

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINTER 2025–2026 NEWS & EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS at 2:30 pm • IN PERSON • Free and for all ages!

Dec. 21: Aidan Scrimgeour Jazz Trio Presents *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

Space is limited, so sign up early!

Join us for a returning holiday season tradition, presented by Aidan Scrimgeour and friends! This concert is for all ages and features jazz music from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (originally performed by the Vince Guaraldi Trio).



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
- * Email info@gpl.org
- * Call us @ 978-448-1167



January 25: Rule of Two

Though Rule of Two is a duo, they have the sound of a full band with the help of homemade samples and looping equipment. They cover an extensive variety of popular music spanning from the 1960s to today's pop hits.

February 15: Daniel Gay

Travel the world through the music of Daniel Gay. Interweaving piano, guitar, and accordion, Gay draws on influences from Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. His music is often inspired by the students he has taught throughout his twenty-five years in the classroom.



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

Adult Winter Reading Program

For the Love of Reading!

Dec. 1, 2025—Feb. 14, 2026

Winter is a great time for cozy reading, so why not enjoy a little extra fun and prizes, too?



Sign up, log your progress, enter the weekly raffles, and read your way to a shot at the Grand Prize! Register at the second floor Circulation Desk, online at grotonpubliclibrary.beanstack.org, or download the Beanstack App.



Celebrate on Saturday, February 14th—Library Lover's Day—with us!

We'll discuss reading, enjoy some treats, and have fun doing a craft!

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sign up at gpl.org. Groton residents given first preference.

Sign-up is required for all events unless otherwise listed.

For All Ages

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

STEM Take & Make. Preschool-Grade 5. Simple STEM activities to enjoy at home! Sign up for a take-home kit the first Tuesday of each month. Pick up in Children's Room within a week.

Limit 3 per family. Priority to Groton residents

Winter Reading 2026: GPL Kids Are Going Places!

January 2 to February 28

Where will books take us this winter! How far will we travel? What will we learn about places near and far?

Participate in BINGO challenges & earn raffle tickets and prizes!



For Babies through Preschool

Special Events

Little Beaver Storytime with the Nashua River Watershed Assoc. Ages 3-5. Tue. Jan. 13, 10:30-11 am.

Join NWRA Educator Gaynor Bigelbach for a storytime that explores beavers in our community!



Tales & Tunes for Tots. Story & music time for infants-preschoolers with popular entertainers.

♪ Friday, Dec. 5, 10:30-11:15 am, with Evan Haller. ♪ Friday, Feb. 6, 10:30-11:15 am: Music with Julie.



NEW! Post-Partum Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Babies 0-12 Months

First Wednesday of the month after Peapods, 12-12:45 pm, with **Doula Emma Marella** CBD(CBI).

We will focus on a different topic each month. Babies and children are welcome in this relaxed and caring environment. *Sign up preferred but not required.*

Morning Events

Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays, starting Dec. 3, 10:30-11:00 or 11:15-11:45 am. A first storytime experience for children age 0-2 and their caregivers.

Tinker Time for Tots. Ages 3-5. Third Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am: Dec. 18, Jan. 15, & Feb 19. Hands-on sensory play!

Storytime with Miss Jacquie. Ages 3-5. Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am, with "Strega Mama." Stories and songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Meets every Thursday except the third Thursday of the month.



Music and Movement with the Family Partnership Center. Babies-Preschool. Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 am, on Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 27, and Feb. 10. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!

Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma. Ages 3-5. Thursdays, 11:15 am-12 pm, on Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 12. 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, on Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4. Through read aloud and activities designed for preschoolers, children explore our world.

Kelly's Tales with Raquel. For Ages 3-5. Wednesdays, 1:30-2 pm on Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11 & 25. Storytelling adventures to promote cultural competency and literacy skills.

Little Hands Create. Ages 3-5. First Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15 pm, on Dec. 2, Jan. 6, & Feb. 3. Craft time with Miss Nancy!

For School-Age Children

Special Events

Felt a Yeti with Rachel. Grades 3-5. Thu. Jan. 8, 5:30-6:30 pm. Learn the basics of felting and create a cute yeti!

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3-D Print Kids! Learn about 3D print and create a fun project with Nicole! **Grades 1-2:** Wed. Jan. 28, 4-5 pm. **Grades 3-4:** Wed. Feb. 25, 4-5 pm.

Story and Art with Local Children's Author & Illustrator Sharon Wooding. Grades K-5. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 4-5 pm. Author of *Lenny and the Bubble-Up Laundromat*. Kids will create a ghost-themed art project.

Professor Bugman: Arthropod Petting Zoo. Grades K-5. Wed. Feb. 18, 1-2 pm. Explore science with fun experiments!

Afternoon Events

Art Lab for Grades K-5. Saturdays, 2-2:45 pm, on Dec. 6, Jan. 17, and Feb. 7. A hands-on art experience focusing on process art, where the emphasis is on exploration and creativity!

ASL Classes for Grades 4-5. Fridays, Jan. 16 & 30, Feb. 13, 4-5 pm. Learn every day American Sign Language through games and activities.

Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Join Miss Carrie and have fun reading and talking about books with friends.

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Miss Jennie leads this fun book club that encourages a love for reading!

Comics Club for Grades 3-5. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 5-5:45 pm. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project to work on or start a new one!

Cursive Club for Grades 3-5. Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month, 4:00-4:30 pm. Learn and/or practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie.

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

Read to Blitzen. Wednesdays, Dec. 10 & 17, Jan. 14 & 21, and Feb. 11 & 25, 4-5 pm. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Blitzen is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for a 15-minute time slot.

LEGO® Club. For Ages 5-12. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 4-4:45 pm.

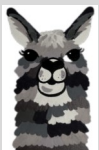
PokeSwap. For Grades K-4. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 4-4:45 pm. Swap cards, play games, and talk about Pokemon with friends!

Knifty Knitters. For Grades 3-5. Meets the last Thursday, 4-5 pm: Jan. 29, Feb. 26. Enjoy knitting and chatting with other kids! Miss Lauren and Miss Ellie teach the basics based on skill level.

More programs for 5th Graders listed under Teen Programs.

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 with arts and crafts, or do some homework!

Dates this winter: Fri. Dec. 12,
Fri. Jan. 9, and Fri. Feb. 6.



Learn to Code in Python (Grades 5-8)

Four class series at 6-7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, and Apr. 1.

ROBOTIC BATTLE-BOTS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 6-7:30 pm

Create a robot using LEGO® Mindstorms
EV3 kits. Compete for prizes!

3D Design & Print Grades 5-12

Every other Thursday 4-5 pm
Dec. 4 & 18; Jan. 15 & 29;
and Feb. 12 & 26.

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TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



Baking Club (Grades 6-12)

First Friday each month
Dec. 5, Jan. 9, & Feb. 6
3:30-4:45 pm



Winter Arts & Crafts (Grades 6-12)

Carve a Wooden Spoon	Sat. Dec. 6	1:30-4 pm
Felted Ornaments with Rachel Benson	Wed. Dec. 10	3:30-5 pm
Make & Take Brrr Baskets	Thu. Dec. 11	3:30-5 pm
Make & Take Pom-Pom Bear Key Chain	Thu. Jan. 8	4-5 pm
Painting on Canvas with Julie Harrold	Sat. Jan. 17	2-3:30 pm
Make & Take Infusible Mugs	Thu. Jan. 22	3:30-5:30 pm
Felted Mushrooms with Rachel Benson	Thu. Feb. 5	4-5:30 pm
Come to Your Senses Aromatherapy	Thu. Feb. 19	4-5:30 pm
Make and Take Clay Jellycat Photo Holder	Fri. Feb. 20	3:30-4:45 pm
Make & Take Zipper Pull People	Sat. Feb. 28	2-4 pm

American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course For Ages 11-15



Saturday, Feb. 7
10:30 am-4:30 pm

BOARD GAME BASH (Grades 6-12)

Fridays 3-5 pm
Snacks and games available—or
bring your own!
Dec. 19; Jan. 16, 23, & 30; and Feb. 27

College Quest Workshop: High School Students & Parents

Wed. Feb. 11, 6-8 pm

Learn how to find the schools
that best match your needs!

The Fate of Ophelia: Taylor Swift Talking Back to William Shakespeare

With Dr. Jonah Richards
Wed. Jan. 21, 6:30-7:30 pm
For teens & adults



SQUISHMALLOW BINGO! (Grades 6-12)

Play Bingo to win adorable Squishmallows!
Tuesday, Dec. 23, 4-5 pm
Friday, Feb. 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

If you love to read books and have fun Miss Carrie has a book group for you! Snacks and fun guaranteed. Registration required. Books at the Children's Desk.

Book Worm Masters (Grades 6 & 7) Second Tuesday every month, 4:30-5 pm, on Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10

Reading Rulers (Grade 8) Second Wednesday every month, 5-5:30 pm, on Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11.

Reading Rippers (Grades 9 & 10) First Thursday every month, 5:15-5:45 pm, on Dec. 4, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5.

Crackerjacks (Grades 11 & 12) Second Thursday every other month, 5:45-6:30 pm, on Dec. 11 and Feb. 12.

Food & Film

Monthly movies with
pizza and movie-
themed treats!

Wed. Dec. 10,
5:45-7:25 pm
(Grades 5-12)

Elf with Elf Spaghetti!

Upcoming: Wed. Jan.
14 & Wed. Feb. 18

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (Grades 6-12)

Winter Campaign
Saturdays, 2-4 pm

Starts Jan. 10, then, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Mar. 7 & 21,
Apr. 4 & 18, and May 2, 16, & 30.

Participants are expected to attend all meetings if possible.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS

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. Dec. 17, Jan. 28, and Feb. 25. Grades 6-12. Contact teens@gpl.org for info. or for other opportunities.

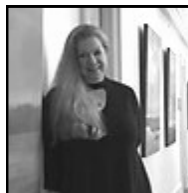
GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Virtual events hosted by partner libraries are listed on page 10.

*Registration for smaller, higher demand programs opens Tue. Dec. 2 at 10 am.

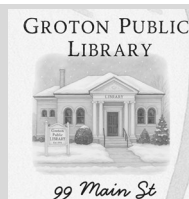
A Dickens Christmas with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Charles Dickens has famously been called "The Man Who Invented Christmas." Inspired by the writings of Washington Irving, Dickens wrote five Christmas novellas between 1843 and 1848 and over a dozen short stories between 1852 and 1866. Each of these—including the perennial favorite *A Christmas Carol*—helped shape how the holiday season is celebrated in Britain and America.



Grotonites Doing Good: Joni Parker-Roach, Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

Joni Parker-Roach has developed her love of art, nature and history throughout life. In 2002, Joni and next-door neighbor and friend, Barbara Scofidio, began NOA Gallery to add to Groton's already vibrant arts community and to give a venue for local New England artists to show and sell their work. This began a journey of supporting the arts and also her beloved town of Groton.



LOCAL AUTHORS FAIR, Saturday, Dec. 6, 12-4 • IN PERSON

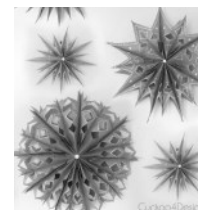
Come meet local authors at GPL during Grotonfest Winter!

From poetry to graphic novels, history to sci-fi, there will be a wide variety of interests represented! Authors on hand to talk about their inspiration and work. Books for sale in time for holiday gift giving!



*Daytime DIY with Kimberly Stoney, Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 1 pm • IN PERSON

Make intricate, elegant snowflakes from the simplest of materials.



Plant-Powered Dessert Swap, Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm • See page 9.

Healthier Holidays with Empty Nest Kitchen, Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Let's explore delicious Mediterranean-inspired holiday dishes we can enjoy (without feeling weighed down)!

*The Gelli Print Lab: Imagination and Inspiration. Saturday, Dec. 13 & Sunday, Dec. 14, 1:30-4:30 pm • IN PERSON

Kimberly Stoney instructs on using gelli plate printing. Open to all experience levels. Materials will be provided.



Great Performers: Peggy Lee with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

As one of America's great popular singers, Peggy Lee rose to stardom on the merits of her singing talent. Explore how she also developed her strong musical voice in the role of songwriter, lyricist, musical arranger of several classic songs, and pop culture influencer.

*Felt a Narwhal with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

Creating a needle felted project with talented fiber artist, Rachel Benson, is a joy and a breeze! All materials provided at the time of the workshop. *This program is intended for adults only.*

Cookie Swap, Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm • IN PERSON. Bring a batch of cookies to swap & go home with a variety!

*Winter Card Wreath Making, Saturday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 am • IN PERSON

Bring more color to wintertime! Think beyond traditional store-bought wreaths and make a colorful design with mid-century modern flair to hang on your wall or protected door.

Austen-tatious: Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th Birthday, Saturday, Dec. 20 at 2 pm • IN PERSON

Come celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with us! High tea, Jane Austen-themed bingo, and more! Regency manners, period knowledge, and Regency-inspired attire and accessories all encouraged!



GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS IN THE NEW YEAR!

Classical Masterpieces: Handel's *Messiah* with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

We'll explore the history of the composer George Frideric Handel, how he created his masterpiece *Messiah*, and the cultural impact it has had through time as a beloved holiday tradition.



Jack London with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Jack London was a pioneer of commercial fiction, one of the first American authors to become an international celebrity, and a passionate advocate of unionization, workers' rights, and socialism. Always fascinating and controversial, he remains one of America's most colorful authors.

*Felt a Winter Landscape with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

Creating a needle felted project with Rachel is a joy and a breeze! All materials will be provided.



*Wooden Spoon Carving with Owl Eyes Wilderness Survival, Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 pm • IN PERSON

Wood carving is a meditative activity that you can do almost anywhere. Handmade spoons are usable forms of art that will last for years if carved well and taken care of. Using simple tools (fixed blade knife, hook knife, saw, sandpaper), you'll learn about selecting wood, safe carving techniques, and caring for your new eating utensil!

*Daytime DIY with Joyce Thomas, Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 1 pm • IN PERSON

Join us and make a fun statement bracelet using basic needle felting. No experience required. Materials provided.



Plant-Powered Soup Swap, Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 pm • IN PERSON—see page 9.

Classical Masterworks: Johann Strauss II with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

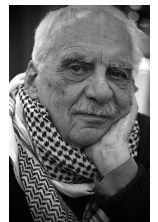
Exploring the life and works of the 19th century master of the waltz, the stories behind his greatest works, and the rich cultural scene of Vienna.

The Fate of Ophelia with Dr. Jonah Richards, Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 pm • IN PERSON

Lawrence Academy's Dr. Jonah Richards argues that Taylor Swift's song, "The Fate of Ophelia", is best viewed as Swift's "talk back" to Shakespeare's original play. For teens & adults.

Ask a Muslim Anything with Robert Azzi, Thursday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 pm • IN PERSON

Robert Azzi travels throughout New England and beyond at the invitation of local communities to speak about what it's like to be Arab in America, how he came to convert to Islam, about the religion of Islam and its history – especially in America and about the Middle East, terrorism and associated political and social issues. Nothing is off the table for discussion except rudeness and disrespect!

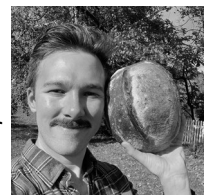


Self-Regulation for Parents with Parent Coach Kerri Smith, Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Are you having a hard time juggling parenting with all the demands on your time? Are you yelling at your kids more than you'd like? Kerri Smith, coach at The Well-Resourced Parent, will show what's happening in your nervous system when you get dysregulated with your kids (spoiler: there's nothing wrong with you!!). Learn actionable steps for positive change in your family.

Sourdough Starter Workshop with Sourdough Brandon, Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

Learn how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter from an expert sourdough baker and food blogger at SourdoughBrandon.com. You'll leave with many tips and tricks on how to keep your sourdough starter active, what to make, and even leave with some sourdough starter to start!

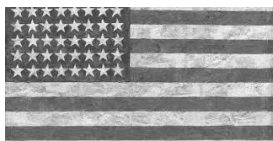


Conservation Update: New England Forestry Foundation, Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

Join NEFF's Jen Shakun, Bioeconomy Initiative Director, and Kerry Castorano, Chief Development Officer, for a presentation on the organization's "30 Percent Solution" to mitigate climate change, and a deep dive into NEFF's Bioeconomy Initiative. Hear how NEFF is changing the way New England produces climate-smart and ecologically sourced wood to foster a strong, local circular economy.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS ONWARD INTO FEBRUARY!

*Sign up for smaller, high demand programs **opens Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 10 am.**



American Art at 250: Masterworks of a Nation, Thu. Jan. 29 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Join Culturally Curious Jane Oneail in celebrating America's extraordinary artistic legacy as we commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary with a curated exploration of the masterworks that have defined our cultural identity.

***Create a Wire Tree with Ryan Kelley, Saturday, Jan. 31 at 10:30 am • IN PERSON**

Join local award-winning wire artist Ryan Kelley for a wire tree art class. Create a wire tree in any style you want during this two-hour class. You will receive all tools, materials and instruction needed to create your own wire tree sculpture; just bring a fist-sized rock for your tree to grown on.



Annual House Plant Swap, Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11 am • IN PERSON

Have cuttings or offspring from a favorite houseplant? How about a plant that just isn't suited to your home? All plants should have at least some roots and be planted or ready to plant. We will provide pots and soil for any plants needing a temporary home! All are welcome to attend—even those without any plants to offer!

Puzzle Race, Saturday, Jan. 31 at 2 pm • IN PERSON

Put your puzzle skills to the test! Sign up on your own or join together with a team. Each group will be given an identical puzzle. Whatever group finishes first wins bragging rights! If no groups complete the entire puzzle, the group with the largest percentage complete will win. *Please note that this event is intended for adults.*



The Final Chapter, Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2 pm • IN PERSON *Back by Popular Demand!*

Rev. Elea Kemler, First Parish Church, and Dr. David Spiegelman, Pepperell Family Practice, will share their combined experience and wisdom on ways we can support individuals and families to navigate the end of life. They will explore both the practical and spiritual questions: medical decision making, palliative and hospice care, and how to create meaningful rituals, traditions, and celebrations of life. Presented with Groton Neighbors.

Unsung Heroes of Civil Rights with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Have you heard of Nannie Helen Burroughs who fired up the crowd in 1900 with her impassioned "How the Sisters Are Hindered From Helping" speech? Even though they stayed out of the limelight, the contributions of these individuals were just as important in fueling the movement as were the legendary historical figures we learned about in school. Celebrate these "other heroes" in the fight for equality.



***Felt a Valentine Penguin with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 pm • IN PERSON**

Creating a needle felted project with fiber artist, Rachel Benson is such fun! All materials provided.

***Daytime DIY with Beth, Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1 pm • IN PERSON**

Transform a (non-library) discarded book into a beautiful decorative vase complete with fake flowers to brighten those winter days.



Classical Masterworks: Bizet's *Carmen* with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Explore the life of composer Georges Bizet and the music he created for his operatic masterpiece, *Carmen*.



10 Steps to Researching the History of Your House, Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

Learn how to uncover the past of any home—whether it's 20 years old or 200. House historian Marian Pierre-Louis will show where to find the deeds to your house, how to chain a deed, and use other sources of information such as the US Federal Census records, maps, and tax records. Learn how to find the stories that bring the history of your house alive.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED

Craft Supply Swap, Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 pm • IN PERSON

Bring new or gently used arts and craft materials to the Circulation Desk between **Feb. 10 and 14**. Swap your materials for something you will use! Donations are not required to participate.

Adventures with Winter Gardening with Judith Taylor, Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

Enjoy veggies from your garden during the summer and wish you could keep growing all year? There are ways to extend your harvest! Learn strategies and techniques for indoor and outdoor growing during winter.

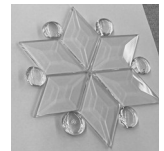


Heart Healthy Cooking with Empty Nest Kitchen, Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Dive into Mediterranean style cooking with heart health in mind! Learn to make sheet pan fajitas with sweet and savory black beans and esquites (corn salad).

Mighty Aphrodite with Klassic Kreations, Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

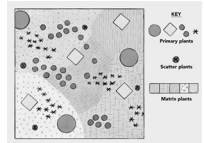
A playful program celebrating love, friendship and fun romantic duos throughout history and of course, the love of chocolate! Fun cultural history of foods that inspire love. Enjoy Aphrodite's mocktail spritzer along with chocolate and chocolate-dipped treats.



*Stained Glass with Periwinkle Glass, Saturday, Feb. 21 at either 11 am OR 2 pm • IN PERSON

Local Groton glass artist, Judith Romatelli, of Periwinkle Glass will lead a workshop to create stained glass snowflakes.

*Puzzle Race, Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 pm • IN PERSON—See description on Jan. 31.



Matrix Planting for Home Gardeners with Deborah Chud, Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 pm • ON ZOOM

Matrix planting is naturalistic gardening in its purest form. It's the hot professional design trend, but it hasn't gained much traction among home gardeners; why? It is likely because people don't know where to start. This presentation will provide a starting point for home gardeners.

Speaking of Magic with Evan Northrup, Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 pm • IN PERSON

You won't want to miss this magical event! Fresh off his recent appearance on Penn & Teller and his star continuing to rise, we are incredibly lucky to have even booked him! Come for an interactive magic and storytelling show for adults that brings classic and new tales to life through magic. *Groton residents given priority until one week before the event.*



LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES

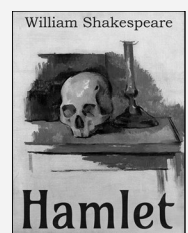
Great Decisions 2026 with Peter Cronin: Eight Thursdays, Feb. 5 to March 26, 7-8:30 pm. In person.



Join other adults to discuss world issues deeply. We use the *Great Decisions* books from the Foreign Policy Association. We ask registrants to commit to the entire eight-week series when signing up. There is reading required outside of class time. Class size limited to 15. Priority given to Groton residents until one week prior to the group's first meeting.

Shakespeare Read Aloud Circle: *Hamlet*. Six Wednesdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 25, 7-8:30 pm. No meeting Jan. 21 or Feb. 18.

This academic enrichment offers an opportunity to read Shakespeare's *Hamlet* within a small group using a Read Aloud Circle format. All participants will receive a copy of the play, the *No Fear Shakespeare* edition, which includes both a modern prose English translation and the original Shakespeare. We will start with the prose interpretation and then circle back to read the original text. You can attend and just listen, too! Both students and adults are welcome.



See Dr. Jonah Richards' talk on The Fate of Ophelia on Wed. Jan. 21, 6:30-7:30 pm.

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ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

All groups meet in person unless otherwise noted.

LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUPS

Please have a minimum of intermediate familiarity with the language to participate in our language conversation groups.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher Verónica Mazzu. Meets at **6 pm (new time!)** on the first and third Tuesday of every month on Zoom.

Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, and Feb. 3 & 17

NEW! FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets at 2 pm on the first and third Wednesday of every month in person. Zoom available upon request.

Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18

NEW! ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets at 6pm on the first and third Wednesday of every month in person. Zoom available upon request.

First Meeting: Jan. 7! Then Jan. 21, Feb. 4 & 18

NEW! GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of every month in person. Zoom available upon request.

First Meeting: Jan. 8! Then Jan. 22, Feb. 12 & 26

CRAFTING GROUPS

DAYTIME DIY WITH A LOCAL ARTIST

Meets 1-3:30 pm one Tuesday each month. Engage in an easy, creative project with various local artists.

See events on Dec. 9, Jan. 20, and Feb. 10.

NEW! CRAFT AND CHAT

Meets 1:00-3:30 pm every Tuesday (except on Daytime DIY Days— see above). Gather with other creative individuals once per week to chat and work on whatever art/craft pursuit you enjoy! Don't have something in particular you are working on? We'll strive to have some art materials available with simple instructions.

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.

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/

GAMING GROUPS

THE QUEST COLLECTIVE

Meet with other role playing game (RPG) enthusiasts to play games such as Dungeons and Dragons and others.

Meets at 11 am every first and third Saturday.

Dec. 13 & 27, Jan. 3 & 17, and Feb. 7 & 21

NEW! GAME ON!

Looking for more board games in your life? Come join us for an afternoon of fun and discovery, as we play a variety of hobby games like *Ticket to Ride*, *Wingspan*, *Cascadia*, and *Knitting Circle*. No experience needed. A teacher will be on hand to help set up and teach the rules. Feel free to bring your own favorite game to share with the group!

- Sunday, Dec. 7, 2-5 pm
- Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 am to 1 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 am to 1 pm

OTHER GROUPS

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 third Tuesday each month.

Dec. 16 Vegan Dessert Swap

Join the PPG for a festive plant-based dessert swap!

Bring a batch of your dessert (cookies, brownies, bars, etc.) and leave with an array of plant-rich goodies!

Jan. 20 Soup Swap: Sign up online what you're bringing!

Feb. 17 Adventures in Winter Gardening (see pg. 8)

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.

Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

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

Dec. 2 Technology & Relationships

Jan. 6 *no meeting*

Feb. 3 Civic Renewal

GRIEF AND LOSS PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Come together for mutual understanding, support and sharing. Meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10

VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAM SERIES ON 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!*

HISTORY SERIES

What's the History of Your House?, Mon. Dec. 1 at 7 pm

On the Trail of English Ancestors, Mon. Dec. 8 at 7 pm

2 Nerdy History Girls Ride Again, Mon. Jan. 5 at 7 pm

Love and Loss After Wounded Knee: A Biography of an Extraordinary Interracial Marriage, Wed. Jan. 7 at 7 pm

Presidential Series with Doodler Heather Rogers: *George Washington*, Fri. Jan. 9 at 10:30 am

Book and Dagger: How Scholars and Librarians Became the Unlikely Spies of World War II by Elyse Graham
Wed. Jan. 21 at 7 pm

Author Christina Hillsberg on the ***Agents of Change: The Women Who Transformed the CIA***, Wed. Jan. 28 at 7 pm

Presidential Series with Doodler Heather Rogers: John Adams, Fri. Feb. 13 at 10:30 am

The Art Spy: The Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland, Wed. Feb. 11 at 7 pm

THURSDAY ART SERIES

Edouard Manet: Pioneer of the Modern with Art History Teacher Janet Mandel, Thu. Dec. 4 at 10:30 am

Rodin as a Sculptor of the Modern Era with Art Historian Martha Chiarchiaro, Thu. Dec. 18 at 10:30 am

Edgar Degas: The Ballet & Beyond with Culturally Curious, Thu. Dec. 18 at 7 pm

The People's Painter: Jacob Lawrence and the Black American Experience with Jane Oneail, Thu. Feb. 26, 7 pm

AUTHOR VISITS

Heather Moore, Author of *Julia*, Mon. Jan. 12, 7pm

Author Sharon Udasin on ***Poisoning The Well: How Forever Chemicals Contaminated America***, Wed. Jan. 14, 7 pm

The Dudleys and The Howards with Authors and Historians Joanne Paul and Nicola Clark, Thu. Jan. 29 at 10 am

Inspired by Cats: Writers & Their Mews(es), Author Nava Atlas and Cartoonist Bob Eckstein, Mon. Feb. 2 at 7 pm

Authors Melanie Kaplan & E. B. Bartles discuss their new books, ***Lab Dog*** and ***Good Grief***, Wed. Feb. 4 at 7 pm

Author Randi Minetor discusses the 2nd edition of ***Death in Glacier National Park***, Mon. Feb. 23 at 7 pm

TRAVEL SERIES

Bicycling Across America, Mon. Dec. 1 at 2 pm

Travel to Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany, Tue. Dec. 2, at 2 pm

Armchair Travel to French Canada, Tue. Dec. 9 at 2 pm

Armchair Travel to Seville, Spain, Tue. Dec. 16 at 2 pm

Armchair Travel: A LIVE Walk Highlighting Christmas in Paris, Mon. Dec. 22 at 12 pm

STANDALONE PROGRAMS

Feeding Backyard Birds with Mass Audubon, Wed. Dec. 3 at 7 pm

Who Gets to Fly? How NASA Chooses Its Astronauts, Wed. Dec. 10 at 7 pm

Dealing with a Stamp Collection, Thu. Dec. 11 at 7 pm

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: The Man Behind the Music
Mon. Dec. 15 at 7 pm

Nikola Tesla: Great American Unsung Heroes Who Changed the Course of History, Wed. Dec. 17 at 7 pm

Superspy Science: Science, Death, and Tech in the World of James Bond, Wed. Jan. 14, 2 pm

Chasing Abolitionist John Brown: A Photographic Journey, Thu. Jan. 15 at 7 pm

Creating a Modern Homestead with Victoria Pruett, Mon. Jan. 26 at 7 pm

Cooking Demo with Heidi McIndoo: Mini Cheesecakes & Raspberry Sauce, Mon. Feb. 9 at 7 pm

Burglary at the Louvre: How Can Writers Top This?, Wed. Feb. 25 at 7 pm

HOW TO DECLUTTER SERIES

Thursdays at 7 pm

Dec. 4 **Quickly Tidy Up What Guests Notice First**

Jan. 8 **Fresh Start: Have a Clutter-Free New Year**

Feb. 12 **Treasures You Love: An Easy Step to Appraise**

JOB SEARCH SERIES

Two Wednesdays Every Month at 9:30 am.

Dec. 3 **Second Act Careers**

Dec. 17 **Marketing Plan**

Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18 **Topics TBD**

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES**Historical Fiction with Jane Healey**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10

Thriller/Horror with Jodi Blanchette

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm on Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10

Mystery/Thriller with Hank Philippi Ryan

Thursdays at 6:30 pm on Dec. 18, Feb. 19

Diverse/Inclusive with Leelynn Brady

Thursdays at 7:30 pm on Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19

Women's Fiction with Kristan Higgins

Thursday Jan. 15 at 6:30 pm

Inclusive & Diverse Romance with Read My Lips Boston

Wednesday, February 11 at 6 pm

Science Fiction with Elizabeth Bear

Wednesday, February 11 at 7 pm

Fantasy with Fantasy Café

Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 pm

BOOK GROUPS*All groups meet in person, some with Zoom upon request. Books are available to borrow at the Circulation Desk.***MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP**

Meets monthly on Thursdays at 7 pm.

Dec. 4 *The Frozen River* by Ariel LawhonJan. 15 *Piranesi* by Susanna ClarkeFeb. 19 *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson**CATCH UP WITH CLASSICS BOOK GROUP**

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

Dec. 10 *Walden* by Henry David ThoreauJan. 14 *Go Tell It On The Mountain* by James BaldwinFeb. 11 *Dubliners* by James Joyce**A NOVEL JOURNEY BOOK GROUP**

Explore world cultures through fiction!

Meets monthly on Fridays at 10:30 am.

Dec. 12 *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel CleetonJan. 2 *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Frederik BackmanFeb. 6 *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP**

Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Dec. 16 *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

Jan. 27 Reader's choice! Any book by Ann Patchett

Feb. 24 *James* by Percival Everett**BOOKED THROUGH TIME BOOK GROUP**

NEW TIME! Meets monthly on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Dec. 17 *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan VreelandJan. 21 *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli EstesFeb. 18 *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon**GREAT BOOKS GROUP**Meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Selections read from GBF's *Classic Readings for Discussion: Volume II*.**Thu. Dec. 11** "A Passion in the Desert" and "The Unknown Masterpiece" by Honore de Balzac

Jan. 21 "The Minister's Black Veil" by Nathaniel Hawthorne

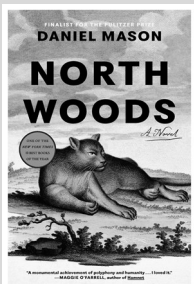
Feb. 18 "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" by Frederick Douglass

THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly to discuss horror, science fiction, and fantasy books on Fridays at 5 pm.

Dec. 19 *Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeerJan. 23 *Going Postal* by Terry PratchettFeb. 27 *Meddling Kids* by Edgar Cantero**BIBLIOPHILES BOOK GROUP**

Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7 pm to explore world literature with an emphasis on ambitious texts.

Jan. 20 *Sand* by Francois le ChampiFeb. 17 *The Human Comedy* by Balzac**GROTON READS IS COMING IN MARCH 2026!**

Our 2026 pick is *North Woods* by Daniel Mason—a haunting, unforgettable novel that begins with a single Massachusetts house and spans centuries of secrets. From colonial times to the present day (and beyond), the story unfolds through letters, diaries, ghost tales, and speculative fiction.

What will you discover within these walls? Read *North Woods* before March and join us for a month of events celebrating history, nature, and the deep ties between people and the land.

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

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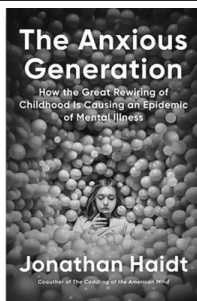
Fri. Dec. 19: Closed 10-12
(All-Staff Workshop)
Wed. Dec. 24: Closed 2-9 only
Thu. Dec. 25: Closed
Wed. Dec. 31: Closed 5-9 only
Thu. Jan. 1: Closed

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The Anxious Generation: Taking Action Group

Meets monthly on the fourth
Wednesday at 7 pm on
Dec. 17, Jan. 28, and Feb. 25

Join local parents and caregivers to explore practical ways to set healthy tech boundaries with kids and teens. Each session focuses on a different theme or challenge. This group continues the conversation sparked by *The Anxious Generation* book and related events that took place last spring.

More Programs for Parents

- **Postpartum Support Group:** Meets monthly on the first Wed. at 12 noon after Peapods. Starts Dec. 3.
- **Self-Regulation for Parents,** Thu. Jan. 11 at 7 pm on Zoom
- **College Quest Workshop** for High School Students and Parents, Wed. Feb. 11, 6-8 pm, in person.

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

In the Owen Smith Shuman Art Gallery

Lowbrow (Oct. 31-Feb. 14)

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

A Warm Weather Wish: Escaping the Winter Doldrums (Feb. 18-April 1) Photographs by Diane Davis.

Pictures of warm places and weather to remind us winter will indeed end and spring is on its way!

Artists' Reception on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1-5 pm

Lowbrow Film Festival!

Sat. Jan. 10 & Sun. Jan. 11 both at 2 pm
Also on Tue. Jan. 13 & Tue. Jan. 20 both at 6:30 pm
Showing: *Big Eyes* & Waldemar Januszczak's *Manet*

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