

Friday, Sept. 24 - Thursday, Sept. 30
Climate Preparedness Week
The Weather is Changing: Are You Prepared?

Presented by the Pioneer and Farmington Valley Library Collaborative, Voices Rising Together's Climate and Environmental Justice group, and Communities Responding to Extreme Weather

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

All week while supplies last - Make and Take Herb Garden (in person). Adults and teens, stop by the West Springfield Public Library, 200 Park Street, West Springfield, MA to make a grow-your-own-herb kit. Kits include seeds, a biodegradable pot, and a handy peat pellet. For more information, contact West Springfield Public Library, www.wspl.org, (413) 736-4561.

2 - 3 p.m. - How to Prepare for Climate Change: A Practical Guide for Surviving the Chaos (Zoom only). Join science correspondent and New York Times bestselling author David Pogue as he offers sensible advice on how to prepare for climate turbulence ahead. In his book, Pogue walks readers through what to grow, what to eat, how to build, how to insure, where to invest, how to prepare children and pets, and even where to consider relocating. He provides tips for managing anxiety, as well as action plans for riding out every climate catastrophe from superstorms and wildfires to ticks and epidemics. Hosted by the Massachusetts Library System. [Register here.](#)

3 - 4:30 p.m. - "Chasing Ice" Film and Discussion (in person). Relax in the Westfield Athenaeum's spacious, tiered theater while watching the Emmy-winning documentary, "Chasing Ice." In this film, National Geographic photographer James Balog uses time-lapse images to show stunning vistas of untouched, arctic land while capturing dramatic glacial melt. Discussion following the film will be facilitated by Lise LeTellier, who is both a science teacher and director of Granville Public Library. Sponsored by the Pioneer and Farmington Valley Library Collaborative and the Westfield Athenaeum, 6 Elm Street, Westfield, MA, (413) 568-7833. [Register here.](#)

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Science Rocks! Making Biodegradable Plastic (in person). Learn how and why the climate is changing, and about new research in biodegradable plastics which may offer solutions to reducing future plastic waste. Then, experiment with making your own biodegradable plastic out of milk and vinegar. Children ages 9-12 welcome. Sponsored by the West Springfield Public Library, 200 Park Street, West Springfield, MA, (413) 736-4561. [Register here.](#)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

9 a.m. - Hawk Watch! (in person, outdoors). Join the Allen Bird Club's John Weeks atop Granville's beautiful Blueberry Hill. At this outdoor library program, you'll enjoy fresh air and soul-centering views while spotting majestic birds of prey as they ride air currents toward their winter migratory homes. Sensible footwear, bug and tick prevention, and the ability to walk up a moderate, quarter mile incline are necessary. Blueberry Hill is on North Lane (off route 57) in Granville and is searchable on Google Maps. All participants must sign a waiver, and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Southwick Public Library, www.southwickma.org/library, (413) 569-1221. Register by emailing southwicklibrary@comcast.net.

10:30 a.m. - Children's Story Hour (in person). Interactive storytelling introducing simple ways kids can help create a healthy climate. Sponsored by Granville Public Library, 2 Granby Road, Granville, MA, Granvill@cwmars.org , (413) 357-8531.

MONDAY, SEPT. 27

7 p.m. - Code Red For Humanity: Understanding Global Warming's Risks & What Each Of Us Can Do (Zoom only). Dr. Carsten Braun, a climate scientist at WSU, will explore with us the science underlying climate change, the current and anticipated impacts, and what we can do individually and collectively to make a difference. There'll be ample time for Q& A. Sponsored by the Pioneer and Farmington Valley Library Collaborative and Voices Rising Together's Climate and Environmental Justice subcommittee. Email Voices Rising Together at jmiserve183@gmail.com to register.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

All day while supplies last - Make and Take Mini Planters (in person). Older children and teens, swing into the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA to use your DIY talents to paint or embellish an adorable mini planter to bring home. Please call to reserve your craft as supplies are limited. 413-789-1550 X3.

2:30 p.m. - Teens Outsmart Disposables for a Better World (in person). Take a bite out of the planet's plastic problem by making your own, edible water bottle. Join other teens in mixing up this fun recipe for sustainability. Sponsored by Southwick Public Library, www.southwickma.org/southwick-public-library, (413) 569-1221.

6 p.m. - Teen Trivia Night, (Zoom only). Join us for a fun, online trivia game where you'll test your knowledge of climate change and maybe even learn something in the process. What's the difference between weather and climate? How much carbon dioxide does the average American add to the atmosphere each year? Come find out! Participants will need a secondary device (phone or tablet) to submit their answers. Families and individuals in grade 5 and above are encouraged to play along. Sponsored by Agawam Public Library, www.agawamlibrary.org, (413) 789-1550. [Register here.](#)

6:30 p.m. - Cookbook Club, (in person). This tasty book club invites people to borrow a copy of "In the Green Kitchen" by Alice Waters, then make one regular-sized recipe for other participants to try at the Southwick Public Library. Ms. Waters is a sustainable cooking advocate who champions recipes that use fresh, locally grown, and in-season foods. Please be advised: neither the food served at the cookbook club and prepared in home kitchens, nor the library facilities, have been inspected by the state or local public health agency. Registration required - please do so by emailing the name of the recipe you'll make to Southwick Public Library, southwicklibrary@comcast.net, or by calling (413) 569-1221.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

4 - 5 p.m. - Mindful Outdoor Experience with Colleen Mollica, (in person on the Granville Public Library lawn). Deepen your relationship with nature and yourself, manage stress, and begin to reestablish a reciprocal relationship with the earth. This mindful outdoor experience (MOE) uses present-moment awareness, deep breathing, and conscious movement to help participants awaken their senses and receive the healing properties of nature. Suitable for teens and adults. Sponsored by

Granville Public Library, 2 Granby Road, Granville, MA, www.granville_public_library.org. Registration encouraged by contacting the library at Granvill@cwmars.org (413) 357-8531.

6 - 7:30 p.m. - *Becoming an Outdoor Citizen with John Judge, AMC President, (Zoom only)*. In “The Outdoor Citizen: Get Out, Give Back, Get Active” (Apollo Publishers, 2019), author and Appalachian Mountain Club President John Judge states, “We desperately need an outdoor-centric action plan for people to reconnect with the natural world and care for it.” Through this discussion, participants will learn more about outdoor cities, sustainable food, new energy models, environmental advocacy, and spotlights of success from across the world. Sponsored by Granville Public Library and Simsbury, CT Public Library. Please [register here](#) with Simsbury Public Library, www.simsburylibrary.info, (860) 658-7663.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

6:30 p.m. - *Resilience and Preparedness in a Changing Climate, (Zoom only)*. This panel discussion will offer local, factual information regarding severe weather changes, how individuals and communities can prepare for natural emergencies, and what we can do to help stave off the most threatening effects. Panelists will include representatives from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, a forest consultant, and more. Sponsored by Agawam and Granville Public Libraries. [Register here](#) through Agawam Public Library, www.agawamlibrary.org, (413) 789-1550.

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