Groton Public Library

WINTER 2026–2027 NEWS & EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS · IN PERSON · Free and for all ages!

Dec. 13 at 1 pm: *A Charlie Brown* Christmas, by the Aidan Scrimgeour Jazz Trio.



Location: Lawrence Academy

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).



Jan. 17 at 2:30 pm: Crowes Pasture

Crowes Pasture is a New England–based folk/Americana duo featuring Monique Byrne and Andy Rogovin. Together, the duo inspires audiences with intimate, harmony-driven performances that are both heartfelt and deeply connective.

Feb. 21 at 2:30 pm: Nissitissit String Quartet presents "For the Beauty of the Earth", with music inspired by the natural world.



NSQ dedicates this event to the heroic work of conservation activist and grassroots legend, Marion Stoddart.

Their repertoire includes jazz standards, mid-century pop songs, folk tunes, classical, and more.

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

Winter Reading Programs For All Ages

January 1– February 28



ON BOARD for Winter Reading! For Kids Grades PreK-5

Sign up in the Children's Room and pick up your reading log starting **Jan. 1**!

Read (or listen) to books all Jan. & Feb. and log your reading to earn prizes! Participate in READ bingo to earn extra raffle tickets for the Grand Prize.

>> Hey Parents! How many nights a week should kids be reading? ***6-7!*** *<<*

Starry Nights & Reading Lights

Winter Reading for Teens & Adults!



New Year's resolution to read more in 2027?

Start here! Sign up on the Beanstack app or **grotonpubliclibrary.beanstack.org**! *Why? Because you deserve fun and prizes, too!*

TEENS: Grades 6-12

Earn gift cards, free books, and more by logging your reading minutes!



ADULTS: Ages 18+

Track your reading to collect virtual bingo badges. Every badge earns a raffle ticket to use towards your choice of prizes.



Groton Public Library

99 Main Street

Groton, MA 01450

GPL Programs Are Free and Open to All

For more program info. or to sign up:

- Visit our gpl.org online calendar
- Email info@gpl.org
- Call 978-448-1167

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

Contents:

All Ages	1 & 12
Kids	2-3
Teens	3-4
Adults	5-12

Information as of ***November 15, 2026.*** *Check our calendar for* ***updates*** *and to* ***sign up,*** *or call 978-448-1167.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

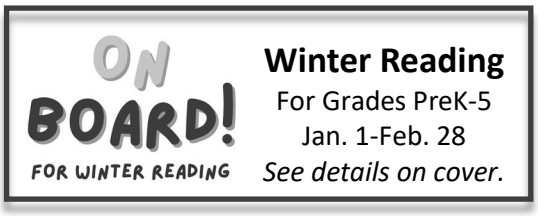
❄ Sign up is required unless listed as drop-in. Sign up anytime, but preference will be given to Groton residents up to one week before the program. No storytimes during school vacation weeks. ❄

Drop-In Activities for All Ages

Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time. Drop-in for some freestyle crafting!

Kid Librarian of the Month's Scavenger Hunt. Themed scavenger hunts to solve, with a new challenge every two weeks!

Mural Scavenger Hunt. Using the key, search for all the book-themed items in our mural and earn a prize!



Winter Reading
For Grades PreK-5
Jan. 1-Feb. 28
See details on cover.

Drop-In Family Craft. Saturdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 30, & Feb. 20, Children's Room. Enjoy a family craft with Miss Erin.



For Babies through Preschool



Tales & Tunes for Tots! Local children's performers for music, movement, and more! Friday, Jan. 22: Rockabye Beats. Friday, Feb. 5: Evan Haller's Music at the Blissful. 10:30-11:15 am.

Mornings

Peapods Storytimes for Ages 0-2. Every Wednesday at 10:30 am or 11:15 am.



A first storytime experience for children age 0-2 years and their caregivers.

Saturday Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2. Saturdays, 10:15-10:45 am: Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 & 27.

Floor Babies: A Supportive Group for Parents & Caregivers of Babies 0-12 Months with Doula Emma Marella. First Wednesday of the month after Peapods, 12-12:45 pm. We will focus on a different topic each month. Babies and children are welcome in a relaxed, caring environment.

Storytime with Miss Jacquie for Ages 3-5. Stories & songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Thursdays, 10:30-11 am, on Dec. 3 & 10; Jan. 7, 14, & 28; and Feb. 4, 11, & 25.

Music and Movement with the Family Partnership Center for Babies-Preschoolers. Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am, on Dec. 1 & 15; Jan. 12 & 26; and Feb. 9. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!

Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5. Thursdays, 11-11:45 am, on Dec. 17 and Feb. 18. Jan. 14, too, but starts 15 minutes late at 11:15 am. Games, dance, movement, and fun! Hoops provided.

Afternoons

Storytime with Inga: Big Ideas for Little Explorers (Ages 3-5). Wednesdays, 1-1:45 pm, on Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb. 3. Curious preschoolers will dive into the world around them through engaging read-alouds and hands-on fun.

Kelly's Tales with Raquel for Ages 3-5. Wednesdays, 1:30-2 pm, on Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 10. Storytelling adventures to promote cultural competency and literacy skills.

Special Events For School-Age Children

***Registration is required**



***Mario Kart Tournament for Ages 7-11.** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm, Dec. 2 and Feb. 17. Kids are invited to race against fellow Mario fans on our Nintendo Switch. Pizza & snacks provided.

***Pop-Up Heart Greeting Cards for Grades K-5.** Saturday, Jan. 30, 1-2 pm. Get a head start on your valentine greeting cards. Make a pop-up heart card with Kulina Folk Art Creative Workshops.



***ZMakesBeads: Bead Therapy for Grades 2-5.** Wednesday, Feb. 10, 4-5 pm. In this tranquil, meditative space, kids can explore creativity, self-expression, and emotional awareness as they transform feelings into wearable art.

All programs are supported by the GPL Endowment Trust and by a grant from the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.



LEGO® Mini-figure Swap! Take a figure, leave a figure! Come see the new swap station starting Feb 16.

***PokeSwap for Grades K-5.** Meets during LEGO® Club on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4-4:45 pm. Swap cards, play games, and talk about Pokémon with friends!

Tiny Birds Puppet Workshop for Grades K-5. Wednesday, February 17, 1-2:30 pm. Make your own paper backyard bird, such as a hopping blue jay, flying cardinal, or pecking woodpecker.

For School-Age Children

Art Lab for Grades K-5. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2-2:45 pm. A hands-on art experience focusing on process art, where the emphasis is on exploration rather than the final product. Children (and their grown-ups) are invited to engage with a variety of materials and prompts that encourage imagination, creativity, and sensory play

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

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets on the second 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 each month, 4:45-5:15 pm. Draw, write, and create your own comics / graphic novels. Bring a project to work on or start a new one! Materials provided.



Cursive Club for Grades 3-5. Meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 4-4:30 pm. Learn and/or practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie. Snacks and workbooks provided.

Jennie Fitzkee Reads Aloud for Grades K-2. Meets on the first and third Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. A gifted educator, Jennie picks the best children's chapter books and delights all who hear her read aloud.



Read to Blitzen and/or Summit for Grades K-5. Wednesdays, 4-5 pm, Dec. 16, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Blitzen and Summit are certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for a 15-minute time slot.

LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12. Third Tuesday every month, 4-4:45 pm. We bring the LEGOs—you bring the imagination!

Knifty Knitters for Grades 3-5. Thursdays, 4-5 pm, Dec. 3, Jan. 7 & 28; and Feb. 4 & 25. Miss Lauren & Miss Ellie teach the basics at every skill level in this fun group circle. Needles and yarn provided one time for new attendees.

More activities for 5th Graders listed below & next page...

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

MORE EVENTS NEXT PAGE...

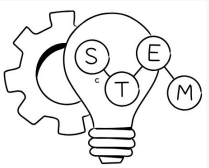
ROBOTICS BATTLE-BOTS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)

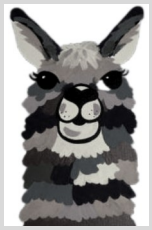
Create a robot with LEGO® Mindstorms EV3.
Wednesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, & Feb. 3,
6-7:30 pm

Hands-On STEM (Grades 5-8)

Fridays, Dec. 11, Jan. 22, and Feb. 26, 4-5 pm

High school students lead this hands-on class.
A different STEM topic every month.
No experience needed.





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!

Lawrence Academy Robotics Team (Grades 5-8)

Wed. Jan. 13, 5:30-7:30 pm

Team Leonid0S will be here to teach middle schoolers how to construct and code mini-robots!

Information as of November 15, 2026. Check our calendar for updates and to sign up, or call 978-448-1167.

TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



Starry Nights & Reading Lights: Teen Winter Reading Challenge

Grades 6-12

January 1—February 28

Earn gift cards, free books, and more by logging the minutes you read this winter on the Beanstack app. Details at gpl.org.

Gamer's Arcade with Virtual Reality for Grades 6-12

Saturday, Jan. 9, 1-4 pm

One Up Games will be here with a variety of next-gen consoles and gaming monitors, including Nintendo Switch, XBox Series S, PlayStation 4, and Oculus Quest 2.

YA@GPL

gpl_ya

YA at GPL

Winter Arts & Crafts (Grades 6-12)

Embroidery & Paint Project	Wed. Dec. 2, 6-7:30 pm
Make & Take Brrr Baskets	Thu. Dec. 10, 4:15-5:30 pm
Felt a Snowman with Rachel Benson	Wed. Dec. 16, 4-5:30 pm
Glass Ornament with Periwinkle Glass	Sat. Dec. 19, 2:30-4 pm
Learn Kinusaiga Fabric Art	Thu. Jan. 14, 4:30-6 pm
Beginner Beading with Zara (Gr.5-8)	Thu. Jan. 28, 4:30-5:30 pm
Winter Candle Making	Sat. Jan. 30, 3-4 pm
Bead Therapy with ZMakesBeads	Wed. Feb. 10, 5:30-6:30 pm
Bring Something to Bedazzle	Thu. Feb. 11, 4-5:30 pm
Felt an Underwater Landscape	Wed. Feb. 17, 4-5:30 pm
Make & Take Infusible Mugs	Thu. Feb. 18, 3:30-5 pm
Digital Illustration: Create a Character (Gr.5-12)	Sat. Feb. 20, 2-4 pm



Baking Club

Grades 6-12

First Fridays

3:30-4:45pm

Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5



Squishmallow Bingo Party!

Grades 5-12

Friday, Dec. 18, 3:30-4:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 19, 3:30-4:30 pm

Bring your friends for fun bingo and a chance to bring home a cozy Squishmallow!

TEEN VOLUNTEERS—WE NEED YOU!

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: Dec. 16, Jan. 27, Feb. 24. Contact teens@gpl.org for other opportunities to volunteer.

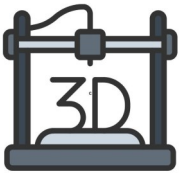
DROP-IN AFTER SCHOOL LOUNGE

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

FRIDAYS 3-5 pm

Meet friends and play games. Nintendo Switch and board games available.

Dec. 4; Jan. 8, 22, & 29; Feb. 12 & 26.



3D Design & Print

Grades 5-12

Create a design in Tinkercad, then 3D print it!

Thursdays, 4-5 pm on

Dec. 3 & 17; Jan. 7 & 21; Feb. 4 & 25.



Pizza & Movie Nights

Tue. Dec. 22

Wed. Jan. 20

Tue. Feb. 16

Check our calendar for movie titles and start times.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WINTER CAMPAIGN (Grades 6-12) Saturdays, 2-4 pm



Dates: Jan. 16 & 30, Feb. 13 & 27, Mar. 13 & 27, Apr. 10 & 24, May 8 & 22.

Participants are expected to attend all meetings if possible.

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.

Book Worm Masters (Grades 6-8): Second Tuesday of every month, 4:30-5 pm. Dates: Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9.

Reading Rippers (Grades 9 & 10): First Thursday of every month, 5-5:30 pm. Winter dates: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4.

Crackerjacks (Grades 11 & 12): Second Thursday every other month, 5:45-6:30 pm. Winter dates: Dec. 10 and Feb. 11.

Books available at the Children's Room desk.

Programs generously supported by the GPL Endowment Trust and by a grant from the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: DECEMBER

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

*Registration for smaller, higher demand in person programs Opens Tue. Dec. 1 at 10 am.



The Worlds of Eleanor Roosevelt with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Arguably the most influential First Lady in American history, she continued her work as a philanthropist and humanitarian long after the president's death. We'll take a look at her work as a trail-blazing civil rights advocate, feminist, and one of driving forces behind the United Nations as well as a deeply lonely woman who found love in a series of extraordinary friendships.



Introduction to Crochet with Off the Hook Crochet, Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 pm IN PERSON
A hands-on, crochet workshop for absolute beginners—truly, zero experience needed. (Although sass and curiosity are welcome and encouraged!)



Daytime DIY: Find You Flow with Jenny Schneider, Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 1 pm IN PERSON
Learn how to paint with watercolors in a mindful and relaxed way. You don't have to be an artist to get beautiful results. Explore basic watercolor tools and supplies, different painting techniques, and intuitive color mixing. Leave with a small painting and lots of inspiration.

History's Strangest Coincidences with Historically Speaking, Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Truth truly is stranger than fiction. Discover the remarkable coincidences, unlikely encounters, narrow escapes, and astonishing twists that helped shape American history. Through carefully researched stories, separating fact from myth, explore the extraordinary coincidences that continue to fascinate historians and history lovers alike.

Zen Coloring with Marie Tucker, Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 11 am on ZOOM
Need a little down time amidst the holiday chaos? Settle in to make marks, fill in shapes, and layer and blend color. Listen to some chill tunes and just doodle. More experienced artists can be more deliberate with what they create, while less practiced artists can still be successful creating a unique piece. There is no wrong way to do this!



Felt an Angel with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Learn the basics of felting or grow your felting skills while creating a needle felted angel with talented fiber artist, Rachel Benson. All materials provided.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop, Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 pm OR Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7 pm IN PERSON



Celebrate the winter and holiday season. Create your own beautiful table centerpiece that brings warmth, creativity, and a festive holiday spirit to the season.



Daytime DIY with Beth: Book Baubles, Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 1 pm IN PERSON
Create something beautiful from a discarded paperback. Embrace the calm of a repetitive pattern to transform a book into an ornament or decoration! Warning: This can be habit forming!



Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Explore the perennial holiday masterpiece, the history behind the ballet's creation, and Tchaikovsky's ingenious score full of orchestral marvels including the Waltz of the Flowers, Trepak, the Sugar-Plum Fairy, and so much more!

What to Bring to a Holiday Party: A Plant-Based Holiday Cooking Demonstration with the Esselstyn Foundation, Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7 pm on ZOOM
The focus will be on healthy, delicious, plant-based appetizers, side dishes, and dessert options to bring to a holiday party or share when hosting. The Esselstyn Foundation is a non-profit committed to healing the world of lifestyle related disease through the promotion of whole food, plant-based nutrition.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: JANUARY



Fly Me to the Moon with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Trace the eternal fascination we humans have had with our moon, from the most ancient of times to the present. Celebrate the extraordinary men and women who made America's Apollo program possible and examine current plans for the Artemis program that will once again explore our cosmic sister.

Adventures in Winter Sowing with Judith Taylor of Seeds2Plate, Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 10:30 am on ZOOM
If you want to start seeds without all the equipment, mess, and daily attention requirements, then Winter Sowing is for you! Find out why this seed starting technique is growing in popularity.



Felt a Winter Landscape with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Learn the basics of felting or improve felting skills while creating a felted winter landscape. All materials provided.

Birth of a Community: **Film Screening with Alex Woodle, Friday, Jan. 8 at 12 pm IN PERSON**
Learn about the physical and cultural history of Knops Pond and Lost Lake through this film by Alex Woodle, who grew up spending summers on Lost Lake and has lived there for decades. The film utilizes newly discovered documents and oral histories to tell the 300 year history and settlement of Groton's largest body of water.

Daytime DIY with Becky Barth, Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 1 pm IN PERSON
Learn to create lovely images with fiber and fabric through simple cross stitch. Don't know how to cross stitch? If you can draw an x, you can cross stitch! Come explore with others. All materials provided.



Mediterranean-Inspired Meals for Two with Empty Nest Kitchen, Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Who says winter cooking has to be heavy or boring? Brighten up your dinner routine with a fresh, flavorful Mediterranean-inspired meal that's perfect for one or two! Join Chef & Culinary Educator Christine Van Bloem as we prepare Orange & Fennel Salmon with Warm Shallot-Dijon Vinaigrette, Lemony Couscous with Toasted Almonds, and Dark Chocolate-Dipped Clementines for a sweet little finish.

Adventures in Mocktails with Judith Taylor of Seeds2Plate, Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Discover the art of craft mixology—without the alcohol! Learn how to create sophisticated mocktails using simple ingredients you can easily find at your local grocery store or already have in your kitchen. Demystify non-alcoholic drink creation by focusing on the core building blocks of great flavor.

Crow Party and Accessory Swap, Sunday, Jan. 17 at 1:30 pm IN PERSON
Crows are generally associated with curiosity, intelligence, mystery, playfulness, magic, and shiny objects. Join our impromptu murder (flock of crows) and swap some fun stuff! Gather your (non-favorite) trinkets, dress in **ALL BLACK** (like a crow), and come trade! Bring at least 3 trinkets to trade with others.





Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Explore the background behind this groundbreaking work, Gershwin's own musical education and life events that contributed to it's creation, and the musical forces that make it such a special piece.

Go Green! Recycle for Art with the Pollock-Krasner Study Center, Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 11 am on ZOOM
Take a virtual tour of the Pollock-Krasner House and discover art made from recycled objects. Then get inspired by how famous artists Picasso, Calder, and others transformed junk into masterpieces of art. Create your own sculpture or collage using found materials in your own home.

Scotland: From the Royal Mile to a Misty Isle with Bruce Magnuson, Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Journey through Scotland's dramatic landscapes and tumultuous history in this richly illustrated photographic presentation. Photographs of castles, battlefields, ancient ruins, mountains, lochs, and villages provide a window into the past, from the clashes between crown and clan to Jacobite uprisings to the enduring legacy of Scottish culture.

All programs are supported by the GPL Endowment Trust and by a grant from the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: ONWARD INTO FEBRUARY

*Sign up for smaller, high demand in person programs **Opens Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10 am.**



DIY Bath Products with Casual Study, Saturday, Jan. 23 at 11 am IN PERSON
Get your hands dirty making your own bath products! We'll talk about how and why it's inexpensive and easy to make your own products. Everyone will leave with their own sugar scrub, bath bomb, lip scrub, and the recipes.



Try the Ukulele with Julie Stepanek Murray, Saturday, Jan. 23 at 3 pm IN PERSON
Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Learn how to tune, strum and read chords. After a short lesson, you'll be able to start playing songs. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided.

Daytime DIY: Weaving with What You Have with Beth, Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 1 pm IN PERSON
Yarn or paper. Either of these basic materials can create elegant, sophisticated weavings. Explore warp and weft through experimentation.

Religion and the Constitution with Retired Judge James Coll, Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7 pm on ZOOM



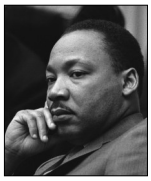
Examine the development of the First Amendment protection of religious freedom. Consider the circumstances and Supreme Court interpretations of the first 16 words of the Bill of Rights to illustrate how Founding-era ideals have been applied to the controversial issue of religion and government interaction in America.

Wills and Trusts 101, Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Join local Attorney Elina Khachiyan for an educational session exploring the foundational aspects of estate planning, specifically comparing the strategic advantages and potential drawbacks of Wills versus Trusts.

New England Winter Storms: Science, History, and Hazards, Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 pm IN PERSON
What makes a storm a "bomb cyclone" or why does a shift of a few miles changes snow to rain? National Weather Service Meteorologist Francis Tarasiewicz presents a guide to New England's dramatic winter weather.

Soup Swap, Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Make a delicious soup and portion out into individual servings (plastic containers available to pick up in advance). Swap with others and take home with a variety of soups for those cold winter nights when you want something warm.





MLK Jr.: Things You Might Not Know with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Explore the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as over a dozen different facts that you may not have known about this iconic figure. Help fill in the picture we have of this complex human being. Here's a chance to delve a little deeper into the man and his legacy--and to see why his story is still so meaningful and relevant to our own lives today.

Creative Gardens with Christopher Bisonette, Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 am on ZOOM
Learn about an array of garden designs you can accomplish with minimal supplies. Perfect timing to dream up a new plan before spring!



Felt a Love Bug with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Learn the basics of felting and create a felted love bug! All materials provided .

Daytime DIY: Collage Artist Trading Cards with Rebecca Brown, Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 1 pm IN PERSON
Use a variety of supplies and loads of creative expression to create art on a small scale. Come prepared to have fun seeing what you, and everyone else will create. ATCs are wonderful little pieces of art you can share, add to greeting cards, use as gift tags—the options are endless.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: FEBRUARY

Free Speech and the Constitution with James Coll, Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 pm on ZOOM
"Congress shall make no law…abridging the freedom of speech…" However, the government routinely makes laws preventing people from speaking or expressing themselves in every instance without recourse. So if free speech is not an absolute right then when are government restrictions permitted? Discuss circumstances and other landmark Supreme Court decisions to delve into the challenge of balancing this important civil liberty and public safety in America.



Mandalas for Mindfulness with Atira Hope, Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 11 am on ZOOM
Learn to create the mandala grid, the backbone of every symmetrical mandala; from there, learn to design your own mandala! Discover the history of mandalas and the mindfulness benefits of creating them, including how they help with mental health, presence, and living a more fulfilled life.



Cocoa Consumerism: How to Buy Ethical Chocolate, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Victoria Kichuk of Cocoa Beantown traces the chain of cocoa custody back to its questionable origins while examining the major world market players to help you become a more educated cocoa consumer.

Periwinkle Glass, Saturday, Feb. 13 OR Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 pm IN PERSON
Join us to make a quick and easy stained glass heart for your valentine! You'll learn to foil and solder, and you'll take home a lovely piece of art. This workshop is taught by Groton's own Judith Romatelli of Periwinkle Glass.

Andrew Lloyd Webber Musicals of the 1970s with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Explore how his shows of the 1970's broke new ground, established his position as a composer for the theater, how he used music in new and old ways to craft the drama, and how these shows changed the world of Broadway forever. Includes *Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar,* and more!



Heart Healthy Cooking Demo with the Esselstyn Foundation, Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 pm on ZOOM
Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the U.S. for men and women. This cooking demonstration focuses on research-based and peer-reviewed nutritional practices for optimal health, plus lifestyle-related disease prevention through whole food, plant-based cooking.

Trinket Bowls with Kimberly Stoney, Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Join us for a creative workshop making charming trinket bowls! Using clay and beautiful decorative paper, create a one-of-a-kind dish perfect for holding jewelry, keys, or other small treasures. Come ready to play and make something lovely to take home!



Daytime DIY: Reverse Watercolor with Joyce Thomas, Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 1 pm IN PERSON
Learn to create stunning images through the removal of pigment. No experience necessary.



Understanding Your Cookware with Helen Rennie, Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 pm on ZOOM
You can boil water in any pan, but if you want to brown your food, the choice of skillet or baking sheet can make or break your dish. Explore the science of cookware so that you can make informed buying decisions and get the best performance out of the pans you already own.

"Nowhere to Wear This" Party

Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Bought it. Loved it. Never wore it (or only wore it once) … until NOW! Wear that outfit that makes you feel over the top! It could be sequins, a Halloween costume, that suit you only wore to one interview—break it out and flaunt it!



Celebrate Library Lovers Day!

Sunday, February 14, 1-5 pm

Stop by and enjoy some yummy treats, hot cocoa, and a fun craft!

Why? Because we ♥ our patrons!

All programs are supported by the GPL Endowment Trust and by a grant from the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.

ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

All groups meet in person unless otherwise noted.

LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUPS

We're sorry, but a minimum of intermediate familiarity is required for language conversation group participation.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher Verónica Mazzu. Meets at **6 pm** on the first and third Tuesday of every month on Zoom.
Dec. 1 & 15, Jan. 5 & 19, and Feb. 2 & 16

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets at 2 pm on the first and third Wednesday of every month in person. *Zoom available upon request.*
Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17

ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets at 6 pm on the first and third Wednesday of every month in person. *Zoom available upon request.*
Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of every month in person. *Zoom available upon request.*
Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25 (no meeting Dec. 24)

CRAFTING GROUPS

CRAFT AND CHAT

Meets 1-3:30 pm every first & third Tuesday (no 12/15). Gather with other creative individuals twice a month to chat and work on whatever art/craft pursuit you enjoy!

KNITTING GROUP

Meets 1:30-3:30 pm every Thursday (no meeting Dec. 24). Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project. All handicrafts (and crafters!) welcome.

GAMING GROUPS

THE QUEST COLLECTIVE

Meet with other Role Playing Game (RPG) enthusiasts to play games such as Dungeons & Dragons and others. Meets twice per month on Saturdays at 11 am.
Dec. 12 & 19, Jan. 2 & 16, and Feb. 6 & 20

BOARD GAMES: LEARN & PLAY FOR ADULTS

Learn and play hobby games, with a new theme each month. Games provided and taught, no exp. needed.
Sun. Jan. 24 at 2 pm: Flip and Writes: Play alongside each other from the same cards to create the best maps and neighborhoods.
Sun. Feb. 21 at 2 pm: Social Deduction Games: Hidden roles, unknown teams, quick games, laughs guaranteed!

OTHER GROUPS

PLANT-POWERED GROUP

Explore non-meat options or a plant-based way of eating. Meets at 7 pm on the third Tuesday each month.
Dec. 15 Holiday Cooking Demonstration via Zoom
Jan. 19 What to Buy Where
Feb. 16 Heart Healthy Choices via Zoom

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

GRIEF AND LOSS PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Come together for mutual understanding, support, and sharing. Meets at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9



TRIVIA TUESDAY (Online only)

New quizzes emailed to you every week. Winners posted on Facebook & Instagram.

Sign up online at gpl.org/calendar!

NEW! PERI-MENO-PALS: PERIMENOPAUSE PEER SUPPORT GROUP

First Thursday of every month at 7 pm. Winter Dates: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4

This group is about supporting each other through the ups and downs of perimenopause and menopause. Come and connect with other amazing women who understand what you're going through. Share stories, exchange tips, laugh together, and find solace in a safe and nurturing environment.

Information as of November 15, 2026. Check our calendar for updates and to sign up, or call 978-448-1167.

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!*

TRAVEL

Little Gems of Rome, Tue. Dec. 1 at 2 pm
Armchair Travel to the Maramureș in Romania
Tue. Dec. 8 at 2 pm
Armchair Travel to Bhutan, Tue. Dec. 15 at 2 pm
Armchair Travel to the Azores & Madeira
Tue. Dec. 22 at 2 pm
Royal Mile to Misty Isle: Scotland w/ Bruce Magnuson
Thu. Feb. 11 at 7 pm

HOLIDAY

Bird Kings & Christmas Demons: Wonderful & Weird Traditions of the Yuletide Season, Wed. Dec. 2 at 7 pm
Holiday Gifts from the Kitchen with Heidi McIndoo
Mon. Dec. 7 at 7 pm
Nutcrackers: A Colorful History, Wed. Dec. 23 at 7 pm

FOOD

Northern Comfort: The New England Baking Tradition
Mon. Dec. 14 at 7 pm
Banana Chocolate Cake & Bananas Foster Smoothie
Mon. Feb. 1 at 7 pm

ART HISTORY with Jane Oneail

Heavenly Messengers: Angels in Renaissance Art
Thu. Dec. 17 at 7 pm
Shattering the Window, Thu. Jan. 28 at 7 pm
Vision & Voice: Obamas as Patrons of American Art
Thu. Feb. 25 at 7 pm

AUTHOR VISITS

Debut Author Panel, Mon. Jan. 25 at 7 pm
Q&A with Romance Author Nalini Singh,
Mon. Feb. 22 at 7 pm

BEYOND THE SPINE: A Month for Writing

Research Tips from Loretta Chase, Mon. Jan. 4 at 7 pm
Collaborative Writing, Tue. Jan. 5 at 7 pm
Debut Author Panel on Publishing Across the Pond
Sat. Jan. 9 at 2 pm
Writing Across Genres, Mon. Jan. 11 at 7 pm
Mass Book Award Winner Stuart Nadler's Writing Tips
Tue. Jan 26 at 7 pm
Writing Mysteries & Thrillers, Wed. Jan. 27 at 7 pm

HISTORY

Presidential Series: Zachary Taylor
Fri. Dec. 11 at 10:30 am
John F. Kennedy's Fascination w/ Sir Winston Churchill
Tue. Dec. 22 at 7 pm
Presidential Series: Millard Fillmore
Fri. Jan. 8 at 10:30 am
Vanguards of Black Women's History with Herstorian Gracia Collins Rich, Mon. Feb. 8 at 7 pm
Presidential Series: Franklin Pierce
Fri. Feb. 12 at 10:30 am

DECLUTTER with Jamie Novak

Be Your Own Professional Organizer
Thu. Dec. 10 at 7 pm
How to Have a Clutter-Free New Year
Thu. Jan. 7 at 7 pm
How to Organize Your Life in One Binder
Thu. Feb. 4 at 7 pm

NATURE

Houseplants 101 with Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens
Thu. Jan 21 at 7 pm
The Lifecycle of Seeds, Thu. Feb. 18 at 7 pm

50+ JOB SEEKERS

First & Third Wednesdays of every month at 10:30 am.
Dec. 2 **Interview Strategies**
Dec. 16 **Second Act Careers**
Also Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17. *Check calendar for topics.*

OTHER

I Didn't Ask for This! Removing AI From Your Devices
Tue. Dec. 1 at 7 pm
Supporting Grievers: A How To Workshop
Thu. Dec. 3 at 7 pm
Future Mars Exploration and Settlement
Fri. Dec. 4 at 2 pm
Great American Songbook Part 5, Mon. Dec. 7 at 2 pm
California True Crime Stories, Wed. Dec. 16 at 7 pm
The Truth Behind the Westerns: Billy The Kid
Fri. Dec. 18 at 2 pm
Blood Feud: The Demoulas-Market Basket Supermarket Trials, Mon. Dec. 21 at 7 pm

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

All programs are supported by the GPL Endowment Trust and by a grant from the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.

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. 3 *Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle
Jan. 21 *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides
Feb. 18 *The Tainted Cup* by Robert Jackson Bennett

CATCH UP WITH CLASSICS BOOK GROUP
Meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7 pm to discuss classic literature.
Dec. 9 *Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier
Jan. 13 *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving
Feb. 10 *The Golden Notebook* by Doris Lessing

A NOVEL JOURNEY BOOK GROUP
Explore world cultures through fiction.
Meets monthly on Fridays at 10:30 am.
Dec. 4 *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams
Jan. 8 *Homeseeking* by Karissa Chen
Feb. 5 *Hum if You Don't Know the Words* by Bianca Marais

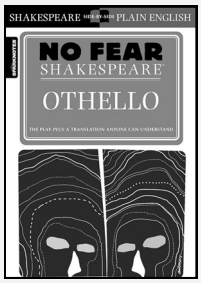
PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP
Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7 pm.
Dec. 15 *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke
Jan. 26 *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior
Feb. 23 *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

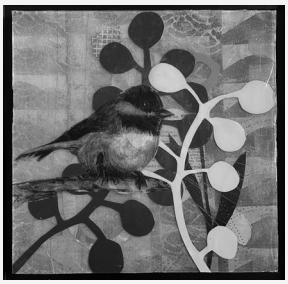
THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP
Meets monthly to discuss horror, science fiction, and fantasy books on Fridays at 5 pm.
Dec. 18 *There is No Antimemetic Division* by qntm (Sam Hughes)
Jan. 22 *We Used to Live Here* by Marcus Kliewer
Feb. 26 *Victorian Psycho* by Virginia Feito

BIBLIOPHILES BOOK GROUP
Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 7 pm to explore world literature with an emphasis on ambitious texts.
Dec. 1 *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka
Jan. 5 *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka
Feb. 2 *The Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco

LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES

Shakespeare Read Aloud Circle: *Othello*.
Five Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, & 27, and Feb. 3, 7-8:30pm
This academic enrichment offers an opportunity to read Shakespeare's *Othello* 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. You can attend and just listen, too! Both students and adults are welcome.





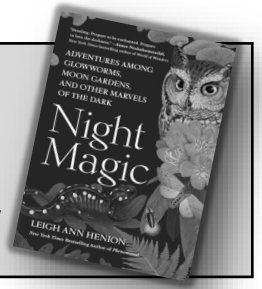
Gelli Print Lab: Imagination & Inspiration with Kimberly Stoney.
Sessions are offered back-to-back. Please choose one session per offering.
- **Saturday, Dec. 12 OR Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:30-4:30pm**
- **Saturday, Jan. 2 OR Sunday, Jan. 3, 1:30-4:30pm**
- **Saturday, Feb. 6 OR Sunday, Feb. 7, 1:30-4:30pm**

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

GROTON READS IS COMING IN MARCH 2027!

Our 2027 Groton Reads selection is ***Night Magic: Adventures Among Glowworms, Moon Gardens, and Other Marvels of the Dark*** **by Leigh Ann Henion**, 2024

This book combines nature writing, science, and personal discovery in an exploration of the beauty and wonder that emerges when the sun goes down.



Information as of **November 15, 2026.** *Check our calendar for* **updates** *and to* **sign up,** *or call 978-448-1167.*

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

99 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Main/Circ: 978-448-1167
circulation@gpl.org

Facebook
GrotonPublicLibraryMA

Instagram
grotonpubliclibraryma



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 122
Groton, MA

Library Hours

Open Tue-Wed-Thu 10-9,
Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, and Sun 1-5
Closed Mondays

Winter Closings

Fri. Dec. 18: Closed 10-12
Thu. Dec. 24: Close early at 2
Fri. Dec. 25 & Sat. Dec. 26: Closed
Thu. Dec. 31: Close early at 5
Fri. Jan. 1: Closed

WINTER 2026-2027 NEWS & EVENTS!

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

RESIDENTIAL POSTAL PATRON
GROTON, MA

Newsletter printing and mailing made possible thanks to the generosity of the GPL Endowment Trust.



LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK FAIR: Saturday, Dec. 5, 12-4 pm

Come meet local authors during Grotonfest Winter!
Books available for purchase (and signed copies make great gifts)!



Enjoy free hot cider or hot cocoa, take a photo at our winter backdrop, and visit our new art exhibit!

PUZZLE RACING for Adults! Saturdays Jan. 2, Jan. 23, and Feb. 13, 10:30 –11:45 am, 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, and whichever group finishes first wins bragging rights! *Sign up for one or all three events.*

Please note: Intended primarily for adults and **amateur puzzle racers**, not pros, to keep the competition even, fun, and fair.

Owen Smith Shuman Art Gallery

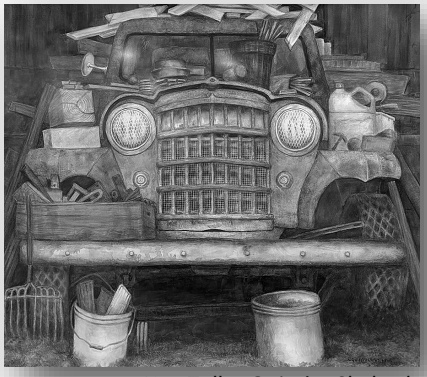
THE GROTON OPEN: A survey of local creative energy

First Round (FR): Now through February 20

Opening Reception: Sunday, Dec. 6, 2-4 pm
Closing Reception: Friday, Feb. 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

Second Round starts Tue. Feb. 23

The Groton Open is a celebration of local creativity, community, and the remarkable talent that surrounds us every day.



Nan Tolles Quintin, *Shelved*

Information as of ***November 15, 2026.*** *Check our calendar for* ***updates*** *and to* ***sign up,*** *or call 978-448-1167.*