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MARCH 2019

HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday

9:30AM - 8PM

Thursday & Friday

9:30AM - 5PM

Saturday

9:30AM - 4PM

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LIBRARY NEWS

East Longmeadow Public Library now has three writing groups. Aspiring authors of all ages can come together and work with a facilitator and peers to let their imaginations run wild.

On the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 the **ELPL Writer's Group for Adults** meets in the library Conference Room. This group is a creative writing workshop open to writers of all levels of experience and confidence. You can drop into this group anytime. This month's meeting is on March 9th.

The **Teen Creative Writing Workshop** meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00. This group is genre inclusive from magical realism to poetry and memoir. The first hour is reserved for teens but for the second hour adults are welcome. Drop in on March 2nd.

Our newest writing group, **Creative Writing for Kids**, is for 3rd-5th graders. The facilitator will provide a writing prompt and our little authors can let their minds go. This group will meet monthly starting on March 22nd at 3:30. Registration is required for this group.

Grab a pen and paper and get writing!

Do you like a good story about adorable, lovable dogs? Author Peter Zheutlin will be at the library to tell stories from his book about rescue dogs. In support of this program we will be collecting pet food donations for TJ O'Connor Shelter during the month of March. Bring in a donation and be entered to win a gift certificate to Porter Road Pet Care in East Longmeadow. Peter Zheutlin will be in the library Community Room on March 20th at 6:00 pm.



BOOKS & BITS

Our staff loves a great read. So what are we reading these days?

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Borrowed by Lucia DiStefano

The Handmaids Tale by Margaret Atwood

Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Tenzin Gyatso, Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Winter Sister by Megan Collins

One staffer with a long commute is listening to an audio book:

The Likeness by Tana French



There is still time to participate in our PJ drive!

The East Longmeadow Public Library along with the Boston Bruins is collecting PJs for kids in need.

Drop off a new pair of PJs in any size and be entered to win a Charlie McAvoy, of the Boston Bruins, signed puck.

All PJs need to be dropped off by March 15th.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal of 200 PJs for kids in need!

MARCH EVENTS

Storytimes - Sponsored by Pathways for Parents (drop in)

Welcome Baby! - Mondays March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th @ 10:00 Birth - 12m
Books & Babies! - Mondays March 4th, 18th & 25th @ 10:30 Birth - 3
Music with Renee Coro - Monday March 11th @ 10:30 Birth - 3

Read to Cassie! (registration required)

Beginning and reluctant readers will enjoy reading to a reading therapy dog. Sign up for a 10-minute session.
Monday March 4th @ 4:30

Shake, Rattle & Read (drop in) Birth—2.5

Fun-filled storytime with books, fingerplays and more.
Fridays March 8th, 22nd & 29th @ 10:30

Yoga with Heather Monson (registration required) Ages 3-5

Join Heather Monson for playful expression with stories, music and movement.
Friday March 15th @ 10:30

Move with ME! (registration required) Ages 2-3

Join Mishel Mitus from Next Step Dance Studio for a guided movement class for toddlers and their caregivers.
Thursdays March 14th, 21st & 28th @ 10:00

Saturday Drop in Fun

Lego Saturday - March 2nd @ 10:00
Puzzle Saturday - March 9th @ 10:00
Pop-up Art Saturday - March 16th @ 10:00

Chess (Drop in)

Learn to play the game or get tips on how to improve. Ages 6+.
March 13th & 27th @ 4:00

Lunch & Movie - Ralph Breaks the Internet (Drop in)

Pack a lunch and join us for a movie. This movie is rated PG.
Wednesday March 13th @ 11:30



Spring Storytimes: March 4th—April 12th

Discover Time! (registration required)

Children (ages 3 to 6) will enjoy stories, songs, and crafts designed to help children develop listening and learning skills. Caregivers have the option to join in the fun!
Mondays @ 1:00 or Thursdays at 10:30

Tike Time! (registration required)

Youngsters (ages 2 to 3 1/2) along with a caregiver enjoy stories, movement, music and a special craft.
Tuesdays or Wednesdays @ 10:30

Pajama Night Storytime! (Drop in)

Lisa Dakin Principal of Meadow Brook will be reading stories. All ages will love this storytime filled with great books and a craft. Remember to wear your PJs!
Tuesday March 12th @ 6:30

Art Club (registration required)

Join Ms. Jaime for some beautiful and unique crafts. This month we will create mandala turtles. 3rd grade & up.
Friday March 15th @ 3:30

Creative Writing for Kids (registration required) NEW

Calling all boys and girls in 3rd-5th grade who love to read & write! We'll dig deep into your imagination with a writer's prompt and help you dream big! Come with an open mind and be ready to have fun!
Meets monthly starting Friday March 22nd @ 3:30-4:30

Book Groups (registration required) (See our website for book selection)

Kindergarten Klub - Monday March 18th @ 4:30
1st Grade - Tuesday March 19th @ 4:30
2nd Grade - Monday March 18th @ 4:30
3rd & 4th Grade - Tuesday March 12th @ 4:30
5th Grade and up - Tuesday March 19th @ 6:30

After School SMASH (drop in)

Come play Nintendo Switch on our big screen. Or watch the game play and do a craft. Teens grades 6-12.
March 7th & 21st @ 2:30-4:00

Teen Creative Writing Workshop (drop in) New Format

Join an instructor and your peers to work on all writing genres. First hour for teens. Second hour adults welcome. Meets the first Saturday of the month.
Saturday March 2nd @ 10:00—12:00

Yoga for Middle Schoolers (register)

A fun and relaxing yoga session geared towards 11-14 year olds.
Thursdays, March 14th & 28th @ 3:00-4:00

Teen Paint & Snack (register)

Guided by artist Jenny Voight, students will work at individual easels to create their own masterpiece. This program is for students in grades 6 - 12.
Saturday, March 9th @ 11:00



ELPL Teen Advisory Board (register)

Join us and design programs for teens, share ideas, recommend library materials! Earn community service hours. For teens ages 12 - 18. There will be snacks!
Wednesday, March 27th, 6:00 PM

March Movie Madness (drop-in)

A Star is Born on March 8th @ 2:00
Instant Family on March 15th @ 1:00

Great Decisions (register)

America's largest discussion program on world affairs will have two sessions this month. The two topics are Nuclear Negotiations on March 5th and The Rise of Populism in Europe on March 26th. Join us for a lively and informative discussion. Funded by the Anastasia N. Manitsas Memorial Speaker Fund.
Tuesdays March 5th & 26th @ 6:00

ELPL Writer's Group (drop in)

Monthly creative writing workshop open to writers at all levels of experience and confidence.
Saturday March 9th 10:30AM - 12:30 PM

Pottery Demonstration (register)

Hands on demonstration will allow everyone to feel a dry and wet pot as it rotates on the wheel. Everyone will make a pinch pot to take home! Sponsored by the EL Cultural Council.
For ages 5+, teens and adults.
Saturday, March 16th 1:00-2:30

Chapter Chat & Lunch Book Group (drop in)

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn
Join us for a lunchtime discussion of this book. Historical fiction about a woman's spy network in WWI and an American girl post WWII looking for her cousin.
Thursday March 28th @ 12:30



What Do Rescue Dogs Teach Us (register)

Rescue dogs can teach us a lot about life, love and ourselves. Author Peter Zheutlin will tell stories from his book *Rescued* of happy families who have adopted rescue dogs. We will be collecting donations of pet food for a local shelter in during the month of March.
Wednesday, March 20th 6:00

Register for all programs at eastlongmeadowlibrary.org, or call 525-5400 x 1511, or stop by the library.

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