

# GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FALL 2025 NEWS & EVENTS

### LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Sundays at 2:30 pm IN PERSON. Free and for all ages!

#### September 21 – Nissitissit String Quartet

The Nissitissit String Quartet (NSQ) offers their take on "For the Love of Music" with its signature range of styles – fiddle tunes, folk favorites, jazz standards, pop, rock, Broadway, and Hollywood. The quartet blends compositions about love with music that the members dearly love.



#### October 19 – AJ and the Groove

After making musical connections and friendships during the Groton Hill Jazz Jam, AJ and the Groove was formed in spring 2025. Led by Westford's very own Anita "AJ" Wood, you'll hear jazz standards (often with a twist) played with passion.

#### November 16 – TBD (But sure to be great!)

*Made possible by a grant from the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.*



**Groton Public Library**

**99 Main Street**

**Groton, MA 01450**

**GPL Programs Are  
Free and Open to All**

For more information on programs and to sign up:

- \* View our calendar at [gpl.org](http://gpl.org)
- \* Email [info@gpl.org](mailto:info@gpl.org)
- \* Call us @ 978-448-1167

*All events generously supported by the GPL Endowment Trust and the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.*

### Local Impact of Federal Funding Cuts to Libraries

On **March 14, 2025**, the President signed **Executive Order 14238**, eliminating the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**—the main source of federal funding for libraries nationwide.

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#### In Massachusetts, this change means:

- Annual federal support of **\$3.6 million** for statewide services has ended.
- Funding for statewide research databases dropped from **\$2.2 million** to **\$500,000**.
- As of **July 1, 2025**, many databases are no longer available, though the most-used resources have been preserved—at least for this year.

At the **Groton Public Library**, we are working to fill these gaps. We continue to subscribe to additional resources for Groton residents, including **Hoopla**, **Kanopy**, **Freegal**, **Consumer Reports**, **Ancestry** (in library use only), and more. You can explore all available databases at [gpl.org/resources/databases-a-to-z](http://gpl.org/resources/databases-a-to-z).

Federal funding has also supported:

- **Early learning and family programs**
- **English language and citizenship classes**
- **Small business and workforce development**
- **Accessibility services for people with vision loss**
- **Hands-on learning through museum and cultural centers**
- **Professional training for librarians across the Commonwealth**

*Also— see how to get a Boston Public Library e-Card on page 9.*

While these cuts pose real challenges, we at GPL remain committed to providing access to high-quality resources, learning opportunities, and support for all in our community.

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*Information as of August 20, 2025. Check our calendar for updates and to sign up, or call 978-448-1167.*

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sign up at [gpl.org](http://gpl.org). Groton residents given first preference.

### For All Ages

**Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time.** A new craft every week in the Children's Room—drop in for some freestyle crafting!

**STEM Take and Make.** Oct. thru May. For PreK-Grade 5. Explore simple STEM activities at home! Sign up to receive your take-home kit the first Tuesday of each month. Limit of 3 per family. Pick up at GPL within a week. *Priority given to Groton residents.*

### CHILDREN'S CLOSED for CARPETING September 6-12

Children's Closes on Sat. Sept. 6 at 1 pm.  
Reopens on Sat. Sept. 13 at 10 am.

*We apologize most sincerely for  
any unhappy children!*

### For Babies through Preschool

#### Special Events

**All the Water on Earth Storytime with the NRWA. Ages 3-5.** Tuesday, Sept. 2, 10:30-11:30 am. Join Gaynor Bigelbach of the Nashua River Watershed Association for a storytime that explores water in our community!

**Firefighter Storytime with Groton Firefighters. All Ages.** Thursday, Sept. 18, 1-2 pm. Come meet a Groton Firefighter, hear a story, then touch a truck!



**Tales & Tunes for Tots.** Story and music time for infants and preschoolers with popular entertainers: Friday, Oct. 3, 10:30-11:15 am: **Rockabye Beats.** Friday, Dec. 5, 10:30-11:15 am: **Evan Haller.**

**Chatting with Chicks with Good Pickin' Farm. All Ages.** Friday, Nov. 7, 10:30-11:30 am. Hear stories and interact with chicks during this delightful storytime!



#### Morning Events

**Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2.** Wednesdays, starting Sept. 17, at 10:30-11 am **OR** 11:15-11:45 am. If the weather is nice, we will be outside in the garden.



**Tinker Time for Tots Ages 3-5.** Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am, on Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18. Join us for some hands-on sensory play.

**Storytime with Miss Jacquie ("Strega Mama") for Ages 3-5.** Most Thursdays, starting Sept. 25, at 10:30-11 am. Stories and songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler.

**Music and Movement with the Family Partnership Center for Babies through Preschool.** Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am, Sept. 16 & 30; Oct. 14 & 28; Nov. 18; Dec. 2 & 16. We dance, sing, play instruments, and read stories!

**Yoga & Literacy for Ages 3-5.** Fridays, 10:30 am-11:15 am, Oct. 10, 17, & 31 and Nov. 14 & 21. Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown incorporates movement and breathing into simple literacy activities. *Register one month before.*

**Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5.** Thursdays, 11:15 am-12 pm, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18. Learn cool moves using a hula hoop! Games, dance, and movement. *Hoops provided.*

#### Afternoon Events

**Storytime with Inga: Inspiring Explorations. Ages 3-5.** Wednesdays, 1-1:45 pm, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. Through themed read-alouds and activities designed for preschoolers, children will explore our amazing world.



**Kelly's Tales with Raquel. Ages 3-5.** Wednesdays, 1:30-2 pm, Sept. 24; Oct. 8 & 29; Nov. 12 & 19; and Dec. 10. Storytelling adventures to promote cultural competency and literacy skills.

**Little Hands Create. Ages 3-5.** Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15 pm, on Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2. Craft time with Miss Nancy!

#### Read to Blitzen

Wednesdays, 4-5 pm  
Sept. 3 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22,  
and Dec. 10 & 17



Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental and friendly dog. Blitzen is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for a 15-minute time slot.

## For School-Age Children

### Special Events

**3-D Print Kids with Nicole.** Wednesdays, 4-5 pm. Learn about 3D printing and create a fun project! **Grades 1-2** meet Sept. 24. **Grades 3-4** meet Oct 29.

**Crafty Girls Craft Time. Grades K-2.** Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 am-12 pm. Celebrate the season with a spooky craft hour.

**Felt a Pumpkin with Rachel. Grades 3-5.** Wednesday, Oct. 15, 4-5 pm. Learn the basics of felting and create a cute pumpkin decoration!

**Kosmic Kelly's Hands on Science. Grades K-5.** Saturday, Nov. 1, 11 -11:45 am. Fun experiments that explore science.

### Afternoon Events

**Art Lab for Grades K-5.** Saturdays, 2-3 pm: Sept. 13 (outside), Oct. 4, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6. A hands-on art experience focusing on process art, where the emphasis is on exploration and creativity!

**LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12.** Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 4-4:45 pm, starting Sept. 16. We supply the LEGOs—you supply the imagination!



**Read-Aloud with Jennie for Grades K-2.** Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday every month, 4-4:30 pm, starting Sept. 18. The fantastic Jennie Fitzkee reads aloud from the best children's chapter books!

**ASL Classes for Grades K-3.** Fridays, 4-5 pm, Sept. 19 and 26, Oct. 3 and 10. Kids learn every day American Sign Language through games and activities.



**Knifty Knitters. For Grades 2-5.** Last Thursday of the month, 4-5 pm, on Sept. 25 and Oct 30. Enjoy knitting and chatting with other kids! Miss Lauren and Miss Ellie teach knitting basics based on skill level.



**Cursive Club for Grades 3-5.** First Wednesday of the month, 4-4:30 pm, starting Oct. 1. Learn and/or practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie. Snacks and workbooks provided.

**Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5.** Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month, starting Oct. 7, 4-4:30 pm, in person. Led by Miss Carrie! Have fun reading and talking about books with friends. Pick up the first book in the Kids Room.

**Comics Club for Grades 3-5.** Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 5-5:45 pm, starting Oct. 7. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project to work on or start a new one. Snacks, materials provided.

**Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3.** Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm, starting Oct. 9, in-person. Miss Jennie leads this fun club that encourages a love for reading! Bring a favorite book to the first meeting to talk about.

*More programs for 5th Graders listed under Teen Programs—below and on the next page.*

## T(W)EEN PROGRAMS (Grades 5 and up)

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### **LLAMA LOUNGE (Grades 5-8)**

Every GDRMS Half-day, 12-3 pm

Drop in with your friends, play board or video games, create arts and crafts, or do some homework!

Dates this fall:

Fridays, Sept. 19 & Oct. 24,  
Tue. Nov. 25, and Wed. Nov. 26

### **ROBOTIC BATTLE-BOTS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)**

Create a robot using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits  
& compete for prizes!

Every first Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm  
Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5



### **SQUISHMALLOW BINGO! (Grades 5-12)**

Thursday, Oct. 16, 4-5 pm

Play bingo to win adorable Squishmallow prizes!

## TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



### Saturday Creative Fun! (Grades 6-12)

Paint on Canvas with Julie Harrod: Fall Mushrooms Sat. Oct. 4, 2-3:30 pm  
 Halloween Stage Make-up with Ali Coos Sat. Oct. 25, 12-1:30 pm  
 Kokedama Workshop with the NE Botanical Garden Sat. Nov. 15, 2-3 pm



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### NEW! Food & Film (Grades 5-12)

*How to Train Your Dragon* Wed. Sept. 17, 5:30-7:35 pm  
*Harry Potter & Sorcerer's Stone* Wed. Oct. 15, 5-7:40 pm  
 TBD Wed. Nov. 12, 5:45-7:45 pm

*Please check gpl.org for details.*

### MAKE AND TAKE (Grades 6-12)

Lip Gloss Charms Thu. Sept. 18, 4-5 pm  
 Witches Cauldron Slime & Magic Potion Thu. Oct. 2, 4-5 pm  
 Felting with Rachel Benson Wed. Oct. 22, 3:30-5 pm  
 No Bake Halloween Treats Thu. Oct. 30, 4-5 pm  
 Sushi Candles and Candy Thu. Nov. 13, 4-5 pm

**TAKE AND MAKE:** Can't make it to a program?  
 Pick up a craft kit in the Teen Area to make at home.

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

If you love to read books and have fun, Miss Carrie has a book group for you! Snacks and fun guaranteed. Books available in Children's room in September. Registration required.

- ♦ **Book Worm Masters (Grades 6 & 7)** Second Tuesday every month, 4:30-5 pm, starting Oct. 14 (Nov. mtg on Nov. 18).
- ♦ **8th Grade Book Club (Grade 8)** Second Wednesday every month, 4:45-5:15 pm, starting Oct. 8.
- ♦ **Reading Rippers (Grade 9-10)** First Thursday every month, 5:30-6 pm, starting Oct. 2.
- ♦ **Crackerjacks (Grades 11-12)** Second Thursday every other month, 5:45-6:30 pm, starting Oct. 9.

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (Grades 6-12)

**Fall Campaign—Saturdays, 2-4 pm**  
 Sept. 13 & 27, Oct. 11 & 25, Nov. 8, & 22, and Dec. 13.  
*Participants are expected to attend all meetings if possible.*

**PLUS Make a No-Sew Dice Pouch**  
**Saturday, Sept. 13, 1:30-2 pm**

### NEW! BAKING CLUB (Grades 6-12)

**First Fridays from 3:30-4:45 pm**  
**Sept. 5, Oct. 3, & Nov. 7**

Join teen baker Lizzie to perfect recipes for baked goods including brownies, brookies, cookies, mini pies, mini muffins, baked doughnuts, cake pops, and cookie bars.



### COLLEGE QUEST WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6-8 pm

Learn the steps to find the schools that best match your needs with Katie from Charting Pathways.

**Parents:** See College Cost Program Thu. Sept. 25!

### 3D Design & Print Club (Grades 5-12)

Every other Thursday, 4-5 pm  
 Sept. 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20

Come learn how to 3D print with us! We will walk through using TinkerCAD, and then 3D print your own creations!



### DROP-IN TEEN GAME LOUNGE

**Sibley Hall (Grades 6-12)**

EVERY FRIDAY (except 9/12, 9/19, 10/24 & 11/28) 3-4:30 pm

Nintendo Switch and board games available.



### TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you love GPL and GPL programs, help advise and assist the Teen Librarian by serving on our Young Adult Advisory Council. It's a great way to earn volunteer hours! We meet once a month on Wednesdays, 6-7 pm in person with Zoom option. Dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17. Contact [teens@gpl.org](mailto:teens@gpl.org) for other opportunities.

## GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: SEPTEMBER

Registration for smaller, higher demand programs **opens Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 10 am.**

### **Women of the Stars with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, September 2 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Explore the lives and accomplishments of 12 remarkable women astronomers from ancient times to the present. Look at early scientists like Hypatia who was assassinated for her daring ideas, the extraordinary women of the Harvard Observatory in the 1890s, and 20th and 21st century trailblazers like Vera Rubin, Nancy Roman, and Jill Tarter.



### **Felt a Mushroom House with Rachel Benson, Thursday, September 4 at 7 pm IN PERSON.**

This month's project is a cozy mushroom house fit for a fairy! All materials provided.

### **Everyday Whole Grains with Empty Nest Kitchen, Tuesday, September 9, at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Whole Grains are simple to incorporate into your dinners if you know the tips, tricks, and how to coax maximum flavor. We'll be preparing Farro Bowls & Fall Harvest Quinoa.

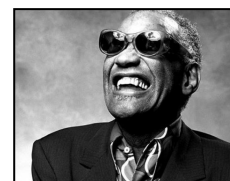


### **Free For All: The Public Library Film Screening Outdoors, Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Join us outside for a film screening about libraries! This inspiring documentary explores the rich history and vital role of public libraries in American society, featuring stories from librarians, patrons, and advocates. At a time when libraries face new challenges, *Free For All* celebrates their enduring importance as centers of learning, connection, and community.

### **Great Performers: Ray Charles With Clint Edwards, Tuesday, September 16 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Join perennial favorite presenter Clint Edwards to explore the life and music of Ray Charles, one of America's great musical icons. From his early days in the south, overcoming a punishingly poor situation, to his greatest musical successes, we'll discover how Ray conquered his blindness, rose to success, and battled substance abuse.



### **Wooden Spoon Carving with Owl Eyes Wilderness Survival, Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 pm IN PERSON**



Wood carving is a meditative activity that you can do almost anywhere. Using simple tools: a fixed blade knife, hook knife, saw, and sandpaper, you will be instructed on the techniques of selecting wood, safe carving techniques, and how to care for your new eating utensil. You will go home with a wooden spoon and a whole new skillset!

### **Jane Austen's Sanditon with Claire Evans, Tuesday, September 23 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Commemorating Jane Austen's 250th birthday on Dec. 16, 2025, join Claire Evans for a look at Austen's final, unfinished manuscript and its path from family heirloom to a fully imagined tv series. Learn about the real-life people and locations that informed Austen's last work before her untimely death at age 41, as well as how the seeds of her ideas came to life on the small screen.



### **PARENTS: Straight Talk About the Cost of College with Hannah Pierpont, Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

What will college cost YOUR family, and how do you know? Parents- join local independent educational consultant Hannah Pierpont to learn about resources and tools that will help you better understand how to find a financial fit during the college search.



### **The Politics of Chocolate with Cocoa Beantown, Tuesday, September 30 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Dive into the complex politics of the world of chocolate, exploring its entanglements with child labor, its aspirations with women-owned cooperatives and the Fair Trade movement, and its intrigues, including corporate espionage.

**Check out our biweekly email and the online calendar for the latest programs and updates!**

## GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: OCTOBER



### **Felt a Halloween Ghost with Rachel Benson, Thursday, October 2 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

This month's project is an ghost with a pumpkin head! All materials provided.

### **The Allure of Vampires with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Vampire stories have captivated people for centuries, as books, games, TV, and film have drawn audiences in with a mix of horror, sensuality, and the appeal of eternal life. Their legend has become a part of cultural myth with Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, Bela Lugosi's character, and Anne Rice's series of novels living long in the memory.

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### **Conservation Update with the Nashua River Watershed Association, Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm IN PERSON**



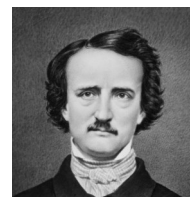
Join Cliff Simmonds, NWRA Executive Director, and Ryan Hennrikus, Senior Land and Climate Associate of the NRWA for a presentation on its water monitoring program, as well as its work to identify and plan for climate change with nature-based solutions in Groton.

### **Mysterious Massachusetts with Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe, Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Every state has its ghost stories, but no other state has the Dover Demon or the Salem Witch Trials. From seaside ghosts to UFOs over the Berkshires, Massachusetts has a rich history of paranormal legends, odd events, and strange denizens. We'll look at some of the most famous of Massachusetts paranormal, cryptozoological, and plainly weird incidents throughout the state's history.

### **Graveyard Sounds: Haunting Words by Edgar Allan Poe and Emily Dickinson with Jeffrey Zygmunt, Wednesday, October 15 at 2 pm IN PERSON**

Greet Halloween with delightfully spooky poems and stories written by two American masters: Emily Dickinson and Edgar Allan Poe. Jeffrey Zygmunt, poet, will recite Poe's sinister short story, "The Tell-Tale Heart", as well as quietly haunting, eerie, and elusive works by Dickinson.

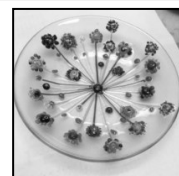


### **Managing Caregiver Burnout with Pamela Dussault, Thursday, October 16 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Many caregivers struggle with guilt, exhaustion, and the feeling that they're never doing enough. Walk away with practical tools to manage stress, set boundaries, and redefine what love really means—so you can care for your loved ones without losing yourself. *Presented in partnership with Groton Neighbors and The Groton Center.*

### **Fused Glass with Periwinkle Glassworks, Saturday, October 18, 11 am-1 pm OR 2-4 pm IN PERSON**

Judy from Periwinkle Glassworks will guide participants in making a fused glass project. Projects will be fired at her studio and available to pick up within a week. Two sections offered, please pick ONE.



### **Great Performers: Edith Piaf with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, October 21 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

Considered the greatest of all the French chanteuses, Edith Piaf, rose from the streets of Paris to the top of the world's great stages. Take a deep dive into several of her most memorable songs and see how her personal life and story were reflected in her music.



### **Good Earth Holistic Kitchen Cooking Demonstration, Tuesday, October 21 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Join members of our Plant Powered Group and learn to cook healthy, whole foods that feature vegetables and taste delicious!

### **Mystery Making with Sisters in Crime, Thursday, October 23 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Panelists on this fun, fast-paced improv game in which authors brainstorm on their feet to create a brand new mystery, using suggestions from the audience, will be: Kate Flora, Judith McIntosh, Matt Cost, and Janet Raye Stevens.

## GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: OCTOBER CONT. & NOVEMBER

### Guided Mushroom Walk with Expert Jonathan Kranz, Saturday, October 25 at 10 am OFF SITE

Explore Groton Conservation Trust property Throne Hill with Jonathan Kranz, Vice President of the Boston Mycological Club, for a guided mushroom walk. Learn how to safely identify, forage, and prepare edible mushrooms while also understanding the dangers of toxic species.



### Human(ish) Wisdom: How Anthropomorphism Shapes Our Behavior, Tuesday, October 28 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM



Why do we apologize to our cats, feel guilty throwing away childhood toys, or find ourselves bonding with our robot vacuum? Scientist and bestselling author Justin Gregg reveals how one of humanity's oldest psychological quirks secretly influences nearly every decision we make. Drawing on cutting-edge research from his new book *Humanish*, Justin explores our universal tendency to see human-like qualities in everything around us.

### Quakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, November 4 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM

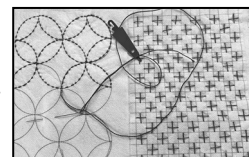
We'll review some of the major seismic and volcanic events of the last few thousand years helps separate fear-filled hype from science-based facts. We'll look at the causes of earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis and how tectonic movement changes our planet over time and some of the cutting-edge technology being used to predict events.

### Welcome to the Graveyard! With the Graveyard Girls, Thursday, November 6 at 7 pm IN PERSON

From colonial New England burial grounds of the 16 & 1700s, through the nation-wide rural cemetery movement of the 19th century and into 21st century locations, examine why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do, and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years.

### Sashiko Workshop with Catherine Karp, Saturday, November 8, 10 am IN PERSON

Come and learn about Sashiko, the traditional Japanese embroidery technique to stitch, patch, and mend existing garments. In this introduction, you will learn about the basic materials needed along with learning how to start a geometric pattern on fabric using a grid. All materials provided. Bring items to mend in case you have time or prefer to work on your own items.



### Candle Making with Elisha Verhaar, Saturday, November 8, 2 pm IN PERSON

Make your own coconut soy wax candle and set of wax melts! Learn all the ins-and-outs of candle making, from wax types, colors, fragrances, and wicks to the history of candles.

### The Original Veterans of Groton with Joshua Vollmar, Sunday, November 9 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Groton local history expert, Joshua Vollmar, explores the first veterans of Groton from the Revolutionary War. *Presented in partnership with Groton Neighbors.*

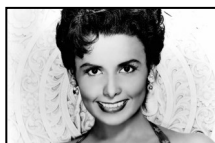
### Felt a Cornucopia with Rachel Benson, Thursday, November 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others! This month's project is a celebratory cornucopia just in time for celebrating the harvest! All materials provided.



### Navigating the Intense Emotions of ADHD with Karen Roertgen, Thursday, November 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Join ADHD Coach Karen Roertgen to focus on the unique nervous system of people with ADHD, why emotions are so intense, and how to navigate these emotions in children and adults.



### Great Performers: Lena Horne with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, November 18 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM

Explore how Lena Horne, one of the great beauties of Hollywood's golden age, blazed a trail where few black women had gone before. We'll see how her roles in musicals established her as one of the icons of the 20th century.



## GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: NOVEMBER CONTINUED



### **Visions of the Shakers: A Historical and Photographic Journey, Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

The Shaker origins in the U.S. began 250 years ago in 1775 outside of Albany, New York, and today the last remaining members are in Sabbathday Lake, Maine. Interweaving the history of this fascinating Protestant Utopian sect with his photography, Bruce Magnuson will follow their development and influence from the late 1700s until today.

### **How 500 Years of Colonization Has Impacted the Abenaki Peoples of New Hampshire and the Northeast, Tuesday, November 25 at 7 pm VIA ZOOM**

The "People of the Dawnland" (Abenaki/Wabanaki) of the Northeast are the first Indigenous peoples in North America to have had contact with Europeans. Anne Jennison examines how European colonization of North America impacted generations of Abenaki/Wabanaki people and highlights the ways in which the Abenaki/Wabanaki peoples have acted as agents of their own change through education, self-advocacy, efforts to revitalize their languages and traditional arts, and by working with archeologists, anthropologists, and scientists to recover and reveal more about their history and traditional knowledge.

## BOOK GROUPS

*All groups meet in person, some with Zoom upon request. Books are available to borrow at the Circulation Desk.*

### **NEW! A NOVEL JOURNEY BOOK GROUP**

Meets monthly on Fridays at 11 am. Explore world cultures through fiction!

- Sept. 5 *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George
- Oct. 10 *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See
- Nov. 7 *The Book of Everlasting Things* by Aanchal Malhotra

### **NEW! BOOKED THROUGH TIME BOOK GROUP**

Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm.

- Sept. 23 *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland
- Oct. 28 *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes
- Nov. 25 *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

### **CATCH UP WITH CLASSICS BOOK GROUP**

Meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7 pm to discuss classic literature.

- Sept. 10 *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes
- Oct. 8 *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- Nov. 12 *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy

### **PROUST DISCUSSION GROUP**

Finish Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*.  
Last scheduled meetings of this session on  
Tuesdays at 7 pm, Sept. 16 and Oct. 21.

### **THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP**

Meets monthly to discuss horror, science fiction, and fantasy books on Fridays at 5 pm.  
Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28—Selections TBD

### **GREAT BOOKS GROUP**

Meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7 pm. We read from *The Civically Engaged Reader* (Great Books Foundation).

- Sept. 17 Selections from *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas" by Ursula K. Le Guin
- Oct. 15 "The History Teacher" by Billy Collins, Second Inaugural Address by Abraham Lincoln, "The Minister's Black Veil" by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Nov. 19 "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner in Seven Parts" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge from the *Great Books 75th Anniversary Anthology vol. 2*.

### **MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP**

Meets monthly on Thursdays at 7 pm. *No Nov. meeting.*

- Sept. 18 *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins
- Oct. 16 *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson
- Dec. 4 *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

### **PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP**

Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

- Sept. 23 *Why Fish Don't Exist* by Lulu Miller
- Oct. 28 *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb
- Nov. 18 *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov





## ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

All groups meet in person unless otherwise noted.

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Community conversations on tough topics. Meets at 2:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month.

Sept. 2 News in the Modern World  
Oct. 7 Civic Renewal  
Nov. 4 Free Speech

#### LOS LITERARIOS: SPANISH LITERARY SOCIETY

This is a group for those who would like to discuss in Spanish what they are reading! Meets at 4 pm on the second Friday of every month via Zoom.

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14

#### SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher Verónica Mazzu. Meets at 7 pm on the first and third Tuesday of every month via Zoom.

Sept. 2 & 16, Oct. 7 & 21, and Nov. 4 & 18

### ACTIVITY GROUPS

#### NEW! GRIEF AND LOSS PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.  
Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 18 (*Closed 11/11 holiday*)

#### NEW! DAYTIME DIY WITH KIMBERLY STONEY

Meets 1-3:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.  
Engage in an easy, creative project with Kimberly Stoney.  
Specific projects to be determined.

Sept. 16, Oct. 14, and Nov. 18

#### KNITTING GROUP

Meets 1:30-3:30 pm every Thursday.

Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project. All handicrafts (and crafters!) welcome.

#### NEW! LOVE THROUGH THE AGES

View a different romantic comedy each month. We'll start with films from the 1930s. Meets at 12:30 pm on the last Wednesday of each month.

Sept. 24 *It Happened One Night* (1934)  
Oct. 29 *My Man Godfrey* (1936)  
Nov. 19 *Bringing Up Baby* (1938)

#### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS

Meets at 11 am every other Saturday.

Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18, and Nov. 1 & 15

#### PLANT-POWERED GROUP

A great place to explore non-meat options or a fully plant-based way of eating. Meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of every other month.

Oct. 21—Good Earth Holistic Kitchen Guest Speaker

#### DEADLY PROSE MYSTERY WRITERS

Join this group on Zoom for helpful advice and encouragement from others writing in the mystery genre. Meets 5-7 pm on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

Sept. 3 & 17, Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 5 & 19

#### TRIVIA TUESDAY (Online only)

New quizzes every week emailed to you or find them on Facebook and Instagram! Winners posted online.

*Sign up online at [gpl.org/calendar](http://gpl.org/calendar)!*



eCards and  
Online Resources



#### YOUR GROUP HERE!

Don't see a group that represents your interests?  
Want to start one?



Several library groups started because one person proposed leading a discussion or activity on a topic of interest and worked with the library on scheduling, protocols, etc.

If this is of interest, please reach out to [adultprograms@gpl.org](mailto:adultprograms@gpl.org) or speak with a staff member.

#### Get more online resources with a Boston Public Library eCard!

Anyone who lives, works, or attends school in MA can register for a FREE BPL eCard at [bpl.org/ecard](http://bpl.org/ecard) and gain access to a wide range of digital resources covering newspapers, magazines, streaming media, genealogy, and more!

## VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAM SERIES VIA ZOOM

Thanks to a collaboration with four other libraries, we are able to offer virtual programs four nights a week, Monday-Thursday, with more events being added all the time! *When libraries share, everybody wins!*

### 50+ JOB SEEKER SERIES

Two Wednesdays Every Month at 9:30 am

Sept. 3	<b>Career Story</b>
Sept. 17	<b>LinkedIn</b>
Oct. 1	<b>Resumes</b>
Oct. 15	<b>Using AI</b>
Nov. 5	<b>Networking 2.0</b>
Nov. 19	<b>Interview Strategies</b>
Dec. 3	<b>Second Act Careers</b>
Dec. 17	<b>Marketing Plan</b>



### NATURE SERIES WITH MASS AUDUBON

**Quaking Bogs and Fens of Massachusetts**, Wed. Sept. 3 at 7 pm

**Author Heather Wolf Discusses The Colors of Birds**, Mon. Sept. 8 at 7 pm

**Discover the Unknown World of Beavers**, Wed. Oct. 1 at 7 pm

**Wild Turkeys in Massachusetts**, Wed. Nov. 5 at 7 pm

### HOW TO DECLUTTER SERIES

Thursdays at 7 pm

Sept. 4	<b>Make Fall Cleaning and Holiday Prep Easy</b>
Oct. 2	<b>Organize Your Recipes and Cookbooks</b>
Nov. 6	<b>Catch Up Before the Holidays</b>
Dec. 4	<b>Quickly Tidy Up What Guests Notice First</b>

### BOOK RECOMMENDATION SERIES

**Historical Fiction with Jane Healey**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11

**Thriller/Horror with Jodi Blanchette**,

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm on Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11

**Diverse/Inclusive with Leelynn Brady**,

Thursdays at 7:30 pm on Sept. 18, Oct. 16, and Nov. 20

**Mystery/Thriller with Hank Philippi Ryan**,

Tue. Oct. 7 at 7 pm

**Women's Fiction with Kristan Higgins**,

Thu. Oct. 16 at 6:30 pm

**SciFi/Fantasy with Fantasy Cafe**,

Thu. Nov. 20 at 6:30 pm

### HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND SERIES

**Historic New England's Photography Collection**,

Wed. Sept. 10 at 7 pm

**Hair Jewelry of New England**,

Wed. Oct. 8 at 7 pm

**Embroidered Coats of Arms in an Age of Revolution**,

Wed. Oct. 29 at 7 pm

### COLLECTIBLES SERIES

Thursdays at 7 pm

Sept. 11 **Dealing with Original Art and Fine Art Prints**

Oct. 9 **Dealing with Coins and Currency**

Nov. 13 **Dealing w/ Sterling Silver, Silverplate, & Pewter**

Dec. 11 **Dealing with a Stamp Collection**

### GREAT AMERICAN UNSUNG HEROES SERIES

**Juanita Moody** Wed. Sept. 17 at 7 pm

**Edith Nourse Rogers** Wed. Oct. 15 at 7 pm

**George Marshall** Wed. Nov. 19 at 7 pm

### TV & FILM HISTORY SERIES

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Sept. 24 **From Carson to Oprah To Stephen Colbert: A History of the TV Talk Show**

Oct. 22 **The Life and Career of Harrison Ford**

Nov. 12 **The Life and Career of Meryl Streep**

### ART HISTORY SERIES with Culturally Curious

Thursdays at 7 pm

Sept. 25 **M.C. Escher: Impossible Realities**

Oct. 30 **Art Nouveau: Swirling World**

Nov. 20 **Salvador Dali: Mysterious Dreamscapes**

Dec. 18 **Edgar Degas: Behind the Curtain**

### ROMANCE SERIES

**Alysha Rameera Discusses *Her Soul For a Crown***, Her Romantasy Debut, Mon. Sept. 15 at 7 pm

**In Conversation with Romance Author Jackie Lau**, Mon. Nov. 10 at 7 pm

**More Holiday Romance Book Recommendations with Booklist Reviewer John Charles**, Mon. Nov. 17 at 6 pm

### AUTHOR VISITS

**Authors Mansi Shah and Weina Dai Randel Discuss *The Master Jeweler and Saving Face***, Mon. Oct. 6 at 7 pm

**Q&A with Mystery Writer Sherry Thomas**, Mon. Oct. 27 at 7 pm

**Author Beck Libourel Diamond Discusses *The Gilded Age Christmas Cookbook***, Mon. Nov. 24 at 7 pm

## VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAM SERIES CONTINUED

### MORE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

- Tue. Sept. 16 at 2 pm **Winslow Homer— American Vision, Close to Nature, Nature Travel to Nova Scotia**
- Thu. Sept. 18 at 6 pm **Poisoning the Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America**
- Thu. Sept. 18 at 7 pm **Majestic Banff, Yoho, Jasper, and The Icefields Parkway: A Photographic Journey Through the Canadian Rockies**
- Mon. Sept. 22 at 7 pm **Cooking Demo with Heidi McIndoo: Sloppy Joes and Deep Dish Cookie Pie**
- Tue. Sept. 23 at 2 pm **How to Learn a Language Before You Travel with the Traveling Librarian**
- Thu. Sept. 25, 10:30 am **The Art of the Forgery**
- Mon. Sept. 29 at 7 pm **Who REALLY Wrote Shakespeare? With Author and Historian David Kruh**
- Mon. Oct. 20 at 7 pm **Revolutionary Whiskey: History and Recommendations with Travis Ireland**
- Mon. Nov. 3 at 7 pm **The History of the Flying Santa of the Lighthouses, 1929-2025 with Jeremy D'Entremont**

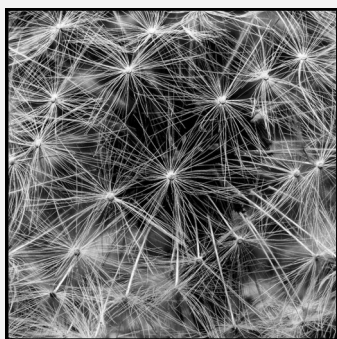


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### ART GALLERY EXHIBITS THIS FALL



**The Colors of Black & White: Photographs** (now through Oct. 26)  
by Edward Birch, Jeff Caplin, Eric Cortez, Jeff Kubick, and Paul Lemieux.

**Artist Reception: Saturday, October 25, 2:30 to 4:30 pm.**

Edward will show his vintage cameras and talk about traditional working practices.

**Lowbrow** (Oct. 31 through Feb. 14)

A group show of artists blending surrealism, pop, underground, and street culture to conjure alternative universes.

### LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

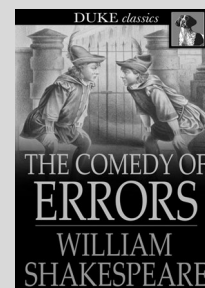


**The Gelli Print Lab: Imagination and Inspiration. Saturdays & Sundays, 1:30-4:30 pm**  
**Sept. 13 & 14, Oct. 11 & 12, and Nov. 1 & 2**

Explore gelli plate printing in this monthly gathering facilitated by Kimberly Stoney. This is a space to foster creativity and collaboration and is open to all experience levels. Materials will be provided.

**Shakespeare Read Aloud Circle. Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm, Oct. 15, 22, 29 & Nov. 5, 12**

Read Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* within a small group using a laid back Read Aloud Circle format. The group will read the modern translation found in *No Fear Shakespeare* as the goal is to learn the story, not to fully decode the old English text. Participants who wish to just listen and not read aloud may do so. No theater or Shakespeare experience necessary! Just a willingness to engage in reading aloud and discussing with peers. Everyone will be given their own copy of the play at no charge. The class will meet one evening per week for five weeks. Teens and adults are welcome.



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Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, and Sun 1-5

**Open Sundays starting Sept. 14!**

*Closed Mondays*

### Fall Closings

Sun. Sept. 7

Tue. Sept. 9: Closed 10-3 only

Wed. Nov. 26: Closed 6-9 only

Tue. Nov. 11 & Thu. Nov. 27

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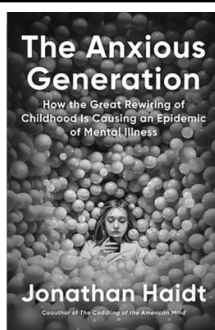
**PARENTS! Don't Miss Our Two College Programs: Straight Talk About Cost (9/25) & Making the Best Match (10/8)!**

### **The Anxious Generation: Taking Action Group**

Meets Monthly on the Fourth  
Wednesday at 7 pm on  
Sept. 24, Oct. 22, & Nov. 19

Join other local parents and other caregivers of children to discuss ways of creating healthy technology boundaries in our community. Each meeting will focus on a different theme or issue. The kick-off meeting will focus on following up to the discussions on *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt that took place last spring.

Two local parents will facilitate the group.



### **CARPETING CLOSURES Sept. 7-12, 2025**

We're carpeting the Children's Room,  
Meeting Rooms, and the First Floor  
Lobby and Entrance the week of Sept. 7.

### **LIBRARY CLOSURES**

- Closed Sunday, Sept. 7
- Tuesday, Sept. 9: **Closed 10-3. Open 3-9 pm.**

### **CHILDREN'S ROOM CLOSED ALL WEEK**

- Children's Room **Closes Sat. Sept. 6 at 1 pm**
- **CLOSED** Tue. Sept. 9 through Fri. Sept. 12
- Children's **Reopens Saturday, Sept. 13 at 10 am**



### **Language Group Interest Survey!**

Do you speak another language that you'd like to practice with others?

We are looking to expand our language conversation groups.

Scan the QR Code to take our brief survey to help us better serve our community!



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