SUNDAY LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES!

All IN PERSON at GPL in Sibley Hall. Sign up to reserve your seat!

The Library Band, September 18 at 2:30 pm
This duo plays original acoustic music with touches of folk, world, and indie musical traditions.

The Hipswayers, October 2 at 2:30 pm
Their music combines tight rhythms, searing solos, and soulful harmonies in an eclectic mix of catchy originals, old time country, & twangy, reverb-soaked surf that keeps your toes tapping and hips swaying.

Les Boulevardiers, November 13 at 2:30 pm
Hot jazz, Spicy Tango, and Smooth Swing: Les Boulevardiers, an ensemble with diverse musical backgrounds, is united by a shared love of swinging vintage jazz, sultry tango, and fresh arrangements of the great American songs. The cabaret and café-concert instrumentation is accordion, clarinet, cello, piano, guitar, mandolin, string bass, and percussion.

Crowe’s Pasture, December 18 at 2:30 pm
A roots-infused, Contemporary Folk duo, Crowe’s Pasture (Monique Byrne & Andy Rogovin) performs original music and eye-opening covers that reflect a mutual passion, sense of discovery, and celebration of life. Intimately blended vocal harmonies are mixed with an expressive instrumental style that is best described as a “banjo-guitar romance.”

LET’S TALK ABOUT IT

Join us for a new series of community conversations that will focus on bringing patrons together over challenging discussion topics. The goal is to explore differing opinions in a non-confrontational environment.

Meets Monthly on the Second Wednesday at 7 pm IN PERSON
Sept. 14  Oct. 12  Nov. 9  Dec. 14

In Memory of Jane Allen (1947-2022)
We mourn the loss of Jane Allen, long-time Groton resident, well-known local realtor, and tireless community volunteer.

Jane served 17 years (2005-2022) as a Library Trustee, taking on every office and role multiple times. She was ardent supporter and indefatigable advocate for the library. Even if in for (yet another!) building meeting, Jane was in even more often as a patron. She was an avid reader who loved to discuss books, a grandmother who would sit and read to her grandchildren, and an active user of services and programs. In her obituary, Jane’s family wrote of the library always having a special place in her heart. Well, Jane, you will always have a special place in ours. We are going to miss you enormously.

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ADULT EVENTS

How to Make Time for Your Goals, Even If You’re Drowning in To-Do’s, Thu. Sept. 8 at 7 pm on Zoom
Time is the most important resource we have, but many people find themselves strapped for it. We end up overwhelmed and exhausted with nothing left to give to our own goals. It doesn’t have to be that way! Learn some simple solutions so you can find the time and the energy to go after YOUR goals. Led by Jamie Martin, a Life & Leadership Coach.

Harvest Floral Arranging Workshop, Sat. Sept. 10 at 2 pm IN PERSON*
Create your own unique harvest floral centerpiece in a stylish vase. Heather, professional studio florist at H.E. Flora, will provide detailed instructions along with the tools needed to make a beautiful autumnal display. Please note: participants are responsible for bringing their own florals from a list of recommendations provided by the host prior to the event.

Just What is Whole Food Plant-Based Living? Tue. Sept. 13 at 7 pm on Zoom
Jeanne Schumacher will share information about a whole food plant-based lifestyle and how you can take control of your health destiny—helping to avoid food-related diseases AND lose weight. (Her talk expands on the research presented in the film Forks Over Knives). Learn what it is and where to start.

The Family Roe with Joshua Prager and WBUR’s Tiziana Dearing in Conversation, Mon. Sept. 19 at 7 pm on Zoom. Join Journalist Joshua Prager for a talk on his deeply researched book, The Family Roe: An American Story. The book—a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize—offers insight into one of the Supreme Court’s most divisive cases in history and its plaintiff, Norma McCorvey. It’s an engrossing family saga that confronts a half-century of propaganda and myth. Prager spent years with Norma; he even found the unknown Roe baby, Shelley Thornton.

Fall Harvest Feast: Rich, Ripe, and Really Delicious, Tue. Sept. 20 at 7 pm on Zoom
Learn how to bring out the best flavor from fall harvested vegetables—roasting, smashing, and pickling may be involved! The Creative Feast’s Chef Liz Barbour will share cooking wisdom and easy recipes that will add to your healthy eating plan.

The Right Fit, Tue. Sept. 28 at 7 pm IN PERSON
When it comes to getting dressed, universal rules and sizes don’t always matter; the key is learning what to look for! Lily + James walks you through how to put together outfits that balance your body in the most flattering way.

Statement Necklaces with Kimberly Stoney Sat. Oct. 1 at 2 pm IN PERSON
Create a stunning and colorful statement necklace using cotton rope and embroidery floss with perennial favorite teacher, Kimberly Stoney.

Local Author Mark Haman Reads from Walt & Stumpy, Thu. Oct. 6 at 7 pm IN PERSON
“Doc” Mark Haman shares from this collection of stories originally written for his radio show, The Doctor Is In. Walt Walthers, elderly weather watcher, and his rascally roommate, Stumpy the stub-tailed gray squirrel, embark on adventures from their cozy cabin on Kibbee Pond. Readers of all ages can experience a simpler way of living as Walt and Stumpy spend their days marveling in the small wonders of the natural world, savoring time spent among friends, and never taking themselves too seriously.

Lessons From New England’s Trailblazing Women, Thu. Oct. 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON
New England has nurtured countless women who shook off expectations to forge their own destinies. Patricia Harris discusses her latest book, New England’s Notable Women, and shines the spotlight on 45 of these trailblazers and achievers and directs readers to homes and other sites in all six states where their stories come to life.
MORE ADULT EVENTS

Felt a Pumpkin House with Rachel Benson, Sat. Oct. 22 at 2 pm IN PERSON*
Combine the magic of Cinderella with fairy houses and harvest time and you get one wonderful experience with fiber artist and teacher, Rachel Benson. Her workshops are very popular and fill up quickly, so sign up soon!

Megan Marshall on Margaret Fuller, Sun. Oct. 23 at 2 pm at the Groton Center
Presentation by Megan Marshall, author of Margaret Fuller: A New American Life (2010). This event is being held in partnership with the Groton Center and the Groton History Center.

Ghosts of the Berkshires with Robert Oakes, Thu. Oct. 27 at 7 pm on Zoom
Before it became a haven for arts and culture, the Berkshires in Western Mass. was a rugged, sparsely populated frontier. From the ghostly halls of the Houghton Mansion to the eerie events at the Hoosac Tunnel, residents and visitors alike have felt fear and awe in these hills, telling tales of shadow figures, disembodied voices and spectral trains. Author Robert Oakes, who has given ghost tours at The Mount (Edith Wharton's Home) in Lenox for more than a decade, will lead this spirited journey through history.

Raising Anti-Racist Kids with Rebekah Geinapp, Tue. Nov. 1 at 7 pm on Zoom—see page 8

Going to Extremes: A Travel Journalist's Tour of the Globe's Adventurous Outposts, Wed. Nov. 2 at 7 pm on Zoom
Peter Mandel hunts his stories and photos in the world's far corners, including Antarctica, India, Egypt, Patagonia, the fjords of Norway, the mountain pathways of Japan, and the deserts of Africa. The author of ten books, Mandel will show slides of his most extreme travel experiences—surviving a coup in Ecuador, visiting a 'city' of penguins at the South Pole, fishing for piranha on Brazil's Rio Negro, sailing on an Arctic icebreaker, and camping in the African bush—and deliver the scoop on how travel turns to prose on today's magazine and newspaper pages.

“What’s It Worth?” ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW, Thu. Nov. 3 at 7 pm on Zoom
Author, Auctioneer, Appraiser and Radio show Host Mike Ivankovich will introduce you to “What Determines Value,” and reveal what your antiques, collectibles, and personal treasures are really worth today. The first 25 registrants are invited to bring 1-2 items for Mike to appraise.

Adventures in Microgreens with Seeds2Plate’s Judith Taylor, Tue. Nov. 8 at 7 pm IN PERSON
Have you heard about microgreens, but aren’t sure what all the fuss is about? Are you wondering how to add more nutrients in your diet without spending a fortune? Join an informative and hands on class that will explore the benefits of growing and eating microgreens. In addition, attendees will get step-by-step instructions on how to grow microgreens and create their own micro-garden at home!

Pie Basics: Apple Pie with Creative Feast’s Chef Liz Barbour, Thu. Nov. 10 at 7 pm on Zoom
A delicious pie is one crust and one filling away! Liz will demonstrate her favorite pie dough recipe and prepare a beautiful and delicious pie that you will love to serve for years to come. She will also share cooking wisdom and tips that will inspire you to create variations of her recipe and make it your own.

In My Back Pocket: Inspired by Mary Oliver, Sat. Nov. 12 at 1:30 pm IN PERSON*
Beloved poet and naturalist Mary Oliver (1925-2019) kept small notebooks with her on her daily walks. These “back pocket” notebooks contain the seeds of poems that would become some of the most beloved of our time. Join us for an afternoon of simple book-making and relaxed word-play, inspired by Mary Oliver’s process, poetry, and love of nature. This workshop is facilitated by Emily Archer, Ph.D., book-maker, and writer.

*Starred events have limited space; Groton residents given first priority to register.

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& EVEN MORE ADULT EVENTS

Van Gogh Pastels with Greg Maichack, Tue. Nov. 29 at 7 pm on Zoom*
Participants will experiment with compressed soft pastels, white charcoal pencils, black pastel pa-
per, and more in this virtual pastel painting workshop. Learn about van Gogh’s expressive methods
and his use of grids for easy drawing. Work in tandem with the artist to begin The Starry Night with
a fearless approach to drawing. Made possible thanks to a grant from the Groton Cultural Council.

Winter Wreath Workshop with H.E. Flora Studio Florist, Tue. Dec. 8 at 7 pm IN PERSON*
Create a custom holiday evergreen wreath to welcome guests into your home. Heather will guide
you step by step on how to decorate your festive wreath with seasonal elements and teach you how
to tie a custom bow. A fresh evergreen wreath, pinecones, and some decorative elements will be
provided. For the most custom look, please feel free to bring in your own decorative items.

Enchanted Gardens: Decked Out for the Holidays, Tue. Dec. 13 at 7 pm on Zoom
Visit magnificently decorated conservatories, mansions, and beautifully lit gardens during the holiday season! The
tour includes Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, Blithewold, Newport Mansions, and others.

The Christmas Truce of 1914: The Miracle of the Great War, Tue. Dec. 20 at 7 pm on Zoom
In the week surrounding Christmas in 1914, an unofficial cease fire occurred on the Western Front during WWI. The
sounds of rifles firing and shells exploding faded and soldiers on both sides emerged from the trenches and shared
gestures on goodwill. Professor Anthony Guerriero will share the tale that shows how the magic of Christmas can
c transcend even the chaos of war.

LIBRARY LIFELONG LEARNING (LLL) SERIES

CULTURALLY CURIOUS: European Art Eight-Part Series
Sundays at 3 pm, Monthly, Sept. 25 to April 9, on Zoom
Join Jane Oneall for engaging interactive art talks around major themes in art history:
Sept. 25 Botticelli: Beauty, Virtue, and the Bonfire of the Vanities
Oct. 16 Off with Their Heads! The Art of the French Revolution
Nov. 6 The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood: A Medieval Fantasy
Dec. 4 Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel

GENEALOGY SIX-PART SERIES WITH LINDA MACIVER*
Thursdays for 6 weeks, Sept. 15 through Oct. 20, at 7 pm on Zoom
Beginning with “Six Key Steps to Launching Your Family Search,” learn the basic skills for geneal-
ogy research, especially how to get organized from the beginning and save time and frustration
later on! Understand the many things you can (and should) do first in the comfort of your home
24/7. Prepare to take advantage of the many opportunities to learn from family connections
through interviewing family members. Begin to add basic skills as you are introduced to free as
well as major online commercial tools and the wealth of resources available to you in the area.

ART EXHIBITS IN THE GALLERY

My Neighbor Martha, Paintings by Martha Oldham
Now through Oct 1
Brian Pinto, Paintings
Oct 4 through Dec 3
Flower Power: A Celebration of Art in the Garden and the Garden in Art*
Dec 7 through Spring

*This exhibit is In honor of the Groton Garden Club’s 100th Anniversary on April 2, 2023, and is being held in coordi-
nation with planning for Groton Reads & Gardens Community-wide Reading Event scheduled for March 2023!

The Art Gallery, Lifelong Learning, and Groups & Activities are generously supported by the GPL Endowment Trust.
NEW! READING RAMBLERS GROUP
Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 10:00 am
No need to read anything extra! Meet at the designated
Groton Conservation Trust property to walk through na-
ture while chatting about whatever you are reading!
Sept 7 General Field
Oct 5 Duck Pond
Nov 2 Bates Land
Dec 7 Shepley Hill

GPL PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP
Meets monthly, usually on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Sept 27 Ten Thousand Doors of January
By Alix Harrow
Oct 25 Finding Freedom by Erin French
Nov 15 As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
Dec 6 Arcadia by Tom Stoppard

MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP
Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Sept 15 The Long Way Home by Louise Penny
Oct 20 The Lake House by Kate Morton
Dec 1 The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES
Meets monthly on the last Tuesday at 3 pm
Experience films from around the world followed by en-
lightening conversation.
Sept 27 The Intouchables (France)
Oct 25 (2pm) Lunana—A Yak in the Classroom (Bhutan)
Nov 29 Identifying Features (Mexico)
Dec 27 Departures (Japan)

COOK THE BOOK CLUB
Meets every other month on a Thursday at 7 pm. Join
us as we delve into different cultures, techniques, &
more.
Sept 22 Milk Street Vegetables vs. Six Seasons
Nov 17 Ripe Figs
Dec 15 Cookie Exchange

GREAT BOOKS GROUP
Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Our reading selections are from Great Conversations 6.
Sept 21 On Tranquility of the Mind by Seneca
Oct 19 The New Organon by Francis Bacon
Nov 16 A Letter Concerning Toleration
By John Locke
Dec 21 Discourse Seven by Joshua Reynolds

PLANT POWERED GROUP
Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm
A great place to explore non-meat options and lifestyle.
Sept 13 Special Guest Jeanne Schumacher (p.2)
Oct 11 Hiding Vegetables for Picky Eaters
Nov 8 Special Presentation: Microgreens (p.3)
Dec 13 Staying on a Healthy Plan Amidst Holiday
Temptation

GPL KNITTING GROUP
Meets every Thursday, 1:30-3:30 pm
Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your
current project. All handicrafts (and crafters!) welcome.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP meets two Tuesdays every month at 7 pm on Zoom
Have fun while you learn and practice! Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher, Verónica Mazza.

WRITING CRITIQUE GROUP for All Genre Writers:
Third Tuesday of every month, 6-8 pm IN PERSON

BODIES IN THE LIBRARY for Mystery Writers:
First and third Wednesdays of every month, 5-6:30 pm.
Starts Sept. 7 on Zoom.

In partnership with Seven Bridge Writers’ Collaborative (SBWC),
groups are for writers who want feedback, support, and revision.
Email 7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com to register.
For more information, go to sevenbridge.org.

Ongoing Activities for Adults to Enjoy!
Spice Club
Try out a new spice every month and share your experiences!
Sept—Annato
Oct—Salts
Nov—Thyme
Dec—Clove

Online trivia
New challenges every week!

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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

ALL AGES:

Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time. New craft every Tuesday! Available all week for some drop in, freestyle crafting!

BABIES THROUGH PRESCHOOL:

Tales & Tunes for Tots. Story & music time for infants and preschoolers with popular entertainers, one Friday most months, usually 10:30-11:15 am*. Registration opens 1 week ahead; please sign up! Residents given first preference.

- Sept 9: Mister Vic.  
- *Oct 11: Mary Jo Maichack (11-11:45 am).  
- Nov 4: Steve Blunt.

Mother Goose Storytime for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays, starting Sept 7, 10:30-11:00 am in-person. For kids age 0-2 and their caregivers. If the weather is nice, we will be outside in the garden. Sign up required.

Strega Mama Storytime for 3, 4, & 5 Year Old’s. Thursdays, starting Sept 8, 10:30-11:00 am. Join Strega Mama for stories & songs selected for the interests & attention of the preschooler. Sign up required.

Mirrors & Windows with Miss Sheila. Ages 3-5. Every third Thursday, Sept 15; Oct 20; Nov 17; and Dec 15. In this storytime geared toward ages 3-5, children hear stories where they see themselves reflected (like looking in a mirror) AND they learn something new about someone else (like looking in a window). Sign-up required.


SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN:

Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. Meets in-person the 1st Tuesday of every month, starting Oct 4, 4-4:45 pm.

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets in-person the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting Sept 8, 4-4:30 pm.

Comics Club for Grades 3-5. First Tuesday of the month, 5-5:45 pm. Starts Oct 4. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project to work on or start a new one! Bring some graphic novels that you love to share with the group or your own. Basic materials provided.

Read to a Dog. Read to Shiver: Sept 14, 4-4:45 pm. Read to Blitzen: Sept 28, 4-4:45 pm. More dates TBD. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Shiver and Blitzen are certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for a 15-minute time slot. Sign-up required.


LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting Sept 20, 4-5 pm. We supply the LEGO®—you supply the imagination!

LEGO® Spike! For Grades 3-5. Meets every Tuesday in October, 5-6 pm. Kids will explore the concepts of LEGO Spike and coding to create simple models with Lego bricks. Registration is required for each class.

Felt a Bat with Rachel Benson for Grades 3-5. Wednesday, Sept 21, 4-5 pm. Learn the basics of felting and make a spooky (adorable) bat with Miss Rachel! Registration required.

Storytime and Craft with Rachel Benson and Strega Mama for Grades K-2. Wednesday, Nov 9, 4-5 pm. Join Miss Rachel and storyteller Strega Mama for a fun and creative afternoon! Registration required.

Learn to Juggle with Mr. Caleb for Grades 3-5. Thursdays, Sept 15 & 29, & Oct 13. 4-5 pm in the garden. Mr. Caleb will teach the basics of juggling & how to make your own juggling balls! Registration is required.

Library programs are supported by the GPL Endowment Trust and the Town of Groton Trust Funds’ Lecture Fund.
**NEW! Zine Making Club (Grades 6-12)**
Are you crafty and curious? Do you have something to say or to show? Why not learn how to create, publish, and distribute your own zine? A zine is a casual, self-published work that falls somewhere between a mini-comic and a fanzine. Zines are usually stapled, glued, folded, cut, and collaged. No writing or drawing “talent” is required – only a passion to communicate! Through a mix of in-person and at-home assignments, students will explore the history of zines, complete a variety of fun projects, and work toward publishing their own personal zine. This club meets every other week this fall on Thursdays from 3:30-5 pm. Facilitated by local artist Caleb Brown. Starts Thu., Sept. 22, 3:30-5 pm.

**NEW! Coding Club (Grades 5-8)**
Learn to code and build your own video games using platforms like Scratch and Tynker, which translate simple commands into a widely-used language known as Python. Fridays, 4-5 pm: Sept. 16 & 30, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 & 23.

**NEW! Debate Club! (Grades 6-9)**
Make your voice heard by learning the art of debate in an inclusive space. Ideas and opinions are encouraged and taken to new levels! This club will strengthen your rhetorical and persuasive skills in a fun and engaging way. Meets every other Friday, 4:30-5:30 pm: Sept. 30, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 18, & Dec. 9 & 23.

**Robotics Battle-Bots Challenge: (Grades 5-10)**
Create a battle-ready robot using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits. Compete for prizes! Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, & Dec. 7.

**Magic The Gathering Commander (Grades 6-12)**

**Dungeons & Dragons Grades 6-10**

**NEW! YA@GPL Game Lounge (Grades 6-12)**
Nintendo Switch games & board games available. Fridays 3:30-5:00 pm: Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 & 16.

**IN PERSON! Minecraft Meet-Up (Grades 5-10)**
Minecraft enthusiasts meet in Sibley Hall to play on our library server with the option to join by Zoom. A Java Minecraft account is required. Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, & Dec. 7. The server is available anytime to play. Contact teens@gpl.org for details.

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**Book Worm MASTERS (Grades 6 & 7)**
Meets second Tuesday of every month, 4:30-5:30 pm, starting Oct. 11
If you love to read and talk about books with friends, join us for a fun and relaxed book group led by Miss Carrie. The first book is Shadow Jumper by J. M. Forster.

**IN PERSON! Stranger Things Escape Room: Trapped in the Upside Down (Grade 6-12)**
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6-7:30 pm.

**Teen Volunteers:** If you love GPL and GPL programs, help to 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 Weds. 6:30-7:30 pm in person with Zoom option: Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, & Dec. 14. Contact teens@gpl.org for other opportunities.

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FALL 2022 LIBRARY EVENTS NEWSLETTER

OPEN SUNDAYS 1-5 PM starting Sept. 11!

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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a national program that promotes reading together with your child. The more words and books a child is exposed to in their early years, the more likely they are to love reading! This program is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life’s big milestones: Kindergarten!

Sign up on our Beanstack app to get started today! Children ages birth to kindergarten can also receive a FREE 1,000 Books Badge Book in the Children’s Room! Give your Child the Gift of Reading!

Resources generously provided by the GPL Endowment Trust.

This is Ridiculous, This is Amazing—
A New Group for Parents and Caregivers

Meet up with other parents. Share experiences and build community around this comical yet astonishing experience of raising humans.

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 8 pm via Zoom (unless otherwise noted):

September 6
October 4
November 1 (7 pm)
December 6

Raising Anti-Racist Kids with Rebekah Geinapp,
Tue. Nov. 1 at 7 pm on Zoom

Rebekah Geinapp zooms in as a special guest speaker for our new “This is Ridiculous, This is Amazing” Parent Group! In this workshop, parents and caregivers will learn specific strategies for discussing race with young people—particularly in a predominately white community. Rebekah will also include resources for families to use after the workshop. More info@ rebekahgienapp.com