



Beyond the Bookends



**Do you love to cook with your teen?
Do you love to eat what you cook...with your teen?
Reading in the Kitchen Cookie Swap**

Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:30 –7:30 PM

Join our Reading in the Kitchen Book Club for our annual cookie swap on Thursday, December 6th. Teens 12& up can accompany a parent or guardian to this special club meeting. We request that you provide 4 -5 dozen cookies to swap. We will have cookie cookbooks available at the library to check out to inspire you to try something new. The next meeting will be February 7, 2019. Potatoes will be our theme. Check out a copy of [300 Best Potato Recipes](#) by Kathleen Sloan-McIntosh at our Dec 6 meeting. As always your ideas for future topics are appreciated.

**Marty Podskosh presents The Connecticut 169 Club:
An Epic Road Trip!**

Thursday, Dec. 20 6:30 – 8 PM

The library is hosting a Power Point presentation and book signing by author and historian Marty Podskoch about his new book, *The Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut*. The new travel book encourages travelers to visit all of the towns and villages of our beautiful and unique state. His *Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memories & Legacy of the CCC* was published in 2016. He created this book to be a guide and a passport to explore his beautiful state.

December 2018

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday.

We will close at (3 PM), Monday, December 24, and be closed for New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.



The library will be closed for maintenance on January 7-9.



**Maple Road Branch ---New!!!
Opening scheduled for early December.**

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30
Located at the Mansfield Senior & Wellness Center, 303 Maple Road, Storrs.

This mini-branch features a reading lounge, a selection of the latest books, free Wi-Fi, a self-checkout station (bring your library card!), and a book drop.



Eliminating Fines, Promoting Access

As librarians, we want people to feel positive about visiting the library. We try to make your experience as pleasant as possible. After all, we are here to help YOU!

We are pleased to announce that starting January 1, 2019, the library will no longer be charging fines on most materials. There will be no fines on any children's materials, so there is no need for anyone to worry about how many books their child is taking out or any reason to stop a child from reading a book.

Now of course there are always a few extra rules and exceptions:

- We must follow the fine policy of the lending library for materials borrowed through the interlibrary system and collect fines if they require them. It's an agreement among all public libraries to do so.
- High use and high cost items such as tools, cake pans, electronic devices and museum passes will still be subject to fines.
- If you owe \$10 or more on your account, you will not be able to borrow any items until you bring that balance down below \$10.
- We will charge you to replace books and other materials that are out for too long (more than 2 weeks overdue). However, if you bring the item back in good condition, you won't owe us a dime.

Feeling uncomfortable about not paying a late fee? We will have a donation jar on the counter so you can assuage your guilt. Feel good and support your library at the same time.

It's all about access. For you. For the community we serve.

Children's Storytimes and Play Groups

All activities are free and open to the public. No registration required.



Toddler Time: No Toddler Time in December

Toddler Time will return in January.

Wonderful Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 AM

Stories, songs and simple crafts for young children with a caregiver.
December 5, 12

Family Storytime, 10:30-11:30 AM

Stories, songs and simple crafts for young children with a caregiver
Saturdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Holiday Happenings

Holiday Crafts for Kids

Thursday, Dec. 6, 4 – 5:30 PM

Drop in after school to make a variety of holiday ornaments and decorations. Plenty of festive fun for all ages!

Make Easy Puppets

December 27, 28, 31 1:30– 3 PM

You can make puppets out of just about anything! We'll try a variety of ideas including finger puppets, stick puppets, envelope puppets, sock and spoon puppets. Different projects each day so you can make lots of interesting puppet friends.



Storrs Farmers Market

The winter market begins Saturday, Dec. 1, 3-5 PM in the Buchanan Auditorium, and runs through April 2019.

Friends Holiday Book Sale

The Friends have put together a collection of special books that will make great holiday gifts. Stop in and browse!

At the Library Express

How to Beat the Cold and Flu Season!

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 – 8 PM

Do you run to the doctor as soon as you catch a cold? Are you tired of only being given antibiotics, if anything? Did you know there are many ways to prevent and treat respiratory infections naturally? Join Fran Storch, N.D., naturopathic physician, to find out natural ways to help yourself and your family!

Board Game Night at the Library Express!

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6– 9 PM

Enjoy board games in a fun and relaxed setting. Bring your own games or play one of ours. Teens (accompanied by an adult) and adults welcome.

The Library Express is located in the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center in downtown Storrs. You get 2 hours free parking in the garage.



Ongoing Programs

Foreign Film Tuesdays

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2PM

Library Program Room

We show films from around the world, titles not announced ahead of time.

Book Discussion Group

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:45 –8 PM.

Tuesday, Dec.11: *The Ponder Heart* by Eudora Welty

Tuesday, Jan. 15: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult

Thursday Film Discussion

Thursday, Dec. 13, 5 PM

We will be watching Sydney Pollack's 1969 film *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* Rated PG, but this is not a movie for children. Complimentary popcorn and filtered water.

Drop-In Knitting Group

Thursday, Dec. 20, 2– 4 PM

Come join us for an afternoon of social knitting and needlecraft.

Meditation and Yoga

Wednesdays , Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26
10– 11:30 AM

Open to anyone interested in meditation and yoga or just in a happier, healthier life.

