

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER 2021 EVENTS

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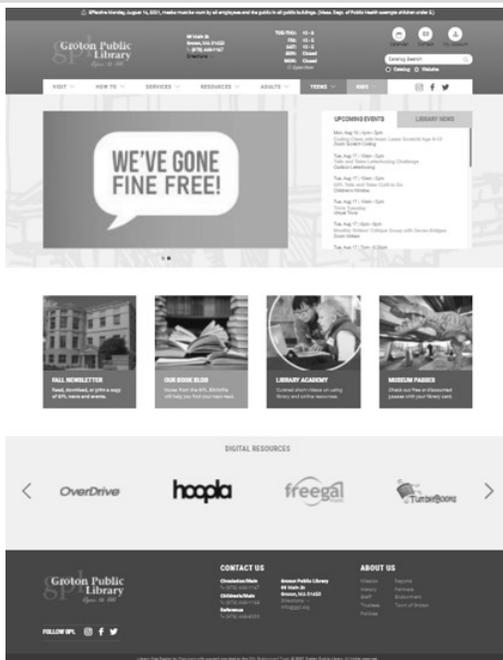
It's true! Along with libraries across the Commonwealth and around the country, the Board of Trustees voted to eliminate the charging of late penalties on overdue library materials...**forever AND retroactively!**

While effective immediately, it will take staff time to clear out old fines, but we'll get there (in between dancing celebratory conga lines through the stacks!) *Yes, items still need to be returned; otherwise, a bill will be sent with the replacement cost.*



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ALL NEW ONLINE SERVICES START SEPTEMBER 1!

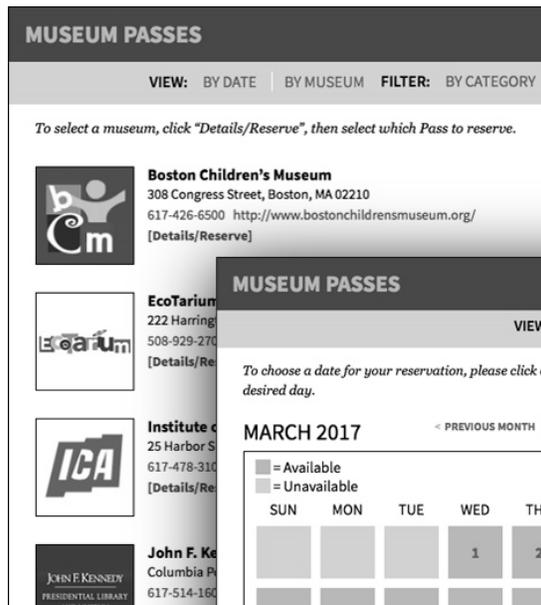


GPL.ORG is All New!

Our new, fully redesigned website goes live on September 1. We think you will find it both beautiful and easy to navigate.

It's mobile-friendly, secure, and meets current web standards. We worked with Clearpeak again, who designed our (now-retired) site.

Thank you to the GPL Endowment Trust for their financial support of this project.



New Events Calendar, Museum Pass, and Room Reservation software goes live September 1!

Each new interface is mobile-friendly, clear, and uncluttered. We think you'll find it easy to use, but if not, call us—we're here to help.

Rooms open for public bookings on Sept. 1. *Note: Our evening and weekend hours have been reduced due to budget cuts, and the Quiet Study Room is not available for booking.*

GPL Programs are Free and Open to All - Thanks to the GPL Endowment Trust and the Town of Groton's Trust Funds' Lecture Fund.

For more information on events and to sign up:

- * Email info@gpl.org,
- * Call 978-448-1167,
- * Or go online to the GPL.ORG calendar.

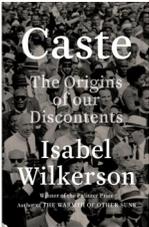
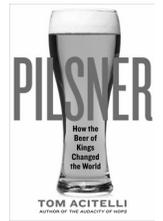
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ADULT EVENTS ON ZOOM *(unless otherwise noted)*

A Toast to Pilsner with James Beard Award Finalist Tom Acitelli, Tue. Sept. 21 at 7 pm

Learn the story of this remarkable beer and the impact it has on today's craft beer movement from the author of the upcoming book, *Pilsner: How The Beer of Kings Changed the World*.



Isabel Wilkerson and *Caste*, Wed. Sept. 22 at 7 pm

Join a state-wide watch party of Pulitzer Prize-winner Isabel Wilkerson, author of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, followed by a facilitated conversation by former Mass. Representative and legendary civil rights advocate Byron Rushing and Professor Roopika Risam, noted scholar in Public Humanities, African diaspora & Indigenous Studies.

Space Telescopes , NASA Solar System Ambassador, Rich Heuermann, Tue. Oct. 5, 7 pm

For over 30 years the Hubble Space Telescope has sent spectacular images and revolutionary data down from its 360 mile-high orbit. NASA is planning to launch Hubble's successor, the James Webb Space Telescope (pictured), by the end of the year. We will review some of the many Hubble discoveries and preview the plans for the new telescope.



Felt a Fox with Rachel Benson, Thu. Oct. 7 at 6 pm, IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey as you create a needle felted fox to be proud of with talented fiber artist, Rachel Benson. *All materials will be provided.*

A Beginner's Guide to Fabric Dyeing: Interactive Workshop with Ann-Marie LaBollita, Sat. Oct. 9, 1-4 pm, IN PERSON Outside.

Ann-Marie will lead a fun and inspiring fabric dyeing workshop designed to tap into everyone's creative spirit. Participants will learn about color and dyeing basics by experimenting with dye mixing in the creation of small samples. The class will focus on tray and bag dyeing using low immersion dyeing techniques.

Closing Up the Garden with Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens, Tue. Oct. 12 at 7 pm

Learn tips and tricks for how to put the garden to bed this fall to wake up in the spring fresh as a daisy.



Haunted Light Houses, Thu. Oct. 14 at 7 pm

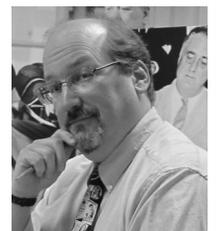
Lighthouses are picturesque icons that remind us of our rich maritime history, but they also have a 'dark side.' Lighthouses and ghost stories often seem to go hand in hand. This presentation will focus on some of the macabre tales of New England's coastal beacons, including the lovelorn spirit known as "Ernie" at New London CT's Ledge Light (pictured) and the piano-playing ghost of Maine's Seguin Light.

Cook the Book with Chef Liz Barbour, *Tapas: The Little Dishes of Spain*, Tue. Oct. 19 at 7 pm

Join Liz in her kitchen (on Zoom) for a delicious cooking class as she shares recipes from one of her favorite cookbooks, *Tapas: The Little Dishes of Spain*. Learn how her favorite cookbooks have influenced her cooking style and her own creative recipes. Liz will discuss the chef/author and demo two recipes she loves.

Saving the Arts in the Great Depression, Tue. Oct. 26 at 7 pm

Back by popular demand! Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, shares the story of the Federal One Project. One of the lesser known of the WPA, this program helped to ensure that the American creative spirit continued on in writing, visual arts, dance, and performance during the dark days of the Great Depression. *(Note: GPL Book Group's coordinated book discussion on page 7.)*



MORE ADULT EVENTS ON ZOOM *(unless otherwise noted)*



Wine 101: From Grapevine to Glass with Gillian Katz, Tue. Nov. 2 at 7 pm

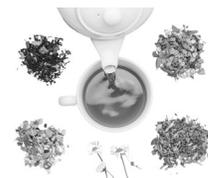
Join certified Sommelier, Gillian Katz, for an hour of wine basics including wine making, proper tasting protocol, and pairing guidelines. Bring your questions and a glass of your favorite vino!

Taste of Ayurvedic Cooking with Claire Ragozzino, Wed. Nov. 3 at 6:30 pm

Join *Living Ayurveda* author Claire Ragozzino for an exploration of Ayurvedic nutrition and seasonal eating. Take a look at the principles of Ayurveda, how to work with the six tastes to create nourishing and well-balanced meals, and what it means to eat for your unique body type through the fall season.

Health Benefits of Tea with Cozy Tea Cart's Danielle Beaudette, Tue. Nov. 9 at 7 pm

Learn about the health benefits of adding whole-leaf tea to their daily diet. Danielle will answer commonly asked questions regarding tea and antioxidants, caffeine, and which tea is best, black, oolong, green, white, or pu-erh. Throughout the lecture, attendees may enjoy a complimentary sample of whole leaf tea.



Decolonizing: Bringing Indigenous Groups into the Conversation with Debby Irving and Claudia Fox Tree, Thu. Nov. 18 at 7 pm

Join Claudia Fox Tree and Debby Irving for a live conversation as they explore how U.S. narratives have shaped their understanding of themselves, one another, and the complex world we live in.

Holiday Floral Arranging with Heather Allen, Tue. Nov. 23 at 6 pm IN PERSON

Create your own unique Thanksgiving floral centerpiece in a stylish wooden box. Professional studio florist at H.E. Flora, Heather will provide detailed instructions along with all of the materials needed to make a beautiful display for your holiday table.



Class Act Extracts with the Grounded Goodwife, Tue. Nov. 30 at 7 pm

A touch of coconut extract in the frosting on a chocolate cake? Yum! Homemade extracts are easy to make, great for gifting, inexpensive, and don't contain creepy ingredients like their supermarket cousins. If you do a lot of baking or cooking, you'll use a lot of extracts. They're great hostess or holiday gifts as well.

The Roosevelts and the United Nations, Tue. Dec. 7 at 7 pm

Jeffrey Urbin, of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, shares the story of how Franklin Roosevelt's vision for a world free of war led to the creation of the United Nations and the contributions made by Eleanor Roosevelt as one of America's first UN diplomats.

Felt a Penguin with Rachel Benson, Thu. Dec. 9 at 6 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others. This month participants will create a penguin. *All materials will be provided.*

75 Years of *It's a Wonderful Life* with Frank Mandosa, Tue. Dec. 14 at 7 pm

We all know the classic 1946 film that celebrates life and its true meaning. In time for its 75th anniversary, this behind-the-scenes look at the history, production, and lasting cultural impact of this perennial holiday favorite will leave you feeling sentimental all over again!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Events are subject to change. Check gpl.org for the latest information. Register for ALL events @ GPL.ORG. Preference given to Groton residents. Non-residents may sign up 2 days before events, space permitting. Age requirements per the performer's guidelines. **For IN-PERSON outdoor events, please bring your own chairs/blankets. In the case of inclement weather, events will move to Zoom.**

STORYTIMES & SERIES

Tales & Tunes for Tots. Music time for infants through preschoolers, first Friday of month 10:30-11:15 am. 9/6: Matt Heaton (Gazebo) | 10/1: Steve Blunt (Gazebo) | 11/5: Liz & Andrea (V) | 12/3: Mary Jo Maichack (V)

Mother Goose in the Garden: Storytime for Ages 0-2. Four Wednesdays 10:30-11 am or 11:30 am-12 pm. A small gathering of caregivers and children ages 0-2 in the library garden. Registration required. Starts 9/8

Storytime in the Garden for 3, 4, & 5 Year Olds. Two Thursdays 10:30-11:00 am, Sept 9 & 16. In the library garden. Stories & songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Children must be at least 3 years old to attend. Registration is required.

Mirrors & Windows Storytime. Pre-K through Elementary. Two Thursdays 10:30-11:00 am, Sept 23 & 30. In the library garden. Each week's book will feature authors and main characters from many racial backgrounds. In collaboration with ABC Families. Registration is required.

Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time. Every Tuesday 10-3, Sept 7-Dec 28. Drop-in crafts in the Children's Room.

Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. Meets in-person the 1st Tuesday of every month, 4-5 pm. Starts Sept 7. Space is limited, so please sign up.

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets in-person the 2nd Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Starts Sept 9. Space is limited, so please sign up.

Read to a Dog. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog! Shiver is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Wednesdays, 4-4:45 pm. Sign up for 15 minute slot: Sept 8 & 22.

Read-Aloud with Jennie. Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Starts Sept 16. Children in Grades K-2 can listen to Jennie Fitzkee read aloud from some of the best children's chapter books!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Felting with Rachel: Felt a Monster. Ages 8-12. Thursday, October 14, 3:30-5 pm. Learn the basics of needle felting and make your own monster!

Cursive Club for Grades 3 & 4. Meets in-person the 1st Wednesday of the month starting October 6, 4-4:45 pm. Cast aside keyboards and learn/practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie.

Cooks + Books Virtual Cooking Classes with Sticky Fingers Cooking

Virtual cooking classes based on children's literature! Sign up for more info. and the Zoom link. Space limited.

For Kids in Grades K-3:

- Wednesday, September 8, 4-5:15 pm: Book: *Bee-Bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park
- Wednesday, October 13, 4-5:15 pm: Book: *Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed
- Wednesday, November 10, 4-5:15 pm: Book: *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña

For Kids in Grades 4-5:

- Monday, October 4, 4-5:15 pm: Book: *Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets* by J.K. Rowling (Chapter 10: The Rogue Bludger, pages 166-170)
- Monday, October 18, 4-5:15 pm: Book: *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling (Chapter 12: The Mirror of Erised, pages 199-204)

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TEEN PROGRAMS



Pride Described! Sat. Sept. 18, 2-3 pm. Join us to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community as members of SpeakOUT Boston share their personal stories. SpeakOUT's motto is "Ask Us Anything" and the speakers create a safe and supportive atmosphere to ask questions and find out more about the individual identities that make up a diverse and complex community. This in person program will have an option to join by Zoom. In person attendees will be able to make their own pronoun buttons in the community room too.



Sign up @ gpl.org or email teens@gpl.org to get the details for each program.



Cooking Classes on Zoom with Food Explorers (Grades 6-12)

Muffin Tin Pizzas	Mon. Sept. 20, 5-6 pm
Pumpkin Cinnamon Rolls	Mon. Oct. 18, 5-6 pm
Vegetable Baked Rigatoni	Mon. Nov. 15, 5-6 pm
Peppermint Chocolate Cupcakes	Mon. Dec. 20, 5-6 pm

Make & Take Arts & Crafts (Grades 6-12)

in Sibley Hall unless otherwise noted

Sushi Pin Cushion w/ Mandy Roberge	Wed. Sept. 29, 4-5 pm
Felting with Rachel Benson	Thu. Oct. 7, 3:30-5 pm
Art Class with Sherry Hoffman	Wed. Oct. 13, 4-5 pm
Mini Pumpkin Painting	Wed. Oct. 27, 4-5 pm
Art Class with Sherry Hoffman	Wed. Nov. 10, 4-5 pm
Painting Class with Pop-up Art School	Wed. Dec. 1, 3:30-5 pm
Felting with Rachel Benson	Thurs. Dec. 9, 3:30-5 pm
Gingerbread Houses on Zoom using kits	Wed. Dec. 15, 4-5pm



Llama Lounge is BACK!

Every GDRMS Half-Day
11:30 am to 3 pm
Grades 5-8

Drop in with your friends and play games, do a craft, go online, enjoy some treats, listen to music, and/or get your homework done!

Dates this fall

Fri. Sept. 3
Fri. Oct. 29
Wed. Nov. 24
Fri. Dec. 10

Middle Grade Book Club: **Book Worm MASTERS for Grades 6 & 7.**

Meets in Sibley Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 4-5 pm with an option to join by Zoom. At the first meeting, we will discuss "City Spies" by James Ponti. Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14.

Robotics Battle-Bots Challenge: (Grades 5-10) Create a battle-ready robot

using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits. Compete for prizes! 6:00-7:30 pm. Thurs. Sept. 23, Thurs. Oct. 21, Tue. Nov. 16, Thurs. Dec 16.



More Fun & Games: Minecraft Meet-Up (Grades 5-10) Minecraft enthusiasts play on our library server and chat on Zoom. A Java Minecraft account is required. Every other Wednesday 3:00-4:30 pm. Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 8 & 22.

YA@GPL Game Club: Play "Among Us" and Chat on Zoom. (Grades 6-12) Every Friday 3:30-4:30 pm.

Escape Room: The Curse of Haunted High (Grades 6-12) Thurs. Oct. 14, 6:30-7:30 pm in

Teen Volunteers: If you love the library and library programs, we need your help to advise and assist the Young Adult Librarian, and we invite you to attend our Young Adult Advisory Council. It's also a great way to earn volunteer hours! We meet once a month on Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm in Sibley Hall, with a Zoom option. Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 23. Contact teens@gpl.org for other opportunities to volunteer as well.



Local Art Exhibits Return to the Owen Shuman Gallery

PRISCILLA LEVESQUE, paintings

September 8 through October 17

EDWARD BIRCH, CHRISTOPHER RIEMER, photographs

October 20 through December 5

TINA FRANZISKA JOST, photographs

December 8 through January 23



LIBRARY LIFELONG LEARNING (LLL)

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT is a new series that will focus on a different challenging topic each season. Learn, gain skills, and build community through small group, in-depth conversations facilitated by experts in the field.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: RACE with Meghan Smith, Meet Weekly for 6 Sundays, Oct. 10 to Nov. 14, 2-3:30 pm on Zoom

Week 1: Listening

Weeks 3-4: Discussing Race in General

Week 2: Speaking and Difficult Conversations

Weeks 5-6: Critical Race Theory: What it is & Use

STORIES ONLY YOU CAN TELL: MEMOIR-WRITING with ZOANN GUERNSEY

Six Wednesdays, Weekly, October 6 to November 10, 6-8 pm IN PERSON

The perennial favorite returns! Our life experiences are rich with stories and here is your opportunity to record them. Sign up is required, as class size is limited to 8. First-time attendees given first preference.

CULTURALLY CURIOUS: The Art of Controversy with Jane Oneail

Three Wednesdays, Weekly, Sept. 15 to Sept. 29, 7-8 pm on Zoom

Join Culturally Curious Jane for three interactive art talks around some of the seedier topics in art history!

Sept. 15: Frenemies: The Art World's Greatest Rivalries

Sept. 22: The Art of the Scandal: Thefts, Vandals, and Forgeries

Sept. 29: Caravaggio: Criminality and Baroque Drama

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP meets two Tuesdays each month (usually 1st & 3rd), year-round, 7 pm IN PERSON. Have fun while you learn and practice! Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher, **Verónica Mazzu.**

Find your inspiration, connect with other writers, and have a good time, too!

- **WRITING CRITIQUE GROUP for All Genres. Two Different Monthly Groups:**

Third Tuesday, 6-8 pm **OR** Fourth Wednesday, 6-8 pm

- **BODIES IN THE LIBRARY for Mystery Writers.** Every other Wednesday, 5-6:30 pm. Starts Sept. 1. Advice and encouragement from others who love the mystery genre.

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.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Each month GPL offers interactive activities just for grown ups!



Spice Club

Sept.—Cumin

Oct.—Caraway

Nov.—Ginger

Dec.—Allspice

Online trivia Available every week!



JOIN THE DISCUSSION WITH ADULT GROUPS AT GPL!

Pick up books and supplies at the Circulation Desk. All groups meet in person unless otherwise noted.

- **GPL PAGE TURNERS** meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm

September 28	<i>Middlemarch</i> by George Eliot
October 26	<i>Big Lies in a Small Town</i> by Diane Chamberlain (<i>selection coordinates with Oct. 26 Saving the Arts in the Great Depression event —see page 2 for info.</i>)
November 16	<i>When Breath Becomes Air</i> by Paul Kalanathi
December 21	<i>Anxious People</i> by Frederik Backman

- **MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP** meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm

September 16	<i>The Woman in the Window</i> by A.J. Finn
October 21	<i>The Mitford Trial</i> by Jessica Fellowes
December 2	<i> Holding</i> by Graham Norton

- **GREAT BOOKS GROUP** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Despite the serious name, our discussions are fun and casual. Our reading selections are from *Her Own Accord: American Women on Identity, Culture, and Community*. See greatbooks.org for more.

September 8	Identity	November 10	Family
October 13	Identity	December 8	Family

- **COOK THE BOOK CLUB** meets every other month on a Thursday at 6:30 pm

Join us as we will delve into different cultures, techniques, and more.

September 9	<i>Dinner for Everyone</i> by Mark Bittmann
November 4	<i>EveryDayCook</i> by Alton Brown
December 9	Cookbook Swap (Bring a cookbook to pass on and go home with a new one!)

- **PLANT POWERED CLUB** meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 6:30 pm

A great place to explore non-meat options or the entire lifestyle.

September 1	Experimenting with Spice Club samples
October 6	Organizing Your Kitchen to Support Healthy Eating
November 3	Taste of Ayurveda with Claire Ragozzino (<i>See page 3 for details</i>)
December 1	Navigating the holidays with a plant-based diet

- **GPL KNITTING GROUP** meets every Thursday, 1:30-3:30 pm. GPL/Garden/Zoom.

Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project.

- **FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES** meets monthly on the second to last Wednesday at 3 pm

Experience films from around the world followed by enlightening conversation.

Sept 29	<i>Roma</i> (Mexico)	Nov 17	<i>Hunt for the Wilderpeople</i> (New Zealand)
Oct 27	<i>Cinema Paradiso</i> (Italy)	Dec 22	<i>Jean de Florette</i> (France)

- **BOOKIN' IT AROUND THE WORLD** meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 6:30 pm

Explore cultures of the world through literature.

September 23	<i>In the Time of Butterflies</i> by Julia Alvarez (Dominican Rep.)
October 28	<i>A Map of Home</i> by Randa Jarrar (Kuwait)
November 18	<i>The Night Watchman</i> by Louise Erdrich (American Indian)
December 16	<i>When the Elephants Dance</i> by Tess Uriza Holthe (New Zealand)



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TUE, WED, THU: 10 am—8* pm

FRI & SAT: 10 am—5* pm

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*Reduced Staffing = Reduced Hours

No Sunday hours this fall because of town budget cuts.

If the library budget is restored at Fall Town Meeting, full staffing and hours will return.

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How Does the Library Empower You? Tell the Amer. Library Assn. (ALA) for a Chance to Win!

How? Post to Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #LibrariesEmpower, or post on the I Love Libraries Facebook page. The creator of one randomly-selected post will receive a \$100 Visa gift and a Baby Yoda Read® poster, which is also the second-place prize for 3 winners.

#LibrariesEmpower promo runs Sept. 1 at 1 pm through Sept. 22 at 1 pm.

Libraries Empower...

...us to connect with each other

...me to learn new things

...our communities to be healthy

...me to create and explore

**Tell us
for a
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Volunteer Opportunity: The Library Trustees are seeking an individual to fill an upcoming vacancy on the GPL Endowment Board. The ideal candidate will have a strong financial background (accounting and financial/tax reporting skills particularly desirable) and a dedication to public libraries. For more info. or to apply, please call or email the Director (director@gpl.org) or Trustees (gpltrustees@gpl.org) by **Sept. 30**.

Information as of August 17, 2021; please check gpl.org for updates.