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APRIL 2019

## HOURS:

**Monday - Wednesday**

9:30AM - 8PM

**Thursday & Friday**

9:30AM - 5PM

**Saturday**

9:30AM - 4PM

Closed for Holidays:

Monday April 15th and

Friday April 19th

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### What's new for Tweens and Teens at the Library?

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group of teens who participate in and influence the functioning of the library, especially for teen programming and library materials. TAB is a forum for teens' opinions and suggestions to be heard. Participants can also earn community service hours. If you are 12-18 years old, can commit to at least one hour a month and want to make the library a great space for people your age, come join our group. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 23rd at 2:30 pm.

TAB has put together some craft afternoons that are very popular. Last month we made bath fizzies and this month we are decorating cell phone cases and mason jars on April 5th. If you have a craft idea that you would like to share, let the TAB know!

Twice a month we have an enthusiastic group play Nintendo Switch on the big screen in our Community Room. The kids organize a Mario Bros. Super Smash tournament and have some after-school fun. Join the gamers on Thursdays April 4th or 18th.

The new Teen Book Club is called **The Teen Literary Alliance** and we are off and reading our first book, *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco. A gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, where an intrepid society girl finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper. The book can be checked out at our Circulation Desk and the meeting to discuss it is on April 30th at 3:00.

All students ages 12 -18 are encouraged to come to the library and see what great resources we have for our community.

## BOOKS & BITS

### Audiobooks

The popularity of audiobooks continues to be on the rise. Listen to a book while driving, while folding laundry, while resting your eyes for a mid-afternoon nap. We are a multitasking loving society!

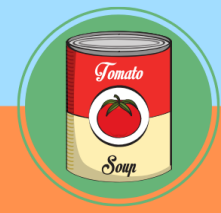
There are three ways to check out audiobooks from the library. They come in CDs to play in a car or CD player. We also have Playaways which are handheld devices to listen with headphones. An even more popular way to get an audiobook is to download it to your phone or tablet using the Overdrive or Libby app.



Next time you are at the library stop by the Information Desk and ask about downloading an audiobook. Or grab a "how to" pamphlet at the Circulation Desk.

## EAST LONGMEADOW PUBLIC LIBRARY

# FOOD FOR FINES



APRIL 2019  
ALL MONTH

HELP FEED OUR  
COMMUNITY!

**DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, WE WILL WAIVE \$1.00 IN OVERDUE FINES\* FOR EVERY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OR PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEM YOU DONATE AT THE LIBRARY! DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE EAST LONGMEADOW FOOD PANTRY.**

**Suggested donations: cereal, pasta sauce, protein-rich foods like tuna or peanut butter, canned pasta/meals, personal hygiene products.**

\*OFFER DOES NOT APPLY TO CHARGES FOR LOST OR BILLED ITEMS.

# APRIL EVENTS

## Storytimes - Sponsored by Pathways for Parents (drop in)

Welcome Baby! - Mondays April 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th @ 10:00 Birth - 12m  
Books & Babies! - Mondays April 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th @ 10:30 Birth - 3  
Music with Renee Coro - Monday April 8th @ 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 April 1st @ 4:30

## Shake, Rattle & Read (drop in) Birth—3

Fun-filled storytime with books, fingerplays and more.  
Friday April 12th @ 10:30

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

Join Heather Monson for playful expression with stories, music and movement.  
Friday April 5th @ 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 4th, 11th & 25th @ 10:00

## Saturday Drop in Fun

Lego Saturday - April 6th @ 10:00  
Puzzle Saturday - April 13th @ 10:00  
Board Game Saturday - April 27th @ 10:00

## After School Smash (drop in)

Come play Nintendo Switch on our big screen. Teens in grades 6-12.  
April 4th & 18th @ 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 April 6th @ 10:00 — 12:00

## Crafts for Teens (register)

Two fun crafts: BYO phone case to decorate & DIY fun and creative mason jars.  
Friday April 5th @ 2:30-4:00

## Springtime Gardening Programs (drop in)

**Composting**— The EL Recycling Coordinator will demonstrate composting.  
Saturday March 30th @ 10:00-11:30 am

**Seed Saving & A Seed Exchange**—A presentation from a local CSA and a Q&A on seed saving. Bring in any of your gardening seeds to share.

Saturday April 6th @ 10:00-11:30 am

**Gardening for the Birds, Butterflies and Other Pollinators**—Master Gardener, George Kingston, will give a presentation on gardening for pollinators.

Monday April 8th @ 6:00-7:30 pm

## Learn about Homeopathy—Film and Q&A (register)

*Just One Drop* is a film about the little known story of homeopathy: the most controversial system of medicine. The film explores the controversy, reveals the history and dispels the myths and misconceptions. The Q&A will be led by a certified Homeopath.

Wednesday April 10th @ 6:00-8:00 pm

## Friday Flicks: Green Book. (drop in)

Best Picture Winner. A white bouncer bonds with a black musician while chauffeuring him around Jim Crow South. Rated PG-13  
Friday April 12th @ 1:00

## ELPL Writer's Group (drop in)

Monthly creative writing workshop open to writers at all levels of experience and confidence. Saturday April 13th @ 10:30AM - 12:30 PM

## Dinner & a Movie - (registration required)

Join us for pizza and a movie *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. Rated PG  
Tuesday April 16th @ 5:30

## Chess (Drop in)

Learn to play the game or get tips on how to improve. Ages 6+.  
April 10th & 24th @ 4:00

## Pajama Night Storytime! (Drop in)

Mrs. O, librarian at 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 April 9th @ 6:30

## Art Club (registration required)

Join Ms. Jaime for some beautiful and unique crafts. 3rd grade & up.  
Friday April 12th @ 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. Friday April 26th @ 3:30-4:30

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

Kindergarten Klub - Monday April 22nd @ 4:30

1st Grade - Tuesday April 23rd @ 4:30

2nd Grade - Monday April 22nd @ 4:30

3rd & 4th Grade - Tuesday April 9th @ 4:30

5th Grade and up - Tuesday April 23rd @ 6:30

## 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, April 23rd @ 2:30 PM

## Teen Literary Alliance Book Group

Join our new Teen Book Club. *We are reading, Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco. Books available at the Circulation Desk.  
Tuesday April 30th @ 3:00-4:00

## Great Decisions (register)

America's largest discussion program on world affairs will have two sessions this month. The two topics are Decoding U.S.- China Trade on April 9th and Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics on April 30th. Join us for a lively and informative discussion. Funded by the Anastasia N. Manitsas Memorial Speaker Fund.  
Tuesdays April 9th & 30th @ 6:00

## Chapter Chat & Lunch Book Group (drop in)

**The Couple Next Door** by Shari Lapena

Join us for a discussion of this suspenseful book. Books can be checked out at the Circulation Desk.

Thursday April 25th @ 12:30



## Youth Mental Health First Aid Community Training—(register)

For adults who have contact with youth (ages 12-25). Participants will learn the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents and how to help youth experiencing these challenges. Must attend the two day sessions.  
Saturday April 27th and May 4th @ 9:00-1:00

## Reiki—(register)

Learn about this alternative healing method of touch. Presented by A Wondering Spirit of East Longmeadow.  
Monday April 29th @ 6:00 pm

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