

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2026 NEWS & EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS at 2:30 pm • IN PERSON • Free and for All Ages

March 15: Songs of Ireland with Joe Leary

With deep family ties to Ballyshannon, Ballyvaughn, and County Cork, New England native Joe Leary carries Ireland in his blood—its no wonder his music overflows with the spirit of Ireland and its rich Celtic traditions!



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

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

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April 19: Boom Chick Trio

Rooted in equal parts hot swing, snarky songwriting, and lyrical storytelling, this energetic trio of virtuoso bass, violin, and guitar, and vocal three-part harmonies will transport you to a speakeasy somewhere in time. You might not be able to sit still in your seat, and you'll probably have a smile on your face most of the show!

May 17: Rule of Two

Although 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.



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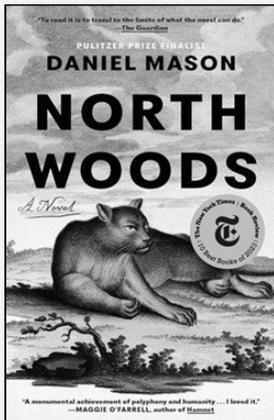
GROTON READS 2026

Our Annual Community-Wide Reading Event

Join us this March as we Read and Celebrate

North Woods by Daniel Mason!

"A time-spanning, genre-blurring work of storytelling magic" — *The Washington Post*



A sweeping novel about a single house in the woods of New England, told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries—from the Pulitzer Prize finalist of *The Piano Tuner* and *The Winter Soldier*.

Books available at the library and on Libby now!

Check out GPL.ORG/Adults/Groton-Reads for more info.



This symbol means its a **Groton Reads** event! *Take a look inside—* Enjoy a full lineup of fun, fascinating, and engaging programs inspired by the themes, setting, and unforgettable characters of *North Woods*.

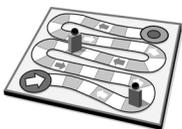
Information as of **February 15, 2026**. Check our calendar for **updates** and to **sign up**, or call 978-448-1167.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

Sign up is required unless described as "drop-in." No storytimes during school vacation weeks.
Preference given to Groton residents up to one week before the program unless otherwise noted.

Drop-In Activities for All Ages



Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time. Always available and there's a new craft every week!

Family Game Night. Every Wednesday, 5:30-8:30 pm, Children's Room. Drop in and play board games!

March Book Madness. Vote for your favorite book characters and earn raffles for a special prize!

Mural Scavenger Hunt. Using the key, find all the book-themed items in the Children's Room mural and earn a prize!

April is National Poetry Month. Help us decorate our "poet-tree!"

For Babies through Preschool

Special Events

Tales & Tunes: Rockabye Beats.

Friday, April 24, 10:30-11:15 am.

Story & music time for infants to PreK.



Calling all...
KID LIBRARIANS!

Starting in March,
Apply to become our
Kid Librarian of the Month

You'll get to create your own book
display in the Children's Room!



Morning Events



Peapods Storytimes for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays, 10:30-11 OR 11:15-11:45 am, through May 20. A first storytime experience for children with their caregivers.

Postpartum Support Group with Doula Emma Marella CBD (CBI). For parents and caregivers of children ages 0-12 months. First Wednesdays after Storytime, 12-12:45 pm, March 4 & April 1. We will focus on a different topic each month. Babies and children are welcome in a relaxed, caring environment.

Tinker Time for Tots for Ages 3-5. Thursdays 10:30-11:15 am on March 19 and April 16. Hands-on sensory play.

Miss Jacquie Storytime for Ages 3-5. Stories & songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Weekly most Thursdays, 10:30-11 am. Ends May 28.

Music and Movement with the Family Partnership Center. Babies-Preschool. Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am, on March 3, 17, & 31; April 14; and May 5. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!

Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma. Ages 3-5. Third Thursdays, March 19, April 16, and May 21, 11:15 am- 12 pm. Games, dance, and movement. Hoops provided.



Yoga & Literacy for Ages 3-5. Fridays, April 10 & 17; May 8 & 15. 10:30 am-11:15 am. Yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown's classes incorporate movement and breathing into simple literacy activities. *Registration opens one month before the class.*

Afternoon Events

Storytime with Inga: Inspiring Explorations. Ages 3-5. First Wednesdays, March 4, April 1, and May 6, 1-1:45 pm. Through read aloud and activities designed for preschoolers, children explore our world.

Kelly's Tales with Raquel. Ages 3-5. Wednesdays, March 11, April 8 & 29, 1:30-2 pm. Storytelling adventures to promote cultural competency and literacy skills.

Little Hands Create. Ages 3-5. First Tuesdays, March 3, April 7, and May 5, 1:30-2:15 pm. Craft time with Miss Nancy!



Programs For School-Age Children

Special Events

Green Monster Slime Workshop for Ages 8-11. Wed. March 25, 4-5 pm. To celebrate the opening of the 2026 Red Sox season, make Wally (The Green Monster) slime and decorate your container!



Mario Kart Tournament for Ages 7-11. Wednesday, April 22, 6-7:30 pm. Calling all racers! Race against fellow Mario fans on our Nintendo Switch. Pizza and snacks provided.

StoryLab with the Groton Garden Club for Grades K-5. Friday, April 24, 1-2 pm. In honor of America's 250th Anniversary, the Garden Club will share Thomas Jefferson's pea planting story and help you plant some peas of your own.

Squishmallow Air Dry Clay Keychain Workshop for Ages 7-11. Wed. Apr 29, 4-5 pm. Create your favorite character!

Afternoon Events

Art Lab for Grades K-5. Saturdays, 2-3 pm on Mar 21, Apr 11, May 2. A hands-on art experience focusing on process art, where the emphasis is on exploration and creativity!



Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Second Thursdays, 4-4:30 pm, through May. Miss Jennie leads this fun book club that encourages a love for reading.

Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. First Tuesdays 4-4:30 pm thru May. Read & talk about books with friends & Miss Carrie.

Comics Club for Grades 3-5. First Tuesdays through May, 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! Materials provided.

Cursive Club for Grades 3-5. First Wednesdays through May, 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 from the Best Chapter Books. Grades K-2. First and Third Thursdays thru May, 4-4:30 pm.

Read to Blitzen. Wednesdays, Mar 11 & 25 (more dates TBA), 4-5 pm. Kids can gain confidence reading aloud to a non-judgmental 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. Third Tuesdays through May, 4-4:45 pm. We supply the LEGOs; you supply the imagination!

PokeSwap for Grades K-4. Third Tuesdays 4-4:45 pm on Mar 17, Apr 21. Swap cards, play games, and talk Pokémon!

Knifty Knitters for Grades 2-5. Thursdays 4-5:30 pm on March 19 & 26 and April 16 & 30. Enjoy knitting and chatting with other kids!

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, have a snack, play board or video games, get creative with arts and crafts, or do some homework!

Fridays this Spring:
March 27, April 3, and May 1

Learn to Code in Python (Grades 5-8)

Wednesdays, 6-7 pm, on March 4, April 1, and May 6



ROBOTIC BATTLE-BOTS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)

Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
March 11, April 8, and May 13

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

3D Design & Print Club Grades 5-12

Thursdays 4-5 pm
March 12 & 26, April 9, May 7 & 21

Learn how to create a design using Tinkercad and we'll 3D print it for you!

TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



Spring Arts & Crafts (Grades 6-12)

Sketchbook Skills with Kelsi Ricks	Thu. March 5	4-5 pm
Arts & Crafts Buffet	Thu. March 19	4-5:15 pm
Watercolor Crayon Painting	Sat. March 21	2-3:15 pm
Gond Folk Art with Sunanda Sahay	Sat. April 11	2-3:30 pm
Craft Afternoon	Thu. April 16	4-5 pm
Mushroom Madness with Mandy Roberge	Wed. April 22	4-5 pm
Felted Earth Keychain	Thu. April 23	4-5:15 pm
Mini Paper Flower Bouquet	Thu. April 30	4-5 pm
Beaded Wind Chime	Thu. May 14	4-5 pm



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Baking Club (Grades 6-12)



First Friday of each month
3:30-4:45 pm
Mar. 6: Lava Cakes
April 3: Kitchen Sink Cookies
May 1: Mini Chocolate Chip Muffins



American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course for Ages 11-15

Saturday, May 2, 10:30 am-4:30 pm.

Get certified in time for summer!

Food & Film

Monthly movies with pizza and movie-themed treats!

Wed. March 18, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Fantastic 4: First Steps (Grades 5-12)

Pizza and Galaxy Popcorn served.

Upcoming: Wed. Apr. 15 and Wed. May 20

Check gpl.org for movie details & sign up!

Karaoke Music & Video Party

Wed. April 22

6-7:30 pm



Pizza and snacks will be served!

After School Lounge (Grades 6-12)

Fridays 3-5 pm

March 6, 13, & 20; April 10 & 17; May 8, 15, 22 & 29.

Play Nintendo Switch or chill with friends.

Snacks and games available—or bring your own!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

If you love to read books and have fun, Miss Carrie has a book group for you! Snacks and fun guaranteed.

Registration required. Books are available to borrow before the meeting at the Children's Desk.

Book Worm Masters (Grades 6 & 7) Second Tuesday every month, 4:30-5 pm, on Mar. 10, Apr. 14, and May 12.

Reading Rulers (Grade 8) First Wednesday every month, 5-5:30 pm, on March 4, April 1, and May 6.

Reading Rippers (Grades 9 & 10) First Thursday every month, 5:15-5:45 pm, on March 5, April 2, and May 7.

Crackerjacks (Grades 11 & 12) 5:45-6:30 pm on Thursday, April 9.



SQUISHMALLOW BINGO! (Grades 5-12)

Play Bingo to win adorable Squishmallows!

Friday April 24, 3-4 pm

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (Grades 6-12) Winter Campaign Continues

Saturdays, 2-4 pm

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. Mar. 25, Apr. 29, and May 27. Grades 6-12. Contact teens@gpl.org for info or for other opportunities.

ADULT EVENTS

Virtual events hosted by partner libraries are listed on page 9.

Registration for smaller, higher demand programs opens Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 10 am.

Queen Boudica with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Boudica remains one of the most remarkable leaders in Western History. She slaughtered a Roman army. She torched Londinium, leaving a charred layer almost half a meter thick that can still be traced under modern London. Who was she? Her story is guaranteed to inspire.



*Felt a Bunny with Rachel Benson, Thursday, March 5 at 7 pm IN PERSON. For Adults only.

Creating a needle felted project with talented fiber artist Rachel Benson is a joy and a breeze!



*Bob Pine Geology Walk with Groton Conservation Trust, Saturday, March 7 at 9 am OFF-SITE

Bob Pine is well known for his "Gift of the Glaciers" presentation about geology in Groton. This walk takes you outside to see how the geology and ecology of Groton impacts our landscape.



*Daytime DIY with Kimberly Stoney, Tuesday, March 10 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Create a custom tote bag using easy, approachable silk screen stencil techniques. In this class, you'll design a bold but simple image and learn how to print it onto fabric using water-based inks. *No prior experience needed.*

Fighting Back: Stories from The Nature Conservancy's Work on Elm, Chestnut, and Other Trees in Peril, Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm on ZOOM

The stories that make up *North Woods* often use a particular tree as their anchor. With their ability to live for hundreds of years, changes that spread out over several human lifetimes can occur within the lifetime of a single tree—and can sometimes outpace the ability of the tree to adapt to new conditions. Panelists from The Nature Conservancy will share stories about their work with iconic species such as American chestnut and elm across New England.

Native People & English Settlers in Colonial New England, Wednesday, March 11 at 2 pm IN PERSON

What stories shaped New England identities in the 17th and 18th centuries? In this compelling performance, storyteller and historian Jo Radner weaves Native American oral traditions with tales from her own ancestors to explore the complex colonial "middle ground," where settlers and Native peoples saw each other as neighbors and enemies, kin and outsiders.

"... one might subtract all matter but the apple tree and still see, in what remained, the contours of the world."
—from *North Woods* by Daniel Mason



Overheard in the Orchard with Linda Hoffman and Ellen Harasimowicz, Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Join artist, writer, and organic apple orchardist Linda Hoffman and fine art photographer Ellen Harasimowicz as they discuss their new collaborative book, *Overheard in the Orchard*. After this evening you will understand why Daniel Mason's words (above) are so true.

*Wildflower Embroidery Workshop, Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

My Darling Threads will teach basic embroidery stitches while you create a small wildflower design to take home. Each student will be provided with a handout to follow along with and have the opportunity for one-on-one assistance when needed. Be sure to bring reading glasses if you use them!



Rethinking Our Relationship with Plants: Navigating Uncertainty, Sat. March 14 at 2:30 pm IN PERSON

Molly Janicki will lead this exploration of how conventional gardening practices—from chemical inputs to an over-reliance on non-native plants—contribute to environmental instability. Participants will learn how to read their land, understand the "language" of plants, and use nature-inspired solutions to common gardening challenges.

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MORE GROTON ADULT EVENTS

The Life & Music of Sammy Davis Jr. with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, March 17 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Explore the life and music of one of America's greatest—and most iconic—entertainers.



Getting Enough Protein on a Plant-Based Diet, Tuesday, March 17 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Jill Ahlstrand of Harvesting Flavor will help us understand how much protein we actually need, the best plant-based sources, and easy ways to build balanced meals.

GR If Walls Could Talk with Joshua Vollmar, Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm IN PERSON

What if walls could talk? You'll experience the next best thing when community historian Joshua Vollmar shares the story of Groton through the lens of four old houses. This engaging presentation will share a grassroots perspective of people shaping the town and beyond!

GR Daytime DIY with Beth Dalal, Tuesday, March 24 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Transform simple paper into stunning landscape through color, texture, and layering. Take inspiration from local landscapes or those depicted in Daniel Mason's *North Woods*!

GR Old Growth Forests of New England with David Govatski, Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Old-growth forests are relatively rare in New England. Learn how to recognize the unique characteristics, important ecological attributes, and wildlife that favor such forests, as well as their importance as carbon reserves to help cool our planet. Finish with a visual tour of several of the finest old-growth forests across this region.

GR Wild & Sublime: The Hudson River School of Painting, Wed. Mar. 25 at 2 pm on ZOOM

With Jane Oneail of Culturally Curious, discover America's first homegrown art movement—born in the mid-1800s—when painters like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church turned their canvases toward the wild majesty of the Hudson River Valley and beyond.



GR Predators of New England Mass Audubon, Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Join Mass Audubon for a talk on mammals that live on the New England landscape, with a special focus on large predators and their ecology. We will take an up close look at everything from foxes to black bears, and how their lives shape and are shaped by the northern woodlands.

GR When We Spoke to the Dead with Ilise Carter, Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm on ZOOM

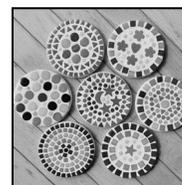
In the 1840s, the Fox Sisters sparked the Spiritualist movement, turning séances into both social sensation and political statement. Drawing suffragists, scientists, skeptics, and skeptics alike, Spiritualism gave many women a powerful public voice—while blurring the lines between faith, fraud, feminism, and financial opportunity.

Talking 'Bout A Revolution with Bruce Magnuson, Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm IN PERSON

From the opening salvos at Lexington and Concord through the Battle of Bunker Hill, local photographer (and Minute Man National Historical Park volunteer) Bruce Magnuson will take you on a journey through key spots in the first year of the American Revolution—250 years ago.

***Tiny Tile Mosaics, Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 am OR 1 pm IN PERSON. For Adults Only.**

Create a colorful custom coaster of your very own through the ancient art of Mosaics. Crystal Abbraccio of Chelmsford's Tiny Tile Mosaics will guide participants from start to finish in this hands on workshop. Participants may choose ONE workshop.



GR *Apple Orchard Walk in Groton with Joshua Vollmar, Saturday, April 4 at 10 am OFF-SITE

Join Groton Conservation Trust and local historian Josh Vollmar for a walking history tour of a local working orchard, Fairview Orchard. Hear about the history of Groton area apple orchards as we walk among the budding trees.

GROTON ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED

Registration for smaller, high demand programs opens Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 10 am.

The Sonnet with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, April 7 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Take a look at one of the most frequently used poetic forms--the Sonnet--and trace the history of these 14-line gems from their beginnings in Italy during the early Renaissance to present day. Then focus on American sonnets of the past two centuries—Emma Lazarus’s dedication to the world’s tired and poor and sonnets by Longfellow, Frost, and Millay.



Adventures in Transplanting with Judith Taylor, Thursday, April 9 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Summer is for fresh vegetables from the garden. This class will discuss sources for veggie seedlings, what to look for when buying or growing them as well as when and how to transplant them for success. Care and feeding after transplanting will also be discussed.

*Daytime DIY with Kimberly Stoney, Tuesday, April 14 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Gear up for Earth Day by discovering how everyday materials can become wearable art. In this workshop, we’ll transform recycled plastic into colorful earrings or pendants using simple cutting, shaping, and embellishing techniques. All materials provided. Beginners welcome.

The Anxious Generation Discussion Group, Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Join local parents and caregivers to discuss *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt and explore practical ways to set healthy tech boundaries with kids and teens.

Spring Cooking Refresh with Empty Nest Kitchen, Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Culinary medicine educator and chef Christine Van Bloem will demonstrate how to create light, Mediterranean-inspired meals that feel satisfying, seasonal, and completely doable for one or two people. On the menu: herby farro and chickpea spring salad as well as white bean, spinach & garlic skillet.



***Felt a Spring Scene with Rachel Benson, Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm IN PERSON.** For Adults Only. Create a needle felted project with talented fiber artist Rachel Benson! Materials provided.

Cheese Replacement with The Vegan Nest, Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Interested in a plant-based lifestyle but miss cheese? Join staff from The Vegan Nest in Clinton to create your own cheese replacement so good you won’t miss the dairy.

The Iconic Julie Andrews on Broadway with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, April 21 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Explore the life and music of one of the theater’s most beloved performers and her work in Broadway.



*Knife Sharpening with Owl Eye Survival, Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm IN PERSON

Learn how to effectively and safely sharpen your knives in this hands-on workshop.

*Daytime DIY with Joyce Thomas, Tuesday, April 28 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Continue the journey of creating with everyday materials! Learn about Anni Albers, her design philosophy, and her work with Walter Gropius. Experience firsthand using everyday objects to create a sophisticated piece of jewelry.

Tyranny Takes Root: Putin's Russia, 1994-2025 with Brandon Gauthier, Tuesday, April 28 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Examine the history of Vladimir Putin's rise to power and his subsequent authoritarian dictatorship over Russia. We will analyze the tactics Putin used to cement his hold on power and eradicate sources of opposition to his leadership.

Legacy of the American Revolution: The Right of Both Revolution and Resistance, Thu. April 30 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Groton resident and Revolution scholar Erik Chaput will explore how political ideas that emerged in the 1760s led to the colonies’ break with Great Britain. He’ll also show how those same ideas resurfaced in 1842 during Rhode Island’s Dorr Rebellion, led by Thomas Wilson Dorr, grandson of Boston revolutionary Ebenezer Dorr.

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GROTON ADULT EVENTS CONCLUDE

Four Cosmic Mysteries with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, May 5 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Delve into four intriguing--and cutting edge--mysteries of the Universe. Each of these is now a major field of study, and scientists around the world believe we are on the brink of discovering mind-altering answers. 1. Is there life beyond Earth? 2. What is Dark Matter and Dark Energy? 3. What is the Multiverse? 4. What are Supermassive Black Holes?



*Felt a Bird with Rachel Benson, Thursday, May 7 at 7 pm IN PERSON. For Adults Only.

Sculpt a bird from wool and creativity. Create a needle felted project with talented fiber artist, Rachel Benson.

*Daytime DIY with Kimberly Stoney, Tuesday, May 12 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Settle in for a calming introduction to Bargello needlepoint — a rhythmic stitching technique known for its beautiful, flame-like patterns. Using simple vertical stitches and colorful thread, you'll create a small stitched piece that can be finished as a trinket holder. This workshop is perfect for beginners and the experienced alike.

Marvelous Meatless Meals with Chef Leslie, Tuesday, May 12 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Vegetarian and professional chef, Leslie Cerier, will show how to easily create delicious meatless food that will satisfy your palate and your body. This is a no-guilt program and you should attend whether you want to dabble with a few recipes or change your relationship with food altogether.



America's Birth in Stirring Words with Jeffrey Zygmunt, Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Patriots went to war to win freedom. Poets went to work to praise them, and to express the spirit of independence and the valor that created our nation. Review some key battles of the American Revolution and close each with a poem that expresses the emotion and devotion of the soldiers. Local poet Jeffrey Zygmunt presents poems such as "Molly Maguire at Monmouth" and Longfellow's "Paul Revere's Ride," bringing the emotion of the conflicts to life.

*Linocut Printmaking with Kimberly Stoney, Saturday, May 16 at 1:30 pm IN PERSON

Spend an afternoon exploring the timeless art of block printing. In this workshop, you'll learn how to carve a simple design into a soft linoleum block and hand-print your own small edition of prints.

The Great Broadway Shows of Gower Champion with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, May 19 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Take an in-depth look at how the director/choreographer Gower Champion crafted some of the most popular musicals of the 60's, 70's, and 80's including *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *42nd Street* and more!



Mis-Adventures with Invasive Species with Judith Taylor of Seeds2Plate, Thursday, May 21 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Judith will guide us in exploring the identification, management, and surprisingly, some beneficial uses of common invasive plants in New England.

*Daytime DIY with Beth Dalal, Tuesday, May 26 at 1 pm IN PERSON

In support of Mental Health Awareness Month, engage in a workshop to create your own worry stone from polymer clay. Then pass on the benefit by making additional stones to share with the community.

Best Small Museums of Massachusetts with Alison O'Leary, Thursday, May 28 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Discover quirky collections, surprising exhibits, and the histories behind them.

JOB SEARCH SERIES

Mar. 4: **Resumes**

Mar. 18: **Search Tools**

Apr. 1: **Cover Letters**

Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Apr. 15: **Networking**

May 6: **Interview Strategies**

May 20: **Second Act Careers**

File, Pile, Sort, Shred: Ready for Taxes

Thu. March 12 at 7 pm

Declutter Like You're Moving (Or If Really Moving)

Thu. April 9 at 7 pm

Stop Procrastinating, Thu. May 14 at 7 pm

DECLUTTER SERIES

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

Author Shannon McKenna Schmidt on her latest book, *You Can't Catch Us: Lady Bird Johnson's Trailblazing 1964 Campaign Train*, Mon. March 16 at 7 pm

Frederick Law Olmstead: A Legacy in Landscapes with Bruce Magnuson, Thu. March 19 at 7 pm

Matthew Algeo, Journalist, NPR Host, and Author of *New York's Secret Subway and the Origins of Mass Transit*, Mon. March 23 at 7 pm

Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto with Author and Holocaust Historian Elizabeth Hyman, Mon, March 30 at 7 pm

ART HISTORY SERIES

Raphael: Artist and Visionary with art history teacher Janet Mandel, Thu. March 5 at 2 pm

John Singer Sargent: A Masterful Stroke of Genius with retired art professor Neill Slaughter, Thu. Mar. 12 at 2 pm

Amalia Kussner's Paintings and the Characters of the HBO Series *The Gilded Age*, with historical researcher Kathleen Langone, Wed. March 18 at 7 pm

Sarah Miriam Peale: America's First Female Professional Painter with art historian Martha Chiarriano, Thu. March 19 at 2 pm

Fierce Females: Women in Art (Part IV) with Jane Oneail, Thu. March 26 at 7 pm

The Peale Family: America's First Artistic Dynasty
Thu. May 28 at 7 pm

AUTHOR VISITS

Bestselling author Kate White In Conversation with **Barbara Butcher** of *The Death Investigator* (Peacock TV)
Wed. March 4 at 7 pm

Bestselling **Author Emily Franklin** will discuss her new historical novel, *Love & Other Monsters*, in Conversation with **Author Marjan Kamali** Mon. March 30 at 7 pm

Shut Up and Read: A Memoir from Harriett's Bookshop with **Author Jeannine A. Cook**, Mon. April 6 at 7 pm

Author Megha Majumdar of *A Guardian and a Thief*—a recent Oprah Book Club Pick, Mon. May 11 at 7:30 pm

Banning Books in America: Not a How To with **Author and Professor Samuel Cohen**, Mon. May 18 at 7 pm

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Life Lessons from The Happiest People on Earth
Wed. April 8 at 7 pm

Habits That Stick: Building A Healthier You with Mindfulness Coach Lauren Masse, Wed. April 22 at 7 pm

Mastering Stress: Practical Techniques For Relief with Meditation Coach Lauren Masse, Wed. May 27 at 7 pm

FILM & TELEVISION

The Life & Career of Rob Reiner with Frank Mandosa, film historian, Wed. March 11 at 7 pm

The Life & Career Of Diane Keaton with Frank Mandosa, film historian, Wed. April 15 at 7 pm

A Look Back: The Early Days Of Television Comedy with retired professor Brian Rose, Wed. May 13 at 7 pm

STANDALONE PROGRAMS

Bird Feathers and Their Fascinating Functions with Heather Wolf, author of *Find More Birds*, Monday, March 2 at 7 pm

How to Launch a Passion Project with Anita Saville, author of *With a Passion: Seeing Good Ideas Through*, Thu. March 5 at 7 pm

Johann Sebastian Bach: A Genius Revived with **Dan Lupo** (FiveMinuteMozart.com), Wed. March 25 at 7 pm

Behind the Judicial Curtain: Secrets Of A Trial Judge. Dennis Curran will share how it works. Wed. April 1 at 7 pm

Hollywood & The Courtroom: The Anatomy Of A Trial with Retired Mass. Superior Court Justice Dennis Curran, Wed. April 29 at 7 pm

Curse of the Blumenthals: Three Generations of Secrets, Crimes, & Lies with award-winning journalist and author, Phyllis Karas, Wed. May 20 at 7 pm

Travel to Quebec City with **Bruce Magnuson**, Thu. May 21 at 7 pm

ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUPS

Please note: A minimum of intermediate familiarity with the language is needed to participate in our language conversation groups.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

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

March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21, and May 5 & 19

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets 2 pm on the first and third Wednesday. In person with Zoom available upon request.

March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20

ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets at 6 pm on the first and third Wednesday. In person with Zoom available upon request.

March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets 7 pm on the second and fourth Thursday. In person with Zoom available upon request.

March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 14 & 28

CRAFTING GROUPS

DAYTIME DIY WITH A LOCAL ARTIST

Meets 1-3:30 pm the second and fourth Tuesday. Engage in an easy, creative project with various local artists. See details on pages 5-8.

NEW! CRAFT AND CHAT

Meets 1-3:30 pm the first and third Tuesday. Gather with other creative individuals to chat and work on whatever art/craft pursuit you enjoy!

March 3, 17, & 31; April 7 & 21; May 5 & 19

NEW! NIGHT KNITTERS GROUP

Meets 7-8:30 pm on the second & fourth Wednesday. Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project. All handicrafts (and crafters!) welcome.

March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27

DAYTIME 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.

GAMING GROUPS

THE QUEST COLLECTIVE

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

Meets at 11 am every first and third Saturday.

March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, and May 2 & 16

NEW! GAME ON!

Looking for more board games in your life? Come join us for fun and discovery, as we play a variety of hobby games like *Ticket to Ride*, *Wingspan*, *Cascadia*, & *Knitting Circle*. No experience needed.

Meets one Sunday per month at 1 pm.

March 22, April 26, May TBD

OTHER GROUPS

PLANT-POWERED GROUP

A great place to explore non-meat options or a fully plant-based way of eating. Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Mar. 17 Getting Enough Protein (see pg. 6)

April 21 Dairy Free Cheese Replacement Demo (see pg. 7)

May 12 Meat Free Menus via Zoom (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.

March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

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

March 3 Civic Renewal

April 7 America We Want To Be: Founding Aspirations

May 5 Social Equity

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. March 10, April 14, and May 12

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/

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.
 March 19 *City Under One Roof* by Iris Yamashita
 April 16 *The Boyfriend* by Frieda McFadden
 May 21 *Murder by Degrees* by Rita Mukerji

CATCH UP WITH CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7 pm.
 March 11 *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
 April 8 *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard
 May 13 *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain

A NOVEL JOURNEY BOOK GROUP

Exploring world cultures through fiction.
 Meets monthly on Fridays at 10:30 am.
 March 6 *The Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende
 April 3 & May 1 Book selections TBD

PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7 pm.
 March 24 *Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide* by Tony Horwitz
 April 28 *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks
 May 26 *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Selections read from GBF's *Classic Readings for Discussion: Volume II*.
 March 18 "Ethan Brand" by Nathaniel Hawthorne
 April 15 "The Open Boat" by Stephen Crane
 May 20 "The Souls of Black Folk" by W.E.B. Du Bois and Slave Songs

THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly to discuss horror, science fiction, and fantasy books on Fridays at 5 pm.
 March 27 *Final Girls Support Group* by Grady Hendrix
 April 24 *Starling House* by Alix Harrow
 May 22 *The Library at Mount Char* by Scott Hawkins

BIBLIOPHILES BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7 pm to explore world literature with an emphasis on ambitious texts.
 March 17 *The Human Comedy* by Balzac
 April 21 *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
 May 19 *Madame Bovary* discussion continues

**New members
 always welcome!**



LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES

Gelli Printing Lab with Kimberly Stoney

March: Sat. 3/7 OR Sun. 3/8, 1:30–4:30 pm **April:** Sat. 4/25 10:30 am–1:30 pm OR 1:30–4:30 pm
May: Sat. 5/30 OR TBD, 1:30-4:30 pm



This is a monthly gathering specifically designed to foster creativity and collaboration. Each month a unique project is introduced, guiding participants as they explore and experiment with Gelli printing techniques. Whether a beginner or expert, all are invited to join for an afternoon of innovation and creative expression! This group facilitated by artist and designer Kimberly Stoney.

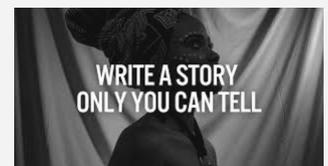
All materials are provided! Just bring an apron. This event is for adult participants only. Please be kind and select ONE session per month so as to allow others the opportunity to enjoy the experience.

Stories Only You Can Tell with Zoann Guernsey

Six Thursdays, April 2 through May 14, 6-8 pm. *No meeting April 23.*

The perennial favorite returns! Our life experiences are rich with stories and here is your opportunity to record them. Work directly with gifted educator Zoann Guernsey to hone your tale and convey your own experience. Participants will learn and practice writing different elements of memoir, share and respond in a workshop model, and finish 5-6 life stories. For both beginning and returning writers!

Sign up required; class size limited to 8. Priority given to residents until 1 week before. Intended for adults only.



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Spring Closings

Sun. April 5: Closed
Sun. May 10: Closed
Sun. May 24: Closed
Sun. May 31: Closed

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Exhibits in the Owen Smith Shuman Art Gallery

**“A Warm Weather Wish: Escaping the Winter
Doldrums.”** February 18—April 11.
Photographs by Diane Davis.

**“Offerings,” Objects Left at Gravesites of
Famous Writers.** April 14—June 27.
A photography project by Jon Creamer.

Sunday, April 26, 2-4 pm:
Artist Reception with a Guest Reading.

**CALL
FOR
ARTISTS**

Call for Groton Artists!

Coming Fall 2026—
“The Groton Open”

A survey of local creative energy

Any resident (or person with a strong Groton connection) is invited to submit exactly ONE piece of work for the exhibit.

Aside from considerations of practicality and appropriateness, all serious entries will be included. The show will open **Sept. 29, 2026.**

To apply, contact Ken Hansen at artcurator@gpl.org
or pick up a submission form at the Library.

Celebrate **National Library Week, April 19-25**, and the book, *I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy.*

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Inspired by our Groton Reads book, *North Woods*, and its strong sense of place and home, we ask:



What makes Groton “home” to you? Show us!

Send a square digital image to adultprograms@gpl.org
by **Tuesday, March 17.**

We'll print and display it in Sibley Hall's hall during April & May!

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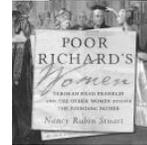
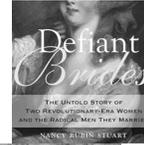
Information as of February 15, 2026. Check our calendar for updates and to sign up, or call 978-448-1167.

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Adult Program Additions

Bold Women of the Revolutionary Era: Who Tells Their Stories? Monday, March 2, at 7 pm on ZOOM

In this engaging conversation, award-winning author Nancy Rubin Stuart and Jessie Steigerwald, President of LexSeeHer, will highlight the courageous women of the Revolutionary era whose stories have often been overlooked. Drawing from her acclaimed research and storytelling, Nancy brings these heroines vividly to life, revealing the complexities of their choices and the lasting impact of their actions.



Adventures in Spring Gardening with Judith Taylor of Seeds2Plate, Thursday, April 2 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Growing your own food is a rewarding and tasty way to spend a summer in your yard. It's also a good way to reduce your grocery bills and provide food for your family in uncertain times. This class covers step by step "how-to's" for selecting, preparing and planting a garden site, and provides tips and tricks for making your garden adventures a success!

Ren (Renaissance) Faires: What's the Charm? Monday, April 27 at 7 pm on ZOOM.

Jonathan Crocker, an Art, Drama, and History Teacher, has been involved in Ren Theatre for decades. He will share about why Ren Faires have become more popular, how they are so inclusive, and how they bring out the knight/damsel/jester in so many of us. We'll learn a bit about the history but more who Ren Faires have evolved and become places of play, friendship, learning, and joy.

From Tiffany to Chihuly: Masters of Glass Art with Culturally Curious. Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm on ZOOM.

Discover the breathtaking world where molten sand becomes luminous art—we will consider Louis Comfort Tiffany's jewel-toned stained glass windows, Dale Chihuly's explosive blown glass sculptures, and Dan Dailey's whimsical figurative pieces. Jane Oneail will illuminate the history and technique behind these ethereal forms, showcasing how fire, breath, and imagination combine to create some of the most spectacular and ethereal art forms known to humanity.

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GPL Programs Are Free and Open to All



SPECIAL EVENT



Larry Spotted Crow Mann on the Nipmuc Tribe, Groton's First Residents, Wednesday, April 8 at 7 pm. OFF-SITE at the Groton Senior Center.

Larry Spotted Crow Mann, a member of the Nipmuc Tribe, will share the music, culture, and history of his people, who were the first residents of the land we now call Groton, and who continue to live and contribute in our community. Weaving his personal story with themes of cultural and environmental awareness, spirituality and sobriety, he seeks to bring people together to overcome our painful history of conflict and work to make our world a better place.

Larry is an Award-Winning Author, Playwright, Musician, Cultural Educator, Storyteller, and Citizen of the Hassanamisco Nipmuc Tribe of Massachusetts. This event is co-sponsored with Groton's DEI Committee and Lawrence Academy.

TBD UPDATE

Gelli Printing with Kimberly Stoney: May's 2nd Session will be on Saturday, May 30, 10:30-1:30 pm.

Turn over for more...

TRAVEL SERIES

Grant Central Terminal, Tuesday March 3 at 2 pm on ZOOM.

Explore the history, architecture, and stories of New York City's landmarked Beaux Arts jewel. Led by Ginny Poleman, a licensed New York City Sightseeing Guide.

Switzerland and Austria, Tuesday, March 10 at 2 pm on ZOOM.

Enjoy a 2-week trip to Switzerland (Lugano, Zermatt, Seelos, Lucerne) and Austria (Salzburg). Led by Dana Zaiser, world traveler and amateur historian.

The Little Gems of Ireland, Tuesday, March 17 at 2 pm on ZOOM.

St. Patrick's Day is the perfect time for this magical travelogue—Dublin, National Gallery, Trinity College, Cliffs, and Castles. Led by avid traveler Mary Maguire.

Norway, Tuesday, March 24 at 2 pm on ZOOM.

Journey to Norway with Jeff Klapes (the "Traveling Librarian." From the eminently livable capital of Oslo, over the mountains to the historic port of Bergen, Norway's scenery is staggering in its beauty.

Lighthouses of Cape Cod, Monday, April 13 at 7 pm on ZOOM.

A favorite speaker, Jeffrey D'Entremont, will share the history and personal stories that will make you want to make a trip to the Cape and schedule some lighthouse tours.

HISTORY SERIES



**American Presidents with Heather Rodgers,
"America's Preeminent Presidential Doodler"**

One Friday Each Month at 10:30 on ZOOM

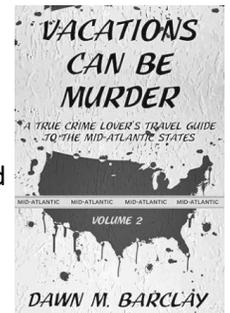
- **Thomas Jefferson**, Friday, March 13
- **James Madison**, Friday April 10
- **James Monroe**, Friday, May 8

About Heather: Heather Rogers isn't a historian, an academic, or an impartial storyteller... but she has read more than one book about every U.S. president. Out of spite. She describes herself as an "insufferable presidential nerd" When she's not reading or doodling history books, she's a freelance graphic designer, illustrator, and content creator.

AUTHOR VISITS

A Chat with Dawn Barclay, Author of *Vacations Can Be Murder*, Monday, March 9 at 7 pm on ZOOM.

Dawn is an award-winning journalist and suspense writer. This is her second book in the *Vacations Can Be Murder* series, covering the Mid-Atlantic States.



Discussion with Romance Author Rebecca Zanetti, Monday, May 4 at 7 pm on ZOOM.



We're catching this mega-star Rebecca between book launches for *You Can Scream* (5th in the Laurel Snow series) and *One Shattered Crown* (3rd in the Grimm Bargains series).

We'll be celebrating Rebecca's books as well as discussing her glamorous life as a best-selling author.