16 Board Grounds Committee, 2/17 Board of Trustees, 2/23 Board Policy Committee, 2/23 Board Finance, 2/24 Board Project Committee.
- Director on vacation 2/7-2/11.
- Director and the Board of Trustees, continue to meet with Stew Roberts from Johnson Roberts Architects to discuss possible building renovations and a Master Plan.
- Director and team make plans for the Summer Reading Program.
- Director, Adult Services Director and Youth Services Director analyzed and reevaluated



staffing requirements in consideration of filling the vacant positions – Library Assistant in Youth Services and Professional Librarian in Adult Services.

- 930 website visits

### Adult Library Services

- Popular programming included: An Emily Dickinson program with Melissa Cybulski from the Longmeadow Historical Society (33); Great Decisions, 3 meetings (38); American Sign Language for Adults (30).
- Book displays: Black Health & Wellness, Bad Romance, Taste a Trip Around the World, Choral Music.
- All Adult Department staff completed Cyber Security webinar trainings.
- Adult Services Director attended *Privacy Workshop with Becky Yoose* of LDH Consulting.
- Planning for the 2022 Summer Reading Program is underway.
- Professional Librarian, Programming and Collection Development has resigned.

### Youth Library Services

- Displays included: Winter Olympics/Sports, Black Leaders/Black History Month/Lifting Black Voices, Valentine’s and Groundhog Day, Love and Kindness, Chinese New Year, Lemony Snicket’s Birthday. YA: Blind Date with a Book, Lifting Black Voices.
- Popular programming included: Twosday Storytime (14), Valentine’s Day Origami (7), Stuffed Animal Sleepover (8), Early Intervention Training with Pathways for Parents (5).
- The new Board of Library Teens (BOLT) has gotten off to a great start with 10 teens attending the February meeting.
- for the 2022 Summer Reading Program is underway with multiple meetings.
- All Youth Department staff completed Cyber Security webinar trainings.
- Page Phillips has made a successful transition to the Professional Librarian position. She has seamlessly taken over the social media responsibilities for Facebook and Instagram, has assisted with updates to the website, and sending eblasts through Constant Contact.
- LSTA Mind in the Making Grant application submitted.

### Statistics - Circulation

Month	Circulation-all	Physical resources	Ebooks and electronic resources	Database Usage
February 2022	16,212	11,012	2,606	2,594
February 2021 COVID	10,189	4,917	2,594	2,678
February 2020	19,242	14,046	1,930	3,266
February 2019	16,499	12,150	1,615	2,734
February 2018	13,981	11,646	1,278	1,057



### Statistics - Programs

Month	Number of Adult Programs	Attendance at Adult Programs	Number of Youth Programs	Attendance at Youth Programs	Hours Open	Computer Usage	People Counter
Feb 2022	24	188	29	146	208	158	4,298
Feb 2021 COVID	9	177	25	477	157 curbside 1,487 patrons	0	0
Feb 2020	39	542	40	925	232	700	8,001
Feb 2019	21	406	44	1,012	175	208	6,824
Feb 2018	23	307	41	726	190	287	6,108

Next Month: Storrs sewing classes to resume.

 Storrs Library  
February 3 at 12:57 PM · 🌐

Thank you Miss Jane from Pathways for Parents for visiting us at Storrs Library this morning! We had such a fun time reading a story and exploring the children's room. Did you miss out on today's storytime and tour of Storrs? Don't worry, you can watch it here!




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Pathways For Parents was live.  
February 3 at 10:04 AM · 🌐


Join us for live read aloud and brief tour at the Storrs Library in Longmeadow!

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 Longmeadow Adult Center  
February 11 at 2:56 PM · 🌐

Our Meals on Wheels recipients will be getting a little extra love for Valentine's Day next Monday thanks to Storrs Library, Daisy Girl Scout Troop 65205, and Julie's origami students!

A special thanks to Katie, Evelyn, and Julie, for thinking of our seniors this Valentine's Day!



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