

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2025 NEWS & EVENTS



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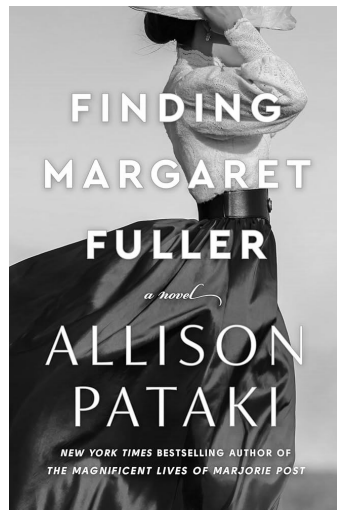
For more information on programs and to sign up:

- * View our calendar at gpl.org
- * Email info@gpl.org
- * Call us @ 978-448-1167

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GROTON READS!

Our Annual Community-Wide Reading Event
 This MARCH, Join Us in Reading and Celebrating

FINDING MARGARET FULLER by Allison Pataki

See our fantastic line-up of events, including
 Author **Allison Pataki**
 Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author **Megan Marshall**
Jessa Piaia brings Margaret Fuller to life

Emerson, Thoreau...Fuller! Don't leave Margaret Fuller out of your Transcendentalist history, especially in Groton! This remarkable woman (who called Groton home for part of her life) was a writer, philosopher, journalist, critic, and passionate advocate for women's rights and education. She smashed societal norms and carved out an extraordinary life in a time when women had far fewer choices. It's time to discover her story.

Read Pataki's page-turning novel inspired by Fuller's life (available at GPL and digitally on Libby) and join in our programs starting this month and running all of March 2025!

For more information, visit the library or gpl.org/adults/groton-reads

LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Sundays at 2:30 pm IN PERSON
 Free and for all ages!



March 16—Amaryllis Boston

Explore how music can connect us to time, place, and past moments—as if notes themselves carry memories and emotions. Flutist Bonnie Cochran and guitarist Fred Springer will perform Reynaldo Hahn's "The Hour of Dreaming," Shafer Mahoney's "Shining River," Nicola Porpora's "Alto Giove," and Bonnie Cochran's "Artifact."

April 27—The Library Band

Joe and Matt have been making music together for 20 years. As The Library Band, they use a large mix of acoustic instruments and vocal harmonies to make sweet sounding folk and Americana music informed by many different influences. Their latest album, *Encyclopedias*, was released in September.



May 18—Boston Typewriter Orchestra

A collective endeavor which engages in rhythmic typewriter manipulation combined with elements of performance, comedy, and satire. BTO aims to entertain the masses while providing an outlet for the creative urges of its members.



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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

For All Ages

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

STEM Take and Make. March-May. Geared toward preschool-grade 5. Explore simple STEM activities at home! Sign up to receive your take-home kit the first Tuesday of each month. Limit 3 per family. Pick up in Children's Room within a week. Priority is given to Groton residents.

For Babies Through Preschool

No storytimes April school vacation week.

Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays through May 21, 10:30-11 am or 11:15-11:45 am. A first experience with books for babies and toddlers with their caregiver.

Storytimes for Ages 3-5. Thursdays through May 29, 10:30-11 am.



- **Storytime with Miss Jacquie aka "Strega Mama."** Stories & songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Meets weekly, except the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- **Mirrors & Windows with Miss Sheila.** Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month: March 20, April 17, May 15. Children see themselves reflected (like looking in a mirror) AND learn something new about someone else (like looking in a window).

Music and Movement with the Family Partnership Center. For babies-preschool. Tuesdays: March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20, June 3, 10:30-11 am. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!

Yoga & Literacy for Ages 3-5. Fridays: 10:30-11:15 am on March 7, 14 & 28, April 11 & 18, May 9. Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown's classes incorporate movement and breathing into simple literacy activities. Registration opens one month before the class.

Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5. Thursdays, 11:15 am-12 pm, on March 20, April 17, May 15. Learn cool moves using a hula hoop! Games, dance, and movement. Hoops provided.



Tales & Tunes for Tots. Friday, May 16, 10:30-11:15 am. Join us for an upbeat musical time with Rockabye Beats! Perfect for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers!

For School-Age Children

NEW! First-Grade Book Group. Meets the last Tuesday of the month through April: Feb. 25, March 25, April 29, 4-4:45 pm. Led by Miss Lauren, this group is geared toward the varied reading levels of first graders, combining the love of reading and socializing with peers. Books are chosen based on content and reading level to be enjoyed with a parent and caregiver if needed.

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month: March 13, April 10, May 8, 4-4:30 pm. Miss Jennie leads this delightful book club that encourages a love of reading!

Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month: March 4, April 1, May 6, 4-4:45 pm. Talking about books helps boost a love of reading! Join Book Worms led by Miss Carrie and have fun reading and talking about books with friends.



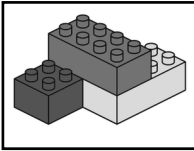
Comics Club for Grades 3-5. Meets the first Tuesday of the month: March 4, April 1, May 6, 5-5:45 pm. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project to work on or start a new one. Snacks & materials provided.

cursive Cursive Club for Grades 3-5. Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month: March 5, April 2, May 7, 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 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month: March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15, 4-4:30 pm. Listen to the fantastic Jennie Fitzkee read aloud from the best children's chapter books!

Read to Blitzen. Wednesdays, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 30, 4-5 pm. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Blitzen is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. 15-minute time slots open.

Storylab for Grades K-2. Last Friday of the month, 4-5 pm: March 28, April 25, May 30. Join Miss Nancy and Miss Lauren for a STEAM-based story and craft!



LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month: March 18, April 15, May 20, 4-4:45 pm. We supply the LEGOs—you supply the imagination!

Snapology for Ages 7-11. Tuesday, April 8, 6-7 pm. It’s National Robotics Week! Build, code, and customize your robot.

Signs of Spring Poetry Collage for Grades 1-3. Wednesday, April 16, 4-5 pm. Kids explore spring through poetry and collage with pre-cut words, stencils, and mixed materials. Parental help welcome!

NEW! Knifty Knitters for Grades 3-5. Meets the last Thursday of the month, February-April, 4-5 pm: Feb. 27, March 27, April 24. Kids enjoy knitting and chatting with other kids! Learn to knit or continue working on skills. Miss Lauren and Miss Ellie teach the basics based on skill level. Needles & yarn provided (if needed).



For Homeschoolers

Homeschool Maker Space Meet Up: Gardening. For ages 6-9. Meets Thursdays: March 20 & 27, April 3, 1-2:30 pm. Children design and build their own creations using low-tech maker space supplies. All learning styles welcome in this neurodivergent-affirming program. Sign up for each class separately.

All Things Theater. Ages 10-Teens. Tuesdays through May, 2-3 pm. This group will cover a variety of theater concepts and forms, such as readers theater, character studies, and script writing. Suitable for any experience level.

COMING SOON! Stay tuned for more information!
March Madness Reading Challenge & April is National Poetry Month

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

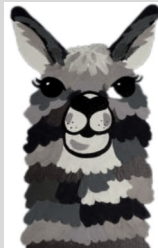
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LLAMA LOUNGE (Grades 5-8)

Every GDRMS Half-Day
 12-3 pm

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

Dates this Spring:
 Fridays: March 21, April 4, May 2



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

Fridays, 4-4:45 pm

Different fun experiments every month!

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| March 14 | Make Elephant Toothpaste |
| April 11 | Build Candy DNA Strands |
| May 9 | Handmade Ice Cream |

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

Let’s Get Curious About Community Service & Sustainability (Grades 5-8)

Come and create repurposed items that you can enjoy or sell.

Thursday, March 27, 4-5 pm

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TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



YA at GPL

NEW! Sketchbook Club with Kelsi Ricks (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, March 19 & April 9
6:30-7:30 pm

Take an hour out of your day to relax and sketch (or craft, or write) in a quiet, no-pressure atmosphere.



Chill and Thrive: Teen Self-Care Time (Grades 6-12)

with Cynthia Petelle MS, LMHC
Wed. March 12, 6-7 pm

Make a stress ball as we talk about ways to cope with stress and learn tips and tricks to help you thrive.

April Vacation Week Activities

- Wed. April 16 Pizza and Movie Night, 6-7:40 pm
- Thu. April 17 Alcohol Ink Trinket Dishes, 4-5 pm
- Fri. April 18 Squishmallow Bingo, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Sat. April 19 Blackout Poetry, 2-3:30 pm

Art and Our Words: Journal Making with Rosanna (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, March 13, 4-5 pm
Create a personal multidimensional journal using various media.

Saturday Art Sessions (Grades 6-12)

Please sign up, space is limited.

- March 8, 2-3:30 pm Block Printing with Kimberly Stoney
- March 29, 2-3 pm Lippan Mirror Art with Sunanda Saha from Color of India
- April 19, 2-3 pm Create Blackout Poetry
- May 31, 2-3 pm Norwegian Rosemaling Painting

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.
March 11, April 8, May 13

Reading Rippers (Grade 8)
First Thursday every month, 4:45-5:30 pm.
March 6, April 3, May 1

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

Check gpl.org for current book selections.

Food Fun! (Grades 6-12)

- Microwave Mug Meals Thu. March 6, 4-5:15 pm
- Delicious Dirt Cups Thu. April 10, 4-5:15 pm
- Mini Food Party Wed. May 21, 6-7:15 pm

Make and Take Crafts (Grades 6-12)

- Paint a Moon Lamp Thu. March 20, 4-5:15 pm
- Felting with Rachel Benson Wed. April 23, 6-7:15 pm
- Melt and Pour Soap Thu. April 24, 4-5:15 pm
- Paint a Bird House Thu. May 8, 4-5:15 pm
- Chihuly Faux Glass Sculpture Wed. May 14, 6-7:30 pm
- Clay Petal Planter Thu. May 22, 4-5:15 pm

DROP-IN TEEN GAME LOUNGE (Grades 6-12)

FRIDAYS 3-4:30 pm

Nintendo Switch and board games.
March 7 & 14, April 11 & 25, and
May 9, 16, 23 & 30



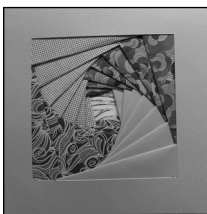
TEEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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: March 26, April 30, May 28.

Contact teens@gpl.org for other volunteer opportunities.

ADULT EVENTS: GROTON READS [GR] & BEYOND



Paper Folding Workshop with Joyce Thomas, Thursday, February 27 at 7 pm IN PERSON

So popular the first time, we are offering it again! Learn to create stunning cards or artworks using an easy paper folding technique. Iris folding started in Holland last century and today is growing in popularity in craft circles. All materials provided.

[GR] Paper Marbling the Easy Way with Beth Dalal, Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

Shaving cream and simple paint raised to a new level. Create stunning marbled paper while playing like a toddler. Part art, part experimentation! All materials provided.

[GR] Transcendentalist Ramble: A Photographic Journey Through Nature and Thought with Bruce Magnuson, Saturday, March 1 at 2:30 pm IN PERSON

Take a journey with local photographer Bruce Magnuson through the picturesque landscapes and historic locations that inspired some of the most profound thinkers of the transcendentalist movement. Through a blend of photographs and videos, explore the homes, paths, and natural settings that shaped the ideas of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Margaret Fuller, and their fellow transcendentalists. Witness the beauty of Walden Pond, the tranquility of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, and other iconic sites.



[GR] Five Women Writers in Speculative Fiction with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, March 4 at 7 pm on ZOOM

The role of women in speculative fiction has changed a great deal since the early to mid-20th century. There are several aspects to women's roles, including their participation as authors of speculative fiction and their role in science fiction fandom. Early-published fantasy was written by and for any gender. However, speculative fiction, with science fiction in particular, has traditionally been viewed as a male-oriented genre.

Felting with Rachel Benson, Thursday, March 6 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey while making a cute leprechaun. All materials provided.

The Last Chapter: Making End-of-Life Decisions and More, Sunday, March 9 at 2 pm IN PERSON



Rev. Elea Kemler, Minister of First Parish Church of Groton and Dr. David Spiegelman, long-time family practitioner from Pepperell Family Practice will share their combined experience and wisdom on the ways we can support individuals and families to navigate the end of life. They will explore both the practical and spiritual questions—medical decision-making, palliative and hospice care, and how to create meaningful rituals, traditions, and celebrations of life. *Co-sponsored with Groton Neighbors.*

[GR] ALLISON PATAKI in Conversation with Kerri Maher, Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm on ZOOM

Groton Reads 2025 author Allison Pataki discusses her historical fiction and her latest novel, *Finding Margaret Fuller*, with fellow historical fiction author—and Massachusetts resident—Kerri Maher.



***The Anxious Generation* Discussion Part 1: The Great Rewiring, Thursday, March 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON (see back cover)**

[GR] THOREAU 101: THOREAU-LY MISUNDERSTOOD with the Thoreau Society, Thursday, March 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON

A delightful and informative overview of Henry Thoreau's life, quirks, and lesser-known aspects, challenging common misconceptions. *Made possible by Mass. Humanities and the Mass. Cultural Council.*



Genealogy Workshop with Alex Woodle, Tuesday, March 18 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Are you having trouble finding long-lost family members? Join Alex Woodle, an experienced genealogy researcher, who was able to find his family's origins back to the 18th century, and learn how to use online resources to break down those brick walls. This workshop is meant for those who have already started tracing their family histories. *Co-sponsored by Groton Neighbors.*

ADULT EVENTS: GROTON READS [GR] & BEYOND

Rodgers and Hammerstein Part III, Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm on ZOOM

This duo revolutionized the Broadway musical in the 1940s and 1950s. Follow a detailed exploration of their major works (*Carousel*, *South Pacific*, and *The Sound of Music*) with musician and composer Clint Edwards.



[GR] MARGARET FULLER and the GROTON CONNECTION with Joshua Vollmar, Thursday, March 20 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Margaret Fuller, one of the most brilliant Americans in history, spent two defining periods of her life in Groton. At times describing it as “paradise,” at others as a place of “icy seclusion,” her feelings towards the town were complex and conflicted, but it was here that she built the foundations for the life of groundbreaking intellectual accomplishments that she led. Local historian Josh Vollmar will share on how Groton shaped the “most intellectual woman in America.”

[GR] Silhouette Portraits in Color, Saturday, March 22 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

Join us for a creative twist on traditional silhouette portraits, inspired by the book *Finding Margaret Fuller*. In this workshop, you'll paint vibrant, colorful paper using watercolors and transform it into a unique silhouette portrait in an elegant oval format. Rather than the traditional black paper, we'll embrace bold and vibrant colors. All materials will be provided.



[GR] Make Your Own Miniature Bookshelf to Track Your Reading, Saturday, March 22 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Join Kimberly Stoney to craft your own miniature bookshelf and custom book covers out of common materials. Put it all together to create a unique visual record of your reading journey of the year.



[GR] THE REAL MARGARET FULLER with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author MEGAN MARSHALL, Tuesday, March 25 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Megan Marshall's *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life* (2013), a character-driven narrative biography grounded in fact that tests the boundaries of the form, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Biography in 2014 and the MA Book Award in Nonfiction. An elected fellow of the MA Historical Society, she is a past president of the Society of American Historians and a co-editor of *Margaret Fuller: Collected Writings*, forthcoming from Library of America.

[GR] Finding Margaret Fuller Book Discussion, Wednesday, March 26 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Join others to discuss your thoughts on the 2025 Groton Reads book, *Finding Margaret Fuller* by Allison Pataki, in a relaxed and friendly conversation.



[GR] MEET MARGARET FULLER: Educator, Feminist Writer, and Transcendentalist Muse, Thursday, March 27 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Character reenactor Jessa Piaia will present a dramatic portrayal of Margaret Fuller set in 1845, when Miss Fuller is back in town from Manhattan. She reminisces about her growing-up days in Cambridgeport, Groton, and Boston; her literary achievements and adventures with the transcendentalist group, including Brook Farm residents; as well as her present employment as first female literary critic for the *New York Daily Tribune*.

Author Kerri Maher Discusses *All You Have to Do Is Call*, Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 pm on ZOOM

Author of multiple historical fiction novels featuring strong women (including *The Kennedy Debutante*, *The Girl in White Gloves: A Novel of Grace Kelly*, and *The Paris Bookseller*) Kerri Maher discusses her latest writing. The book deftly tells the tale of a variety of women interwoven around a grassroots organization formed to provide safe abortions in Chicago in the 1970s.



ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED

Felting with Rachel Benson, Thursday, April 3 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others. This month's project is a sweet turtle! All materials provided.



Batch Cooking and Your Healthy New Habits with Terry Walters, Tuesday, April 8 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Welcome back cookbook author Terry Walters to learn about batch cooking. Cook plant-forward, healthy, and delicious foundational recipes that can be prepared for one meal and then upcycled for multiple different quick and easy meals thereafter. Terry brings a wealth of health and nutrition knowledge, so bring questions and get ready for an educational, fun, and inspiring evening.

The Anxious Generation Discussion Part 2: Collective Action for Healthier Childhood, Thursday, April 10 at 7 pm IN PERSON (see back cover)

[GR] In My Back Pocket: Bookmaking Inspired by Margaret Fuller, Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

Join a hands-on workshop inspired by elements of 19th century bookmaking, and by the vibrant life of Margaret Fuller. Take a brief foray into the 19th century book as an aesthetic object, and come away with the satisfaction of creating a small handmade book as a vessel for your own thoughts.

Workshop with Kimberly Stoney, Saturday, April 12 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Project is still in the works, but you know if Kimberly is teaching, it will be a blast! All materials included.

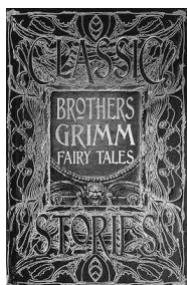
Masters of Song: Barbra Streisand and Marvin Hamlisch with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Friends from early in their remarkable careers, we'll explore how these two artists collaborated on several key projects throughout their lives, bringing us some of the greatest moments in Broadway and film music history—*Funny Girl*, *The Way We Were*, etc.



Poetry Comes to Life with Julia Perlowski, Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Celebrate National Poetry Month with one of our favorite presenters, Julia Perlowski!



Grim(m) Tales with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, April 22 at 7 pm on ZOOM

For over two hundred years, the remarkable stories of the Brothers Grimm have fascinated and terrified us. Between 1812 and 1857, seven editions of their often dark-hued folk tales—200 stories and 11 legends—found their way into the western consciousness. This presentation first defines what a folk tale is and then explores the meticulous research that Jacob and Wilhelm undertook to accomplish their goal of collecting significant stories from around Europe. Their accomplishments have created the great archetypes for much modern literature, sociology, and psychology.

Alternatives to Violence with Donna Nowak, Thursday, April 24 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Donna Nowak has been volunteering inside MCI Shirley for 13 years with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP). In group settings, the incarcerated build a sense of community by practicing the components of nonviolent behavior that lead to cooperation, self-esteem, and an understanding of the struggle.

Felting with Rachel Benson, Thursday, May 1 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others. This month's project is a beach scene "painted" with wool. All materials provided.



CRAFT SWAP, Saturday, May 3 at 11 am IN PERSON

Bring new or gently-used arts and craft materials to the Circulation Desk between April 27 and May 3. Then swap your materials for something you will use! Donations not required to participate. Materials must be in usable condition.

ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED

Andrew Lam Discusses *Stories from the Edge of the Sea: A Vietnamese Immigrant's Experience*, Tuesday, May 6 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Andrew Lam discusses the fourteen pieces in *Stories from the Edge of the Sea*, exploring love and loss, lust and grief, longing and heartbreaks through the lives of Vietnamese immigrants and their children in California.



Menopause 101 with Laura Brown, Thursday, May 8 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Join us for an evening of learning with Laura Brown, Women's Health NP, Menopause Specialist and Coach, and founder of Sapphire Women's Healthcare, PLLC. "Menopause is inevitable; suffering is not."

Garden Design Inspired by Magnificent Gardens with Kerry Mendez, Tuesday, May 13 at 6 pm on ZOOM

Stunning gardens will be our classroom for emphasizing striking design essentials that elevate gardens from ordinary to sublime, regardless of the hardiness zone or sunlight conditions. We will consider texture, movement, color, repetition, focal points, vertical elements, and more.



MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT at GPL, Thursday, May 15 at 7 pm IN PERSON

A televised competition where the best bakers from around the world bake off against each other in challenges that test their skills. Come join the baking competition of a lifetime, meet other competitors, and try and figure out the best way to win, or prevent someone from winning....



Aretha Franklin: Faith, Fame, & Atlantic Records with Clint Edwards, Tue, May 20 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Exploring Aretha's rise through the early R&B and gospel scene in Detroit, and her struggles in New York. We'll follow the influence of several figures in her life, and how Aretha melded all of these powerful forces into her music to become the Queen of Soul.

Conservation Update with Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Thursday, May 22 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Our quarterly series on conservation groups in and around Groton continues. Anne Gagnon will give a brief history of the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife land protection efforts in Groton and will discuss current projects.

Chaat Lunch Demonstration with Beth, Saturday, May 24 at 11:30 am IN PERSON

Chaat is common street food in India. There are many different types, but they are usually savory, light, and crunchy. Beth will demonstrate how to make one of her favorites, bhel puri! Come prepared to eat!



Champions of Change with Charlotte Gordon, Tuesday, May 27 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Delve into the stories of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, and Frances Ellen Watkins Harper. Learn how three women fought for women's rights, but ended up fighting with each other. Professor Charlotte Gordon returns to Groton to discuss her newest research on these famous suffragettes.



Introduction to Herbs for Health and Wellbeing, Thursday, May 29 at 7 pm IN PERSON

If you've ever thought there has to be a better way—a more natural way—to stay healthy, prevent disease, and treat illness, then you will want to attend this class. Join local herbalist Denyne Sanville as she shares how you can turn to herbal medicine.

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ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

BOOK GROUPS

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.”

March 12 *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
 April 9 *Tempest Toss'd* by Robertson Davies
 May 14 TBD

THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on the fourth Friday at 5 pm.

March 28 *Whisper Man* by Alex North
 April 25 *Chain Gang All Stars* by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah
 May 23 *Reformatory* by Tananarive Due

MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP

Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 pm.

March 20 *The Black Tower* by P.D. James
 April 17 *The Crow Trap* by Ann Cleeves
 May 15 *The Blessing Way* by Tony Hillerman

PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 pm.

March 25 *Lioness of Boston* by Emily Franklin
 April 22 *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich
 May 27 *Howard's End* by E.M. Forster

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Readings are selected from *The Civically Engaged Reader* from the Great Books Foundation.

Meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 7 pm.
 March 19, April 16, May 21

PROUST DISCUSSION GROUP

Continue the journey through selections from Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*, *The Prisoner*.

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 pm.
 March 18, April 15, May 20

DISCUSSION GROUPS

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Community conversations on tough topics.

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 2:30 pm.
 March 4 Communitarianism and Conservatism
 April 1 Entertainment, Media, and Popular Culture
 May 6 Bias

LOS LITERARIOS: SPANISH LITERARY SOCIETY (Zoom)

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

March 14, April 11, May 9

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP (Zoom)

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher Verónica Mazzu. First and third Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom.

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

FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES

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

March 25 *Trash* (Brazil)
 April 29 *Children of Heaven* (Iran)
 May 27 *The Gods Must Be Crazy* (South Africa)

ACTIVITY GROUPS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS

Meets every other Saturday at 11 am.

March 1 & 15, April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17

TRIVIA TUESDAY (Online only)

New quizzes every week!

GPL KNITTING GROUP

Meets every Thursday, 1:30-3:30 pm.

Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project. All handicrafts (and crafters!) welcome.

PLANT-POWERED GROUP

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

April 8 Terry Walters—Batch Cooking (*see p. 7*)

SUPPER CLUB

Gather to share food, conversation, and your best recipe along a theme. Meets monthly on a Thursday at 7 pm.

March 6 Pies for Pi Day (circles must be involved)
 April 3 Eat the Rainbow
 May 1 Dumplings of the World

DEADLY PROSE MYSTERY WRITERS GROUP (Zoom)

Join this group for helpful advice and encouragement from others writing in the mystery genre. Meets every other Wednesday, 5-7 pm. Mar. 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21

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!*

ART ON THURSDAYS SERIES

Fierce Females: Part III with Culturally Curious,
Thursday, March 27 at 7 pm
Treasures of the Gardner Museum: A Journey Through Art History with Culturally Curious,
Thursday, April 24 at 7 pm
Transcendentalist Ramble: A Photographic Journey Through Nature and Thought with Bruce Magnuson,
Thursday, May 22 at 7 pm
Perennial Muses: Flowers in Art with Culturally Curious, Thursday, May 29 at 7 pm

HISTORY SERIES

Boston Light with Jeremy D'Entremont,
Monday, March 10 at 7 pm
Flight of Remembrance with Marina Kirsch,
Thursday, March 13 at 7 pm
History of Irish Whiskey, Monday, March 17 at 7 pm
History of Guinness, Monday, March 31 at 7 pm
Two Nerdy History Girls Ride Again,
Monday, April 14 at 7 pm

ORGANIZING SERIES

How to Spring-Clean Your Clothes Closet (Easily),
Thursday, March 6 at 7 pm
How to Know What It's Worth: Appraise Your Items,
Thursday, April 3 at 7 pm
How to Stop Procrastinating and Get Your Decluttering Done, Thursday, May 1 at 7 pm

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Historical Fiction with Jane Healey,
Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm
Horror/Thriller with Jodi Blanchette,
Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm
Historical Fiction with Jane Healey,
Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm
Horror/Thriller with Jodi Blanchette,
Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 pm
Women's Fiction with Kristan Higgins,
Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 pm
Historical Fiction with Jane Healey,
Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm
Horror/Thriller with Jodi Blanchette,
Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 pm



AUTHOR VISITS

Author J.W. Ocker Discusses *Cult Following*,
Monday, March 3 at 7 pm
Author Karen Thompson Walker,
Monday, March 3 at 7 pm
Author Callan Wink, Wednesday, March 5 at 7 pm
Author Lisa Unger, Wednesday, March 12 at 7 pm
Author Curtis Sittenfeld,
Wednesday, March 19 at 7 pm
Author David Kruh Discusses the Red Sox,
Monday, April 28 at 7 pm
Author Shannon Reed Discusses *Why We Read: Take II*, Monday, May 5 at 7 pm
Author Heather Wolf: Experience Spring Bird Migration to the Fullest, Monday, May 12 at 7 pm

ROMANCE SERIES

Visit with Romance Author Carla Kelly,
Monday, March 24 at 7 pm
Q&A with Romance and Mystery Writer Olivia Waite,
Monday, May 19 at 7 pm

50+ JOB SEEKERS SERIES

LinkedIn: Professional Connecting,
Wednesday, March 5 at 9:30 am
Resumes: A Pocketful of STARS,
Wednesday, March 19 at 9:30 am
Using AI: Your Job Search Co-Pilot,
Wednesday, April 2 at 9:30 am
Cover Letters: Are They Necessary?,
Wednesday, April 16 at 9:30 am
Networking 2.0: You Must Give to Get,
Wednesday, May 7 at 9:30 am
Interview Strategies, Wednesday, May 21 at 9:30 am



SOCIAL ISSUES SERIES

Nourishing the Caregiver: Cultivating Calm in Chaos,
Thursday, March 20 at 7 pm
Local Farms Massachusetts: Produce, Meats, and Dairy, Oh My!, Monday, April 7 at 7 pm

OTHER PROGRAMS

Beekeeping Basics,
Thursday, May 15 at 7 pm



LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES FOR ADULTS

GREAT DECISIONS

Tuesdays at 6 pm, April 1 to May 20 (8 weeks) IN PERSON

Join other adults to discuss world issues deeply. This series uses the Great Decisions publication and curriculum from the Foreign Policy Association. The group will be small to allow for discussion among all participants. We do ask that you commit to the entire eight-week series when signing up. There is reading required outside of class time. Class size limited to 15. *Priority will be given to Groton residents until one week prior to the group's first meeting.*



2025 topics: American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads; US Changing Leadership of the World Economy; US/China Relations; India: Between China, the West, and the Global South; International Cooperation on Climate Change; The Future of NATO and European Security; AI and American National Security; American Foreign Policy in the Middle East.

STORIES ONLY YOU CAN TELL WITH ZOANN GUERNSEY



Wednesdays at 6 pm, May 7 to June 11 (6 weeks) IN PERSON

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. This class is for both beginning and returning writers! Sign-up is required, as class size is limited to 8. *Priority is given to Groton residents until one week prior to the group's first meeting.*

CREATIVE ART SERIES FOR ADULTS

The Gelli Print Lab: Imagination and Inspiration with Kimberly Stoney

Explore gelli plate printing in a creative and collaborative space. Open to all experience levels. Materials provided. **Please select only one (1) session per month to attend:** Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 am **OR** 1:30 pm. Saturday, April 5 at 1:30 pm **OR** Sunday, April 6 at 1:30 pm. Saturday, May 3 at 1:30 pm **OR** Sunday, May 4 at 1:30 pm.

The Art of Chapter and Verse with Sheila Devereaux

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am on March 11, April 8, and May 13. Discover the joy of poetry and unleash your creativity! Join us as we 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.

AFRICAN ART SERIES ON ZOOM

with African Art Curator Jean Borgatti from the Fitchburg Art Museum
Sundays at 2:30 pm

This is 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, then continuing in a global world. These presentations will be recorded.

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| March 9 | Anonymous Doesn't Live Here Anymore: African Artists Traditional and Modern |
| April 13 | Likeness and Beyond: Portraiture in Iconic African Art |
| May 4 | Shango to Shonibare: African Art in the Black Atlantic World |

ART GALLERY EXHIBITS



- * Pastels by Joelle Feldman and Students (February 25 through April 26)
****Artists' Reception Sunday, March 2 at 2 pm****
- * Jeff Kubrick Nature Photography (April 30 through June 28)

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Sun. May 25 (*Memorial Day wknd*)

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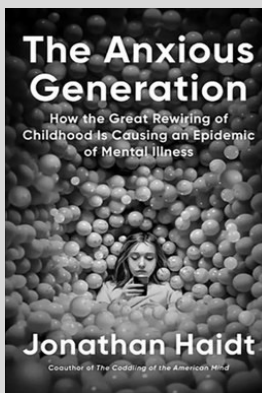
Our Third Annual TINY ART Show! Make Your Own Tiny Book!

Create your own tiny masterpiece and display it at GPL! This year you'll create a 3x3 inch mini book.

For all ages. Pick up a kit starting March 1. Return your finished art for display by **March 22**.



Join in discussing the bestselling book everyone is talking about,
***The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing
an Epidemic of Mental Illness*** by Jonathan Haidt



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Part 1: The Great Rewiring, Thursday, March 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON

The first discussion on this timely book will cover the alarming rise in teen mental health issues since the early 2010s, and how the shift from a "play-based childhood" to a "phone-based childhood" has disrupted development and contributed to an epidemic of anxiety, depression, and social disconnection. *This discussion covers parts 1-3 of the book.*

Part 2: Collective Action for a Healthier Childhood, Thursday, April 10 at 7 pm IN PERSON

The second discussion will cover Part 4 of the book, including recommended practical steps for parents, educators, and policymakers to restore a healthier, more balanced childhood for the next generation.

Save the Date! Creating a Tech-Healthy Family with Andrea Davis of Better Screen Time

Tuesday, June 17 at 7 pm on Zoom

Are you wondering how to help kids thrive in a digital world? We'll teach our Tech-Healthy Family Formula, designed to provide five steps parents can take to help reduce screen time, restore family time, and finally feel peace of mind.

*Information as of **February 10, 2025**. Check our calendar for **updates** and to **sign up**, or call 978-448-1167.*