

# GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FALL 2024 NEWS & EVENTS



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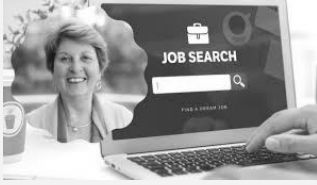
**GPL Programs Are  
 Free and Open to All**

For more information on  
 programs and to sign up:

- \* View our calendar at [gpl.org](http://gpl.org)
- \* Email [info@gpl.org](mailto:info@gpl.org)
- \* Call us @ 978-448-1167

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 supported by the GPL  
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 Lecture Fund.*

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### 50+ JOB SEEKERS VIRTUAL SERIES

**First & third Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am**

Dozens of Massachusetts public libraries have partnered to offer the 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group program to support people fifty years and older looking for a new job, a new career direction, or a second-act career.

Take advantage of these **free** weekly skill-building and networking group meetings. A new topic will be covered at each meeting. Attendance at each session is not necessary, but highly recommended. Job seekers can join at any time. *Registration is required.*

Led by Debbi Hope, MBA, PCIC, MC, experienced Executive Career Coach and Certified Master Coach, on Zoom. Zoom open 9-12 for informal networking and resource sharing before and after. *All meetings will be recorded, and shared with registrants within 2 days.*

<p><b>LinkedIn: Professional Connecting</b>            Wed. Sept. 4, 9:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Resumes: A Pocketful of Stars</b>            Wed. Sept. 18, 9:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Cover Letters: Using AI in Your Job Search</b>            Wed. Oct. 2, 9:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Thinking Out of the Box (A Panel Event)</b>            Wed. Oct. 16, 9:30-11:30 am</p>	<p><b>Networking: You Must Give to Get</b>            Wed. Nov. 6, 9:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Interview Strategies</b>            Wed. Nov. 20, 9:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Interview Practice</b>            Wed. Dec. 4, 9:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Marketing Plan</b>            Wed. Dec. 18, 9:30-11:30 am</p>
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### LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES



**Sundays at 2:30 pm IN PERSON.** Free and for all ages to enjoy!

**Sunday, September 15 at 2:30 pm—Daniel Gay World Music**  
 Travel the world through the music of Daniel Gay. Interweaving piano, guitar, and accordion, Gay draws on influences from Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. His music is often inspired by the students he has taught throughout his twenty-five years in the music classroom.

**Sunday, October 20 at 2:30 pm—Marc Berger “RIDE”**  
 Marc Berger’s songs span the full range of American roots music: blues, folk, country, and rock 'n' roll. Marc’s life has been about pursuing twin passions: creating, recording, and performing his original songs and exploring remote areas of the American West. Marc performs songs from the album and shares stories about his experiences as an easterner in the desert and mountain West.

**Sunday, November 17 at 2:30 pm—Pete Kilpatrick**  
 Pete Kilpatrick is an independent singer-songwriter. Kilpatrick’s work is a blend of folk and pop-rock music, and he has been named Maine’s Best Act and Best Vocalist four times in the Portland Best Music Awards.

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

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sign up at [gpl.org](http://gpl.org). Groton residents given first preference.



### For All Ages:

**Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time.** Every week, all week in the Children's Room! Drop in for some freestyle crafting!

Sign-up is required for all events below.

### For Babies through Preschool:

**Tales & Tunes for Tots.** Story & music time for infants and preschoolers with popular entertainers, one Friday most months, 10:30-11:15 am. Sept. 13: Rockabye Beats | Oct. 4: Cliff McGann | Nov. 1: Julie Stepanek

**Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2 & Caregivers.** Wednesdays, starting Sept. 11-May 21, 10:30-11:00 or 11:15-11:45 am. If the weather is nice, we will be outside in the garden.



**Storytimes for Ages 3-5.** Thursdays, 10:30-11 am:

No storytimes Thanksgiving week.



**Miss Jacquie aka "Strega Mama."** Stories & songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Meets every Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday—see below) starting Sept. 26.

**Mirrors & Windows with Miss Sheila.** Meets the 3rd Thursday: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21. Children hear stories where they see themselves reflected (like looking in a mirror) AND they learn something new about someone else (like looking through a window).

**Music and Movement with the Family Partnership for Ages 0-5.** Tuesdays, Sept. 17; Oct. 1, 15 & 29; Nov. 12 & 26, 10:30-11:15 am. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!

**Preschool Yoga for Children Ages 3-5.** Fridays, Sept. 20 & 27, Oct. 11 & 18, Nov. 8 & 15, 10:30-11:15 am. Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown's classes incorporate movement and breathing into simple literacy activities. Sign-up opens one month before the class and preference is given to Groton residents until one week ahead.

**Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5.** Thursdays: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 11:15 am-12 pm. Learn cool moves using a hula hoop! Games, dance, and movement. Hoops provided.

### For School-Age Children:

**Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3.** Second Thursday every month starting Sept. 12, 4-4:30 pm. Miss Jennie leads this fun book club that encourages a love for reading! Bring a favorite book to talk about to the first meeting.

**Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5.** First Tuesday every month starting Oct. 1, 4-4:45 pm. Talking about books helps boost a love for reading! Join Book Worms led by Miss Carrie and have fun reading and talking about books with friends. The first book will be available Sept. 2 in the Children's Room.

**Comics Club for Grades 3-5.** First Tuesday every month starting Oct. 1, 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. Snacks and basic materials provided.

**Cursive Club for Grades 3-5.** First Wednesday every month starting Sept. 4, 4-4:30 pm. Learn and/or practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie. Snacks and workbooks provided.

**Read-Aloud with Jennie for Grades K-2.** Meets the first and third Thursdays every month starting Sept. 19, 4-4:30 pm. Listen to Jennie Fitz-kee read aloud from the best children's chapter books!

### Halloween Craft with The Crafty Girls for Grades K-2

Saturday, Oct. 19  
11 am-12 pm

Come in costume for a fun and festive crafting party!

Sign-up opens to non-residents on Sept. 19.

**Read to Blitzen.** Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & 18, Oct. 9 & 23, 4-5 pm. Kids gain confidence by reading aloud to a friendly dog certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot.

**Storylab for Grades K-2.** Last Friday of the month starting Sept. 27, 4-5 pm. Join Miss Nancy and Miss Lauren for a STEAM-based story and craft! *No meeting in November.*

**LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12.** Meets the third Tuesday of the month starting Sept. 17, 4-5 pm. We supply the LEGOs—you supply the imagination!

**For Homeschoolers:**

**Homeschool Maker Space Meetup for Ages 6-9.** Meets Thursdays in October starting Oct. 10, 1-2:30 pm. Does your child love to express what they’ve learned through artwork or projects? In this program children design and build their own creation using low-tech maker space supplies, such as LEGOs and craft materials based on the theme. All learning styles are welcome in this neurodivergent-affirming program.

**All Things Theater for Ages 10-Teens.** Meets every Tuesday, 2-3 pm, starting Sept. 24. From improv to Shakespeare, this group will cover a variety of theater concepts and forms, such as reader’s theater, character studies, and script writing. This class is suitable for any experience level. *No meeting Thanksgiving.*



Homeschooling Resources and Curriculum for pre-K through 5th grade. Weekly or monthly learning plans. Free online from [gpl.org](http://gpl.org) with your library card.

**For Older Kids & Tweens:**

**Snapology for Ages 8-11: LEGO SuperStructures: Bridges.** Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6-7 pm. Kids learn and practice STEAM skills through research-based programs! Participants will need to build a bridge that can carry cars above and allow boats to go underneath. *Registration opens one month before the class.*

**Monster Mashup for Grades 4-10.** Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6-7 pm. Discover your lineage: are you a vampire, werewolf, or witch? Then earn enough doubloons by doing tricky tasks and mind-tickling games to purchase your totem. Once put together the totems allow you to become the leader of your clan!



**Felting with Rachel Benson for Ages 8-11.** Thursday, Nov. 7, 4:30-6 pm. Learn the basics of felting and create an adorable owl project to keep! *Sign-up opens to non-residents on Oct. 7.*

**Kids Cooking Green: Pumpkin Waffles! For Ages 7-11.** Saturday, Nov. 23, 12-1 pm. Kids learn how to make delicious pumpkin waffles with fruit and whipped cream in this hands-on class! *Sign-up opens to non-residents one month ahead.*

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

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**LLAMA LOUNGE (Grades 5-8)**

Every GDRMS half-day  
11:30 am to 3 pm

Drop in with your friends, play board or video games, create with arts and crafts, or do some homework!

Dates this fall:

Fri. Sept. 6, Fri. Oct. 25, Wed. Nov. 20, Thu. Nov. 21, Wed. Nov. 27

**ROBOTICS BATTLE-BOTS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)**

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

Every first Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm—Sept. 4, Oct. 2, and Nov. 6



**Hands-on Science Lab (Grades 5-8)**

Second Thursday of the month, 4-5 pm

- Sept. 12 Balloon-Powered Car Challenge
- Oct. 10 Turn Milk into Plastic
- Nov. 14 Fingerprinting

## TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



### NEW! SATURDAY AFTERNOON ARTS & CRAFTS

(Grades 6-12)

Making Comics with K.L. Ricks: Sat. Sept. 21, 2-4 pm

Painting on Canvas with Julie Harrold: Sat. Oct. 12, 2-3:30 pm

Gelli Plate Printing with Kimberley Stoney: Sat. Nov. 2, 10:30 am-1:30 pm



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### HOLIDAY FUN! (Grades 6-12)

Painted Halloween Dishes Wed. Oct. 16 6-7:30 pm

Monster Mash-Up (Gr. 4-10) Wed. Oct. 23 *see page 3*

Make Monster Treats Thu. Oct. 24 4-5 pm

*All supplies & instructions will be provided.*

### MAKE AND TAKE (Grades 6-12)

First Thursdays from 4-5:30 pm on Oct. 3 & Nov. 7

Check [gpl.org](http://gpl.org) for details!

**TAKE AND MAKE:** Can't make it to a program?

Pick up a craft kit in the Teen Area to make at home.



### DROP-IN TEEN GAME LOUNGE

*Sibley Hall (Grades 6-12)*

EVERY FRIDAY (unless 1/2 day) 3-4:30 pm  
Nintendo Switch and board games available.

### 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 & 7)** Second Tuesday every month, 4:30-5:15 pm, starting Oct. 8.

**Reading Rippers (Grade 8)** First Thursday every month, 4:45-5:30 pm, starting Oct. 3.

**Crackerjacks (Grades 9-12)** Second Thursday every other month, 5:45-6:30 pm, starting Oct. 10.

Books available to pick up in Sept. in the Children's Room.

### ESCAPE ROOM (Grades 6-12)

Work together to solve problems, improve your skills, complete puzzles, and break out for a prize!

**Back to the Classroom** on Wed. Sept. 18, 6-7 pm

### KIDS COOKING GREEN

(Grades 6-12)

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2-3 pm

Lori is back with another terrific recipe! We will use a fresh, just-roasted sugar pumpkin to make pumpkin waffles, and serve them with pear & apple compote and fresh whipped cream.

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (Grades 6-10)

Introduction to D&D: Saturday, Sept. 7, 1-4 pm

Fall Campaign—Saturdays, 2-4 pm

Starts Sept. 21, then, Oct. 5 & 19;

Nov. 9, 16 & 30; and Dec. 14.

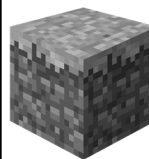
*Participants are expected to attend all meetings if possible.*

### COLLEGE QUEST WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Wed. October 9, 6-8 pm

Learn the steps necessary to find the schools that best match your needs!

### MINECRAFT LIBRARY SERVER



Play on our library server anytime!  
A Java Minecraft account is required.

Email [teens@gpl.org](mailto:teens@gpl.org) for information on joining.

### SQUISHMALLOW BINGO! (Grades 5-12)

Play bingo to win adorable Squishmallow prizes!

Thu. Sept. 26 3:30-4:30 pm

Wed. Nov. 13 6:30-7:30 pm

### TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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: Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18. Contact [teens@gpl.org](mailto:teens@gpl.org) for other opportunities.

## GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS

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### **Fall Planting with Jen Kettell, Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

Plant something new before winter begins! It's a very satisfying feeling looking upon a tree that you have planted yourself, but there is much more to ensuring that a tree is off to a healthy start than simply digging a hole. In the lecture portion of this class, participants will learn tips for nursery selection, site preparation, proper planting technique, and aftercare for trees, shrubs, and woody vines.

### **Felt an Owl with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others! This month's project is a wise and wacky owl perfect for beginners! Creating a needle-felted project with fiber artist Rachel Benson is a joy and a breeze! All materials will be provided.



### **Banned in America with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

Explore some of the history of censorship and cultural silencing of certain writers, artists, and musicians. We'll look specifically at America, the First Amendment, and the freedom to express feelings and ideas. Using recent data collected by the American Library Association, we'll look at on-going examples of censorship, examine the probable roots/causes of such censorship, and explore whether total freedom of expression is actually possible.

### **Visible Mending with Cathy Karp, Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Come and learn how to mend your woven or knit items. Beginners welcome. A few simple stitches will be introduced along with an explanation of the variety of threads and materials that can be used to create a unique and sustainable piece of clothing. Drop by to find out more, or bring something to mend with you.



### **Linocut Workshop with Brooke Lambert, Saturday, Sept. 14 at 1:30 pm IN PERSON**

Participants will be introduced to the printmaking process of linocut. Learn how to create a design and carve it in linoleum using carving tools, as well as mixing ink and printing. Create many beautiful prints and collaborate with classmates in a relaxed environment. Suitable for all levels of experience.

### **Mindfulness with Laura Klain, Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 11 am IN PERSON**

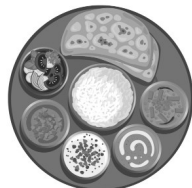
Join Certified Life Coach and Therapist Laura Klain for a mindfulness workshop. Mindfulness is a great way to alleviate stress, develop more creativity, and cultivate more peace in your life. The practice can be added to any lifestyle and can be done anywhere. Come and learn how to use your breath, mind, and body as tools to help you be more present and peaceful in every area of your life.

### **Masters of Song: Cole Porter with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

Explore the life and music of this remarkable writer of Broadway and popular songs, including "Anything Goes," "Begin the Beguine," and more!

### **Dahlias with Justine Craighill, Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Join us for an overview of dahlias: the many colors and forms of this flower, how to grow and store the tubers, where to source seeds and tubers, optimal harvesting techniques, and more. Participants will arrange a fall dahlia bouquet to take home.



### **Indian Food Field Trip with the Dalals, Saturday, Sept. 21 at 12:30 pm OFFSITE**

Join GPL staff member Beth Dalal and her husband Neeraj for a two-part field trip! We'll meet for lunch at Himalayan Curry House in Nashua, and make our way to Patel Brothers Indian grocery store to explore ways to bring these flavors home. Participants must provide their own transportation.

## GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS

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### **What Does Judaism Have to Do with Palestine/Israel?, Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

This talk will examine recent ethnographic research on Jewish wrestling with Zionism and the social mechanisms underpinning processes of unlearning militarist accounts of Jewish safety, as well as the conflation of Jews with the policies of a nation-state project.

### **Celebrate Your Freedom to Read with a GPL Read-In! Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Bring whatever you want to read and engage with it at GPL as we celebrate Freedom to Read Week 2024! Refreshments will be provided. Book discussion is welcome but not required.

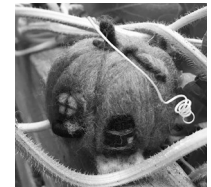


### **Ditch the Fall Clean-Up with Claudia Thompson, Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

Leave those leaves! Life abounds in the leaf litter of our gardens, and the seasonal cycles of both growth and decay are critical to building healthy soil. Learn about another approach to gardening that harnesses ecological systems instead of creating dead zones in our landscapes. Let's look at conventional fall clean-up in detail and discuss the impact of various practices.

### **Felt a Pumpkin House with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

This month's project is a wonderfully whimsical pumpkin house! All materials will be provided at the time of the workshop. Priority given to Groton residents who have not participated in a felting event at GPL in the past three months prior to the workshop until one week before the event.



### **It Just Ain't So: Discovering Our Deeply Held Beliefs About Aging, With or Without Grace, Saturday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 am IN PERSON**

Barbara Rich, M.Ed., a healthy and vibrant 90-year-old Groton resident, will discuss negative stereotypical ideas and beliefs about the elderly. Saying, "That's a senior moment" or "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" perpetuates old ways of thinking. We'll explore recent research to help us question our deeply held beliefs about getting older.

### **Learn How Amateur Sleuths Are Solving America's Coldest Cases, Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

There are more than 250,000 unsolved murders in America. This startling reality has led to the rise of an online world of amateur sleuthing with everyday Americans trying to solve cold cases from the comfort of their home. Deborah Halber, author of *The Skeleton Crew: How Amateur Sleuths Are Solving America's Coldest Cases*, will discuss how these armchair sleuths have evolved from the early days of the Internet to genetic and forensic genealogy, which uses results from DNA tests such as 23andMe and Ancestry.com to identify suspects or victims by tracing their family trees.



### **Indian Cooking Demo with Avantika Nautiyal, Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Learn to make several tantalizing Indian dishes with Chef Avantika Nautiyal of All Things Spiced in Acton. Chef Avantika will demonstrate a full meal as well as provide tastings for all participants.

### **Masters of Song: Carole King with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

Explore the life, times, and music of one of popular song's greatest composers.

### **Jenn De Leon Discusses *White Space*, Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 pm AT LAWRENCE ACADEMY**

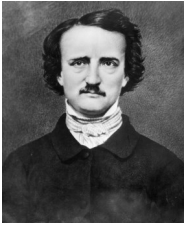
Sometime in her twenties, Jennifer De Leon asked herself, "What would you do if you just gave yourself permission?" This powerful collection follows De Leon as she comes of age as a Guatemalan-American woman and learns to navigate the space between two worlds.

*Presented in partnership with Lawrence Academy.*



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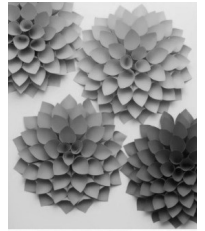


**The Haunting of Edgar Allen Poe with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

The life of Poe is as haunting as the ones that fill the stories and poems he composed in his short life. He was a prominent critic, a short fiction master, a competent poet, and an obsessively devoted husband. Now considered one of the great literary geniuses of literature, in his life Poe was the epitome of the tortured artist who was perpetually misunderstood by family and friends—the mad intellect often derailed by circumstances of his own making.

**Navigating the Intense Emotions of ADHD, Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

Learn about the unique nervous system of people with ADHD, why emotions are so intense, and how to navigate these emotions in children and adults.



**Making Paper Dahlias with Beth Dalal, Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 am IN PERSON**

Bring gorgeous fall color to your home with beautiful, large-scale dahlia flowers! Learn the process to create these beauties step-by-step with Beth.



**Brink of War? The US, Iran, and the Middle East, Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

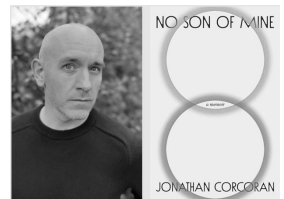
Brandon Gauthier will discuss recent events and examine the history of US-Iranian relations since the 1950s. He will highlight historical sources of tensions, as well as the effects of the Israeli-Hamas conflict on the Middle East in the present.

**Indian Food Field Trip with the Dalals, Saturday, November 2 at 12:30 pm OFFSITE**

SO POPULAR we're offering it twice! Join GPL staff member Beth and her husband Neeraj for a two-part field trip! We'll meet for lunch at Himalayan Curry House in Nashua, and we'll make our way to Patel Brothers Indian grocery store to explore ways to bring these flavors home. Participants must provide their own transportation.

**Jonathan Corcoran Discusses *No Son of Mine*, Saturday, Nov. 2 at 3 pm IN PERSON**

A biography nestled inside a memoir, *No Son of Mine* is Corcoran's story of alienation and his attempts to understand his mother's choice to cut him out of her life. Through grief, anger, questioning, and growth, he explores the entwined yet separate histories and identities of his mother and himself. *Presented in partnership with the Groton DEI Committee.*



**Felt a Sheep with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

This month's project is an adorable sheep! All materials will be provided at the time of the workshop. Priority given to Groton residents who have not participated in a felting event at GPL in the past three months prior to the workshop until one week before the event.

**Goodbye Lawn with Todd Breitenstein, Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 pm VIRTUAL**

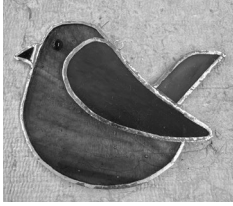
Join us for an enlightening exploration of innovative alternatives to traditional grass lawns for a more sustainable and visually appealing landscaping experience. This session will cover lawn reduction techniques, delve into the fascinating world of soil science, and may inspire you to move beyond the conventional grass-covered yard.

**Shakespeare's Words with Julia Perlowski, Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 pm IN PERSON**

For too long Shakespeare's words have been deemed difficult and inaccessible. Join Julia and engage with Shakespeare's words in new and fun ways. We will take the novice to the expert on a journey through the Bard's early modern English word, line, passage, and scene in dynamic and engaging ways. No knowledge of Shakespeare is needed.



## GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS



### Stained Glass with Periwinkle Glass, Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 am OR 2 pm IN PERSON

Join us to make a quick and easy stained glass suncatcher! Several pre-cut options will be available. You will learn to foil and solder and take home a lovely piece of art for a window.

### Masters of Song: Johnny Mercer, Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 pm VIRTUAL

Explore the life, times, and music of songwriter Johnny Mercer, whose birthday is November 18! Mercer composed such songs as “Moon River,” “You’re Just Too Marvelous,” “Hooray for Hollywood,” and more.



### Conservation Update with Groton Conservation Trust, Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 pm IN PERSON

We continue our series of quarterly updates from the many conservation organizations throughout Groton. This month, join Mark Gerath of Groton Conservation Trust for the latest on what GCT is doing in town.



### Vanessa Lillie Discusses *Blood Sisters* and Indigenous Erasure, Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 pm VIRTUAL

Vanessa Lillie is the author of the *USA Today* bestselling suspense novel, *Blood Sisters*, which launches a new series with missing and murdered indigenous women at the heart of the stories. She is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma living on Narragansett land in Rhode Island. Vanessa will discuss her writing but also the disturbing trend of missing and murdered indigenous women in the United States.

## BOOK GROUPS

### NEW! CATCH UP WITH CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 7 pm to discuss classic literature as well as what exactly makes a book a “classic.”

Sept. 11—*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens (through “Mr. Micawber’s Gauntlet”)

Oct. 9—*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens (to end)

Nov. 13—Book selections for future meetings!

### GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 pm. Readings are selected from *The Civically Engaged Reader* from the Great Books Foundation.

Sept. 18—“Luella Miller” by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, “Dry Dock” by Margaret Sullivan, “Saving the Crippled Boy” by Jan Beatty

Oct. 16—“The Eleventh” by Henri Barbusse, “The Moral Equivalent of War” by William James, “The Subjective Necessity of Social Settlements” by Jane Addams

Nov. 20—“The Drum Major Instinct” by Martin Luther King, Jr., “The Book of Ruth” from *The Bible*, “Selections from Specimen Days” by Walt Whitman

*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 the third Thursday at 7 pm.

Sept. 19—*What Mrs. McGillicuddy Saw* by Agatha Christie

Oct. 17—*A Study in Scarlet Women* by Sherry Thomas

Dec. 5—*Mother Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 pm.

Sept. 24—*The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

Oct. 22—*Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America* by Heather Cox Richardson

Nov. 19 (3rd Tue. due to holiday)—*Tenant of Wildfell Hall* by Anne Bronte

### PROUST DISCUSSION GROUP

Delve into Marcel Proust’s third volume of *In Search of Lost Time: The Guermantes Way*.

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 pm on Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 19.

### THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP

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

Sept. 27—*All Systems Red* by Martha Wells

Oct. 25—*Looking Glass Sound* by Catriona Ward

Nov. 22—*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern





## ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

All groups meet in person unless otherwise noted.

### **DISCUSSION GROUPS**

#### **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!**

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

- Sept. 3 Calling In and Calling Out  
 Oct. 1 Democracy, Extremism, and Outliers  
 Nov. 5 The Search for Purpose (Take 2)

#### **LOS LITERARIOS: SPANISH LITERARY SOCIETY**

This is a group for those who would like to discuss in Spanish what they are reading! Meets at 4 pm on the second Friday of every month via Zoom.

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8

#### **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 via Zoom.

Sept. 3 & 17, Oct. 1 & 15, and Nov. 5 & 19

#### **NEW! ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP**

Meets at 10 am on the second Thursday of every month. Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14

#### **FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES**

Experience films from around the world followed by conversations. Meets at 3 pm on the last Tuesday of every month.

- Sept. 24 *Une Belle Course* (France)  
 Oct. 29 *Paradise Now* (Palestine)  
 Nov. 26 *Yesterday* (South Africa)

### **ACTIVITY GROUPS**

#### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS**

Meets at 11 am every other Saturday.

Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 5 & 19, and Nov. 2 & 16

#### **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.

#### **PLANT-POWERED GROUP**

A great place to explore non-meat options or a fully plant-based way of eating. Meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of every other month.

Oct. 8—Tempeh and Seitan Explorations

#### **SUPPER CLUB**

Gather to share food, conversation, and your best recipe along a theme. Meets at 7 pm one Thursday every month.

- Sept. 12 Scrumptious Salads  
 Oct. 3 Travel Memories  
 Nov. 7 Slow Cooker Celebration

#### **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.

Sept. 4 & 18, Oct. 2 & 16, Nov. 6 & 20

#### **SPICE CLUB (Online only)**

Sign up online and pick up your kit at the Circulation Desk.

Sept: Ajowan      Oct: Mahlab      Nov: Anise Seed

**TRIVIA TUESDAY** (Online only). New quizzes every week emailed to your inbox, or find them on Facebook and Instagram! Winners posted online. *Sign up online at [gpl.org/calendar/](http://gpl.org/calendar/)!*

### **YOUR GROUP HERE!**

**Don't see a group that represents your interests? Want to start one?** Several library groups started because one person proposed leading a discussion or activity on a topic of interest and worked with the library on scheduling, protocols, etc. If this is of interest, please reach out to [adultprograms@gpl.org](mailto:adultprograms@gpl.org) or stop by and talk with library staff.



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## VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAM SERIES VIA 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!*

### 50+ JOB SEEKERS SERIES—see cover

#### ART HISTORY SERIES

**Leonardo da Vinci: Invention & Creation with Culturally Curious**, Thu. Sept. 26 at 7 pm  
**Art History's Best Dressed with Culturally Curious**, Thu. Oct. 24 at 7 pm  
**Rembrandt and Vermeer: Masters of the Dutch Baroque with Culturally Curious**, Thu. Nov. 21 at 7 pm

#### AUTHOR VISITS

**Author Heather Wolf: Find and Identify More Birds: How to Pick a Patch**, Mon. Sept. 23 at 7 pm  
**Author Crystal King Discusses *In the Garden of Monsters***, Wed. Sept. 25 at 7 pm

#### DECLUTTER SERIES

**Tidy Your Kitchen and Bathrooms Fast**, Thu. Sept. 5 at 7 pm  
**Three Steps to Sort Your Photos**, Thu. Oct. 3 at 7 pm  
**Clean Your Clothes Closet by the Weekend**, Thu. Nov. 7 at 7 pm

#### FOOD SERIES

**Holiday Baking Demonstration with Heidi McIndoo: Mini Pumpkin Pie Tartlets**, Mon. Nov. 18 at 7 pm

#### HISTORY SERIES

**Author Evan Friss Discusses *The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore***, Mon. Sept. 9 at 7 pm  
**Great American Unsung Heroes Who Changed the Course of History with Dr. Benjamin Rush**, Wed. Sept. 11 at 7 pm  
**America's Spies: Why Do People Betray Their Country?**, Wed. Sept. 18 at 7 pm  
**The History of Activism through Cookbooks with Sarah Lohman**, Thu. Sept. 19 at 7 pm  
**Great Boston Fires with Author and Historian David Kruh**, Mon. Sept. 30 at 7 pm  
**Q&A with Author and Historian Kathleen DuVal: *Native Nations: A Millennium in North America***, Mon. Nov. 25 at 7 pm

#### PARANORMAL SERIES

**Haunted Experiences with Jeff DePaoli: Halloween New England**, Thu. Sept. 19 at 6:30 pm  
**Haunted Experiences with Jeff DePaoli: TBD**, Thu. Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm  
**Even More Haunted Lighthouses with Jeremy D'Entremont**, Mon. Oct. 28 at 7 pm  
**Haunted Experiences: TBD**, Thu. Nov. 21 at 6:30 pm

#### SOCIAL ISSUES SERIES

**Real Time Elections: Current Events in a College Classroom with Professors Cobb and Rosenthal**, Mon. Oct. 7 at 2 pm  
**The Origins and Evolution of Project 2025 with Professor Conley**, Wed. Oct. 23 at 7 pm

#### TRAVEL SERIES

**Going to Extremes with Peter Mandel**, Thu. Oct. 10 at 7 pm  
**Arctic Glow: A Photographic Journey through Iceland's Midnight Sun**, Thu. Nov. 14 at 7 pm

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

**How to Become a Better Public Speaker**, Wed. Sept. 4 at 7 pm  
**Auroras: Nature's Light Shows with Kelly Beatty**, Thu. Sept. 12 at 7 pm  
**How to Have a Green Holiday Season for Families with Sarah Robertson-Barnes**, Mon. Oct. 7 at 7 pm  
**Banking During the Holidays: What You Need to Know to Keep Your Money Safe and to Plan For Expenses**, Mon. Nov. 4 at 7 pm

#### *Note:*

*One library partner did not have their schedule ready when this newsletter went to print.*

*Check our online calendar for additional events and sign up for our email newsletter—see p. 9.*

## ART GALLERY EXHIBITS THIS FALL

- \* **Nashoba Valley Artist Guild, "Soaking Up Summer"**—up now through September 14
- \* **Matt Ashe, Collage Art**—September 17 through November 2
- \* **Pastel Showcase, An Instructor & Student Exhibit, featuring Joelle Feldman**—November 5 through December 28

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

## CREATIVE ART SERIES FOR ADULTS

### The Art of Chapter and Verse with Sheila Devereaux (NEW!)

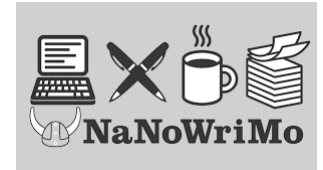


Discover the joy of poetry and unleash your creativity. Join us to read and discuss poems, then engage in simple yet inspiring art activities designed to spark your imagination. We welcome any level of experience with poetry or art! Intended for adults only. AM session and PM session cover the same material.

- **AM session** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12
- **PM session** meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21

### National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) Workshops (NEW!)

This three-part workshop series is designed to equip writers with the tools and strategies they need to tackle National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) with confidence! Led by novelist Diane V. Mulligan, whose award-winning second novel began as a NaNoWriMo novel in 2009, this series will guide participants through the process of preparing and writing their novels and will culminate in a plan for post-NaNoWriMo revisions. While the three workshop sessions are designed to build upon one another, each workshop does stand alone so that writers can join us for one, two, or all three. Whether you're a seasoned writer or embarking on your first novel-writing adventure, this workshop series will provide you with the support and guidance you need to succeed in NaNoWriMo and beyond.



- Wed. Oct. 23 at 6 pm      Workshop 1: **Preparation and Planning**
- Wed. Nov. 13 at 6 pm      Workshop 2: **Writing Sprint: NaNoWriMo Kickoff**
- Wed. Dec. 18 at 6 pm      Workshop 3: **Revision Strategies and Beyond**

### The Gelli Print Lab: Imagination and Inspiration. Saturdays, 1:30-4:30 pm, Sept. 7, Oct. 5 & 26, Dec. 14

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.

**Dynamic Drawing with Jill Pottle. Wednesdays, 10:15 am-1:15 pm, Oct. 2 to Dec. 18** (10 weeks, no class Nov. 20 or 27). Learn the basics of using pencil and charcoal, drawing a variety of subjects. Learn how to draw with line, value, shape, and form using still life, landscape, and portrait.

**Learning and Loving Painting with Jill Pottle. Wednesdays, 1:45-4:45 pm, Oct. 2 to Dec. 18** (10 weeks, no class Nov. 20 or 27). For beginners and experienced painters. Come learn new skills to help grow your confidence!

### AFRICAN ART SERIES ON ZOOM

**One Sunday each month, September to May, at 2:30 pm**

Spend time with African Art Curator **Jean Borgatti** from the Fitchburg Art Museum! This series will be an introduction to African art, its variety of forms, the depth of its history, and how it became an important player—first in Western culture, and continuing in a global world.

- **September 8—21st Century African Photography**  
Take a look at photography currently on exhibit at the Fitchburg Art Museum, Africa Rising, as well as part of the backstory centered on studio portraiture.
- **October 13—African Art in the Medieval World—1000-1600 CE**  
The Trans-Saharan trade, Igbo-Ukwu, Ife, Benin, Djenné, Lalibela, Great Zimbabwe.
- **November 10—African Art and the West**  
From curiosity cabinet to the museum and the development of modernism (e.g., Picasso and African art).



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### Fall Closings

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Wed. Nov. 27: 6-9 pm only  
Thu. Nov. 28

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### Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q: Is Broadmeadow Road closed when it floods?**

**A:** Yes, Broadmeadow Road is closed to thru traffic when it floods. However, access to the Library from Main Street is always open. You'll see a new street sign soon: "Road Closed—Open to Library."

**Q: Can I drive through Playground Road?**

**A:** Yes, you can use Playground Road to exit to Main Street. Although the top portion is private property belonging to Lawrence Academy, there's a historical right of way for access.

**Q: Can't find what you're looking for on our website?**

**A:** Use the search box and switch from "catalog" to "website" for broader search results.

**Q: How's the Wi-Fi working?**

**A:** We've recently improved our Wi-Fi. Please share your feedback on how it's working for you!

**Q: Why are the waitlists so long for digital materials?**

**A:** Publishers sometimes make it difficult for libraries to offer ebooks and audiobooks. Here's why:

- **Higher costs:** Libraries often pay 5-10 times more for titles than individual consumers.
- **Limited checkouts:** Restricted number of checkouts—and once used, we have to repurchase the title.
- **One user at a time:** Platforms like OverDrive/Libby only allow one user per title, leading to waitlists.

**What We're Doing About It:** The Massachusetts Library Association is working with Representative Ruth Balser on Bill H.3239 to address these issues and ensure fair practices for libraries.

**Tips for Finding Digital Materials:**

- **Place holds in Libby:** Libraries often buy more copies based on demand.
- **Try Hoopla or Kanopy:** These platforms offer instant access to many titles.
- **Borrow from other libraries:** Your MVLC library card works with other Mass. library systems on Libby/OverDrive.
- **Boston Public Library eCard:** Mass. residents can use BPL's digital collections with a free eCard (bpl.org/ecard).

*Information as of August 15, 2024. Check our calendar for updates and to sign up, or call 978-448-1167.*