SUMMER READING STARTS JUNE 15!
For ALL Ages!
Sign Up and READ!

Earn prizes for reading, participating, and having fun while celebrating this summer’s theme, Tails & Tales!

Runs June 15-August 28

**Adult Summer Reading Program**

Join us for an exciting season with our Tails & Tales Adult Summer Reading Program! From tall tales to knight’s tales and tail spins to fractured fairy tales, GPL has you covered. We’ve partnered with Groton Conservation Trust for even more fun and adventure with T(R)ails & Tales!

Sign up online on June 15! You will need your library card and PIN. Then, read or listen to adult or young adult books and record online. Earn prizes, chances to win a weekly prize drawing, and support a local charity with your reading.

For every five books you read, the GPL Endowment Trust will donate $2 to New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of marine wildlife in the coastal waters around Cape Cod and south Massachusetts. Complete our Tails and Tales Reading Challenge to adopt a local marine animal.

**Adult Summer Reading is generously supported by the GPL Endowment Trust.**

Information as of June 1, 2021; please check gpl.org for updates.
Michael Twitty Event, Thu, June 10 at 7 pm
Michael Twitty discusses his James Beard Award-winning 2018 Book of the Year, The Cooking Gene. In this unique memoir, Michael starts to trace his family history through the story of Southern and American food. Using genetic research, historic interpretation, nature study, heirloom gardening, and interviews with contemporary voices in food, his journey led him back to his family’s origins in West & Central Africa. More about Michael at afroculinaria.com.

Books, Boots, and Bridles: The Story of the Horse Back Librarians, Tue, June 15 at 7 pm
Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, shares the story of the Pack Horse Library initiative, a little known program of FDR’s Work Progress Administration (WPA). Its mission, carried out almost entirely by women, was to deliver and distribute reading materials to the far off corners of Appalachia during the darkest hours of the Great Depression.

Summer Kick-Off Event: The Art of Storytelling with Len Cabral, Thu, June 17 at 7 pm
Len Cabral will share his unique tales in an entertaining evening for all! Len is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning storyteller and author who has been engaging audiences young and old for decades. Len uses stories as a way to help us connect with one another no matter where we’re from or where our ancestors came from.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s, Thu, June 24 at 7 pm
This education program will help you recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others, and includes next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor. Presented in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association and the Haverhill Public Library.

Felt an Otter with Rachel Benson, Thu, June 24 at 7 pm
Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others. Participants will create an otter in coordination with our Summer Reading theme of Tales and Tails. Create a needle felted project to be proud of with talented fiber artist, Rachel Benson.

Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Go with Marjorie Turner Hollman, Tue, June 29 at 7 pm
Author of four Easy Walking books, Marjorie Turner Hollman will offer local places to go, as well as lots of suggestions, experience, and ideas to help you have a more positive experience in the outdoors. This presentation is especially appropriate for elders, those with disabilities, and families with young children who hope to use strollers while sharing the outdoors with their little ones.

Old Wives Tales and Science with Professor Mike Cross, Thu, July 1 at 7 pm
Mike Cross discusses common myths classified as TRUE or FALSE based on scientific evidence. Is it dangerous to hold your sneeze? Does cracking the knuckles really cause arthritis? Does eating carrots help with vision? Can you swim immediately after eating? Find out the answers and more with this entertaining and engaging professor!
ADULT EVENTS ON ZOOM (unless otherwise noted)

Lobster Tails, Cocktails, and Mocktails with Liz Barbour, Thu, July 8 at 7 pm
Join Liz Barbour from The Creative Feast for this virtual cooking class on how to steam your lobster for the best tasting results. Liz will demonstrate a delicious recipe featuring the lobster tail—and of course you’ll need something special to drink with that! Liz will shake up the perfect cocktail/mocktail to go along with this New England recipe.

A Walk through History with Alison O’Leary, Tue, July 13 at 7 pm
A hike is more than a stroll in the woods when you know how the land was used in the past. Author Alison O’Leary will use maps and historic photos to describe day trip destinations with historical significance and interesting features in Eastern Massachusetts.

Flower Arranging Workshop with Heather Allen, Tue, August 3 at 7 pm
Create your own unique arrangement with guidance from a professional studio florist! Heather will provide detailed instructions along with all the materials needed to complete a beautiful display.

Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises in New England Waters, Thu, August 5 at 7 pm
Join Carol “Krill” Carson for a fun evening on whales, dolphins and porpoises that are found off our New England shores. Krill is a marine biologist and Founder and President of the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA), an all-volunteer nonprofit based in Middleborough, MA. Learn about the long-term research program on humpback whales and information scientists are learning through this community effort.

Groton Turtles: Tales of Persistence & Peril with Groton Turtle Conservation, Tue, August 10 at 7 pm
Take a deep dive into the biology, behavior, habitats, threats, and local conservation efforts surrounding turtles in the Groton area. Groton Turtle Conservation Representatives will discuss ways you can help turtles locally.

Comets and Space Tales with Amanda Thompson, Thu, August 12 at 7 pm
Halley’s Comet, Hale-Bopp, ISON, and more! Comets have fascinated humanity since before history was recorded. Strange and persistent lights in the sky were seen as portents of doom, harbingers of good luck, or simply objects of fascination. In this talk, we’ll explore the history of comets, as well as NASA’s recent efforts to study these cosmic wanderers up close. Come celebrate the tales and tails of the sky!

Canning, Freezing, and Dehydrating, Tue, August 17 at 7 pm
Too much production from your garden this year? No problem! A Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens instructor will show you the easiest and best ways to preserve it.

WHALEMOBILE, Library Parking Lot, Sat, August 28 at 10:30 am
Come hear a TALE about a WHALE from Cynde McInnis! She will talk about her favorite whales and how scientists study humpbacks (by the patterns on their TAILS.) Cynde comes with the life-sized Whalemobile, which we hope to go inside. Summer Reading Finale for all ages.

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**FOR KIDS AGES 3 THROUGH GRADE 4**

Earn up to 10 BRAG TAGS and show them off on your choice of a necklace or key ring.

1. **Sign up in Children’s.** Receive a necklace or keyring for your brag tags and a registration packet.
2. **Set a goal & READ.** How much are you going to read each week? Parents: help your child come up with a realistic reading goal. **Make it fun!**
3. **Get BRAG TAGS!** Come to Children’s once a week for 1 NEW BRAG TAG & two spacer beads, 1 weekly raffle ticket, & 1 Grand Prize raffle ticket.
4. **Extra Incentives:** Try LETTERBOXING in the garden and field for 5 extra weekly raffle tickets and an ice cream coupon!

**FOR KIDS AGES 18 MONTHS THROUGH 2 YEARS**

Earn 10 SPECIAL STICKERS and show them off in your very own sticker book!

1. **Sign up in Children’s.** Receive a sticker book and registration packet.
2. **Parents, read to your child this summer.** Make it fun!
3. **Get stickers!** Come to Children’s once a week for 1 sticker, 1 weekly raffle ticket, & 1 Grand Prize raffle ticket. The raffle prizes are age appropriate.
4. **Extra Incentive:** Try LIBRARY BINGO for extra weekly raffle tickets and ice cream coupon!

**FOR 5TH GRADERS:**

NEW READING CHALLENGE for 5th graders! Earn weekly BADGES by completing 10 challenges. Each challenge is named for an animal that has visited or passed through the Library or garden. Five challenges relate to using the library online catalog and databases so you will learn some new skills. The other five challenges are LETTERBOXING in the garden and field. In addition to the challenges, 5th graders should continue to strive to meet their reading goal.

1. **Sign up in Children’s.** Receive a lanyard and a registration packet.
2. **Receive a weekly email** with a link to the challenge to complete.
3. **Set a goal & READ!** Read each week in addition to completing the challenges.
4. **Get BADGES!** Come to Children’s once a week for 1 NEW BADGE, 1 weekly raffle ticket, & 1 Grand Prize raffle ticket.

*SIGN UP FOR A LIMITED TIME: JUNE 15—JULY 17.*

After July 17, you can still sign up for Library Letterboxing, raffle tickets, and prizes for weeks 6 & 10.

**HOW TO SIGN UP:**

Visit the GPL Children’s Room or Window. You only need ONE library card if you have multiple children. Children under 6 use a parent’s card.

**SPECIAL PRIZE WEEKS:**

Week 3: July 6—July 10, Week 6: July 27—July 31, Week 10: August 24—28

Limited supplies—retroactive weekly prizes may not be available

Facebook: @GPLChildrensMA
Instagram: @gplchildrensma

Your reading can help support wild animals!
EXCITING EVENTS: VIRTUAL & IN PERSON!

Events are subject to change. Check gpl.org for the latest information. Register for ALL events @ GPL.ORG. Preference given to Groton residents. Non-residents may sign up 2 days before events, space permitting. Age requirements per the performer’s guidelines. For IN-PERSON events, please bring your own chairs/blankets.

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<td><strong>Pajama Storytime in the Garden for Ages 3 and Up (I).</strong> 2 Thursdays, 6-6:45 PM: July 1 and August 5. Enjoy an evening storytime in the garden with GPL Children’s librarians . . . in your pajamas!</td>
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<td><strong>Mother Goose in the Garden: Storytime for Ages 0-2 (I).</strong> 4 Wednesdays, 10:30-11 AM: July 14 &amp; 28, August 11 &amp; 25. This is a small gathering of caregivers and children ages 0-2 in the garden behind the Library.</td>
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<td><strong>Tails &amp; Tales Craft to Go. All ages. June 22-August 24.</strong> Join us for a summer full of Tails &amp; Tales crafts! Sign up once for the series. Pick up kit weekly. Miss Nancy video instruction provided on FB @GPLChildrensMA.</td>
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<td><strong>First Chapter Friday with Miss Kelsey! July 2-August 20. Recommended for Grades 3-5.</strong> Want to find your next best book? Miss Kelsey makes it easy for you. She will read the first chapter of a new book for you every Friday. Sign up to receive an email every week with the latest episode.</td>
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<td><strong>Tails &amp; Tales Letterboxing Challenge! Starts June 22.</strong> In the Children’s Room we have many tales about real animals (some with tails and some without) that have been seen at the library. Some of the animals live in the garden and/or the adjacent fields near the library, while others were just passing through. In honor of those tails, the 5 letterbox themes have a tale to go with it. Sign up online to receive clues bi-weekly in your email, or stop by the Children’s Room for each clue. <em>(Letterboxing is a bit like treasure hunting!)</em></td>
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<td><strong>Coding Class with Iman: Learn Scratch! Ages 9-12 (V).</strong> Mondays, 4-5 PM: June 21, July 5 &amp; 19, August 2 &amp; 16. Scratch is a computer programming language that makes it easy and fun to create interactive stories, games and animations and share them online. Designed for beginner programmers. Sign up once for the series.</td>
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<td><strong>Mon, July 19 – Toys in a Box: Print Your Name on a Key Chain (V)</strong> 3-4 PM</td>
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<td>**Tues, July 27 – Jungle Jim’s “Tails &amp; Tales” Balloon Magic Show (V) 10:30-11 AM</td>
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<td>**Thurs, Aug 12 – Liz &amp; Andrea: Butterflies, Frogs, &amp; Flowers (V) 10:30-11:00 AM</td>
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<td><strong>Wed, Aug 18 – Animals Adventures (I)</strong> 11 AM-12 PM</td>
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YA@GPL SUMMER

Teen Summer Reading Program
for Grades 6–12
June 15–August 28

Sign up @ gpl.org to record books online.
Earn a prize for every 2 books you read AND help earn a donation to the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance for animal adoptions!

Grand Prize Raffle for an iPad!

ANIMAL PROGRAMS

Flying High-Dogs! All Ages, Thurs. June 17, Library Park, shows at 11 am or 1 pm
The Weirdest Things Animals Do and Why! (Grades 6-12) Wed. June 30, 7-8 pm on Zoom
Animal Escape Room: Whose Poop Is That? (Grades 6-12) Wed. July 7, 6:30-7:30 pm, Zoom
Sea Turtle Rescue talk with Krill Carson (Grades 6-Adult) Tue. July 13, 7-8 pm on Zoom
Animal Escape Room: What Big Cat Is That? (Grades 6-12) Wed. July 28, 6:30-7:30 pm on Zoom
Whalemobile! All Ages, Sat. Aug. 28, 10:30 am in the library parking lot

ARTS & CRAFTS

Felting a Whale with Rachel Benson (Grades 6-12) Thurs. June 24, 3-4:30 pm
Painting a Dolphin Class with Pop-Up Art School (Grades 6-12) Wed. July 21, 3-4:30 pm
Take & Make Pet Treats with Mandy (Grades 6-12) Thurs. July 22, 4:30-5:30 pm
Perler Bead Animals with Amy Loveless (Grades 5-8) Thurs. Aug. 5, 3-4 pm
Multimedia Turtle Art with Sherry Hoffman (Grades 6-12) Thurs. Aug. 12, 3-4 pm
All held IN PERSON in Sibley Hall

GAMES

Minecraft Meet Up on Zoom. (Grades 5-10) Wednesdays 3-4:30 pm on 6/9, 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, & 8/25
Game Club: “Among Us” on Zoom. Grades 6-12. Every Friday. 3:30-4:30 pm.

STEM

Intermediate Coding Classes: Intro to C++ for Ages 12 and up. 5 Classes on Zoom.
Mondays 4-4:45 pm on 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, & 8/23
Robotics BattleBot Tournament (Grades 5-12) Thursdays, July 29 and August 26, 3-4:30 pm in Sibley Hall

SWEET SUMMERTIME!

Make No Churn Ice-Cream and Hot–Fudge Sauce (Grades 6-12) on Zoom on Monday July 12, 6-7 pm.
Make No-Bake Chocolate Tarts (Grades 6-12) on Zoom on Monday August 23, 6-7 pm.

The Young Adult Summer Reading Program is generously supported by the Groton Public Library Endowment Trust.
ZOOM IN & JOIN THE DISCUSSION! ADULT GROUPS AT GPL!

- **GPL BOOK GROUP** meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm on June 22. July & August TBD.
- **MYSTERY BOOK GROUP** meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday, with two meeting options:
  Meet in person at the Groton Center at 1:30 pm (space limited) or via Zoom at 7 pm
- **GREAT BOOKS GROUP** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm
  While we read serious literature, our discussions are fun and casual.
- **COOKBOOK CLUB** meets every other month on a Thursday at 7 pm
  Join us as we will delve into different cultures, techniques, and more.
- **PLANT-BASED EATING CLUB** meets the first Wednesday at 7 pm
  A great place to explore non-meat options or the entire lifestyle.
- **GPL KNITTING GROUP** meets every Thursday at 1:30 pm. GPL/Garden/Zoom.
  Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project.

Several NEW Groups coming this fall!

LIFELONG LEARNING @ THE LIBRARY

**SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP** meets two Tuesdays per month (usually 1st & 3rd) year-round, at 7 pm on Zoom. Have fun while you learn and practice! Led by a native speaker and Spanish teacher, VERÓNICA MAZZU. Summer dates: Jun 1 & 15, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17. Sponsored by the GPL Endowment Trust.

Find your inspiration, connect with other writers, and have a good time, too!

- **WRITING CRITIQUE GROUP** for All Genres. Two Different Monthly Groups:
  Third Tuesday, 6-8 pm OR Fourth Wednesday, 6-8 pm.
- **BODIES IN THE LIBRARY** for Mystery Writers. First & Third Wednesday of Every Month, 4:30-6:30 pm.
  Advice and encouragement from others who love all forms of the mystery genre.

Held in partnership with the Seven Bridges Writers’ Cooperative (SBWC), these groups are for writers interested in feedback, support, and revision. Email SBWC at 7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com to register. For more information, go to sevenbridge.org.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

*Why should kids have all the fun?* Each month GPL offers interactive activities just for grown ups! Online trivia each week, monthly art projects to go, and a spice club to explore cultures of the world!

As a special offering this summer, GPL is partnering with **Groton Conservation Trust** for a fun spin on the summer reading theme. We will be encouraging patrons to combine reading and outdoor exploration with our **T(R)ails and Tales** program. Information to come, with hikes, talks, books, and more to be included.

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