

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER 2024 NEWS & EVENTS

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF EVENT: FANFEST 2024!

Friday, June 14: 1-5 pm—For All Ages

Come in costume for an afternoon of fun!

Costume Contest: Vote for your favorites and win prizes!

Minicomics Studio for Grades 6-12, 1-2:15 pm

Bluey Storytime for All Ages, 2-2:45 pm

Ultimate Video Gaming Truck for Grades K-12, 2-4 pm

***Squishmallow Bingo for Grades 6-12, 2:30-3:15 pm**

***Squishmallow Bingo for Grades 2-5, 3:30-4:15 pm**

Face Painting for All Ages, 3-4 pm

Raffles, snacks & more!

***SIGN UP to guarantee a spot! Drop-ins will be accommodated if there is room.**



Groton Public Library
99 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

GPL Programs Are
Free and Open to All

For more information on
 programs and to sign up:

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

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



Summer Reading for All Ages: Read, Renew, Repeat!

Runs 10 weeks starting Tuesday, June 11!



LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Outside at Town Field Behind the Library

Free and for all ages to enjoy!



Joe Leary's Acoustic Night Out, Thursday, June 27 at 7 pm

A longtime seasoned performer, Joe has that way of bringing your musical memories to life as he takes you on a journey with classic acoustic music from the '60s and '70s (The Eagles, Jimmy Buffett, Bob Dylan, Jim Croce, John Denver, and more).

Nissitissit String Quintet: European Cruise, Thursday, July 25 at 7 pm

The Nissitissit String Quartet is composed of four friends offering multi-generational concerts that are fun and engaging for a wide audience. Enjoy a European cruise concert that touches on the music of each nationality, often contrasting a beloved classical work from centuries ago with something contemporary and iconic.



The Squeezebox Stompers, Thursday, August 22 at 7 pm



The Squeezebox Stompers are a Boston-area Americana Roots band. They perform Cajun, zydeco, blues, folk, and originals all over New England. Instruments include accordion, keyboards, fiddle, saxophone, harmonica, penny whistle, guitar, bass, and drums. They are noted for their step-lively upbeat music inspiring audiences to get up and dance.

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

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

Summer Reading Starts JUNE 11 for Kids 18 Months to Entering 5th Grade

Read (or be read to) for at least one hour a week to earn raffle tickets and fun prizes!

Log your reading in person in the Kids' Room or online at gpl.org.

18 Months-2 Years: Rubber Ducky You're the One! Earn ducky stickers weekly and up to 3 rubber duckies!

Age 3-Grade 3: Brag Tag Blast! Earn a new brag tag every week and special prizes throughout the summer!

Grades 4 & 5: Make-Your-Own Buttons! Make your own buttons weekly and earn up to 3 special prizes!

FanFest 2024 Summer Reading Kick-Off Event for All Ages!

Friday, June 14, 2-5 pm. See page 1 for details!

"Read, Renew, Repeat" Letterboxing Challenge! Weeks 2, 5 & 9. Follow the clues to find the letterboxes and stamps!

JUNE

Drop-in craft for all ages. Every day, all summer long! A new craft every week!

Read to Blitzen. Grades K-5. Wednesdays, June 12 and 26, 2-3 pm. Kids gain confidence by reading aloud to a friendly dog! Blitzen is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for one 15-minute slot.

FanFest: Bluey Storytime with Miss Jacquie. All Ages. Friday, June 14, 2-2:45 pm.

FanFest: Squishmallow Bingo. Grades 2-5. Friday, June 14, 3:30-4:15 pm. Sign up to ensure a spot!

Mirrors and Windows Storytime: Juneteenth. Ages 3-5. Thursday, June 20, 10:30-11 am. Hear a story and make a craft to celebrate Juneteenth with Miss Sheila. Sponsored in part by the RSJG.



Family Campfire Solstice Event with Groton Conservation Trust. Wednesday, June 26, 7-8:30 pm. See last page.



Summer Night Sounds with Hands on Nature. Grades K-5. Friday, June 28, 2-3 pm. What makes those amazing songs we hear outside our window during warm summer nights? Is that a cricket or a katydid or a tree frog? Come join us as we learn to decipher which fascinating creatures make each sound.

JULY

All events require sign-up unless listed as drop-in.



Peapod Storytime in the Garden for Babies through Age 2. Wednesday, July 3, 10:30-11 am.

Stories, puppets, rhymes, and songs with Miss Lauren. If the weather is poor, we will move inside.



Pasta Party Cooking Class with Kids Cook Green. Grades 3-5. Tuesday, July 9, 1-2 pm. Learn to make spaghetti from start to finish—and eat it up at the end of class!

Poop Museum: Part Two. Grades K-5. Tuesday, July 9, 6:30-7:30 pm. Fans of The Poop Museum Part One will adore Part Two, where there is EVEN MORE POO. It's a great opportunity to learn more and laugh more, in another perfect combination of solid science and scatological silliness.

Read to Blitzen. Grades K-5. Wednesdays, July 10 and July 24, 2-3 pm. Kids gain confidence by reading aloud to a friendly dog! Blitzen is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for one 15-minute slot.

Dragon Balloon Workshop with Ed the Wizard. Grades 2-5. Thursday, July 11, 11 am-12 pm. In this dragon balloon twisting workshop, attendees will learn the art of balloon twisting basics as they create their own winged dragon.



Drum Circle Workshop with Matt Steinberg. Tuesday, July 16: **Grades K-2** at 3-3:45 pm and **Grades 3-5** at 4-4:45 pm. Learn the basics of drumming with music educator Matt Steinberg.

Big Ryan's Tall Tales for Grades K-5. Thursday, July 18, 11-11:45 am. Come enjoy Big Ryan's Tall Tales featuring his original stories for a fun and interactive time!

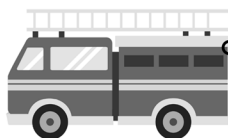
Story & Craft Time. Grades Pre-K through Grade 2. Friday, July 19, 3-4 pm. Join Miss Nancy and Miss Lauren for a storytime and craft! Space is limited.

Bunnies! Bunnies! Bunnies! All Ages. Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 am-12 pm. Stop by the Community Room to pet some of Miss Nancy’s famous bunnies! Drop-in.



Steve Blunt & Marty Kelley Songs & Stories. Ages 4 and Up. Friday, July 26, 11-11:45 am. Join Marty and Steve for songs and stories. Author Marty Kelley will read his books, sure to entertain all!

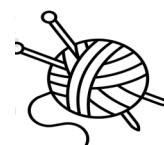
STEM Scavenger Hunt. Grades 2-5. Tuesday, July 30, 5:30-6:30 pm. Are you ready for some STEM overload? The STEM scavenger hunt will take participants to six STEM stations to learn and solve!



Storytime with Groton Fire Department! All Ages. Wednesday, July 31, 11-11:45 am. Hear stories and learn more about our fire department and firefighters! Touch a fire truck after the storytime!

AUGUST

Learn to Knit. Three-Class Series. Grades 3-5. Thursday, August 1 and Tuesdays, August 6 & 13, 3-4 pm. Learn the basics of casting on and knitting a dishcloth with Miss Ellie and Miss Lauren. Materials provided. Space is limited. Registration is for all classes.



Peapod Storytime in the Garden for Babies through Age 2. Wednesday, August 7, 10:30-11 am. Stories, puppets, rhymes, and songs for our youngest patrons with Miss Lauren. If the weather is poor, we will move indoors.



Didgeridoo Down Under. Grades K-5. Thursday, August 15, 4-5 pm. The Didgeridoo Down Under Show is an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling, and audience participation. It’s interactive, educational, motivational, and super fun!

Story & Craft Time. Grades Pre-K through Grade 2. Friday, August 16, 3-4 pm. Join Miss Nancy and Miss Lauren for a storytime and craft! Space is limited.



Read to Blitzen. Grades K-5. Wednesday, August 21, 2-3 pm. Kids gain confidence by reading aloud to a friendly dog! Blitzen is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up for a 15-minute slot.

Rolie Polie Guacamole Family Music Event

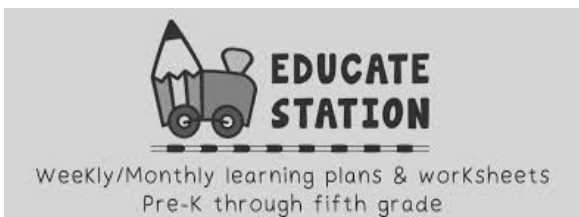
Tuesday, August 6, 6-7 pm. For all ages. Outside at Town Field behind the Library.



Join us for an exciting musical evening with Rolie Polie Guacamole! Winners of the Parents’ Choice Award and NAPPA Awards, RPG’s parent-friendly musical style dresses up original tunes and classic covers for all ages to enjoy!

Please sign up. Priority is given to Groton residents until July 15. There is no capacity limit outdoors, but if we have to move inside for weather, those registered will have first come, first served status. If you sign up and are on the waitlist, you are all set to come to the outdoor event but not guaranteed a spot inside. Thank you for understanding.

New Resource for Homeschooling Parents: Educate Station!



Educate Station is a full curriculum resource (pre-K through fifth grade) created by educators from across the US. All you need is a library card to get started! Ready to use hands-on activities for kids to do at home or at school, offering weekly or monthly learning plans and worksheets. The primary subjects are: English language arts, math, science, social studies, and social-emotional learning.



TEEN SUMMER EVENTS

READ! June 11-August 17

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to use the Beanstack app to track the minutes they read to earn awesome prizes in the **Read, Renew, Repeat** Summer Reading Program. Log time spent reading between June 11 and August 17 and earn gift cards, movie passes, and a chance to win a pair of season passes for Six Flags. Complete other activities to earn tickets for additional raffle prizes. Visit gpl.org for full details.

FANFEST! Summer Reading Kick-Off Event!
Friday, June 14, 1-5 pm—Events below and on page 1

Teen Events: Make, Build, Cook, Discover, and Play!

All classes are free and supplies and instructions are provided, but please sign up as space is limited.

Robotics Battle-Bot Tournament. Build a battle-ready robot using Lego Mindstorms and compete for a prize! Wednesdays, June 5, July 3, and August 7, 6-7:30 pm. (Grades 5-10)

FanFest: Minicomics Studio with Caleb Brown. This hands-on workshop explores minicomics through drawing, story development, and bookmaking. Friday, June 14, 1-2:15 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Hands-On Science Lab: Let's Make Oobleck. Have fun making and playing with Oobleck while learning about non-Newtonian fluids. Thursday, June 20, 3-3:45 pm. (Grades 5-8)

Create Your Own Felted Masterpiece. Fiber Artist Rachel Benson will bring supplies and offer inspiration and instruction. Beginners welcome! Wednesday, June 26, 3:30-5 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Make & Take: Junk Journals. Create a personalized journal using collected papers. Thursday, June 27, 2-3:30 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Pasta Party with Kids Cooking Green. We will make homemade ravioli filled with a seasonal vegetable and fresh ricotta cheese. Tuesday, July 9, 2:30-3:30 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Assemblage Art: Make Shadowboxes. We will create insect specimen shadowboxes using recycled and found materials. Thursday, July 11, 2:30-4 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Make & Take: Paper Trees. Construct your own abstracted tree from recycled and reclaimed materials. Wednesday, July 17, 6-7:30 pm. (Grades 5-10)

Discover Gelli Plate Printing. Learn to use the Gelli plate and the art of mono printing to express your creativity in new ways. Wednesday, July 24 and Wednesday, August 14, 2-5 pm. (Grades 6-12)

High Flyers Rocket Building. We will complete two high flying activities, including creating a gas-powered rocket! Tuesday, July 30, 3:30-4:30 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Make & Take: Fairy Houses. Make a perfect home for gnomes or fairies using the natural materials we have collected. Tuesday, August 6, 2-3:30 pm. (Grades 6-12)

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

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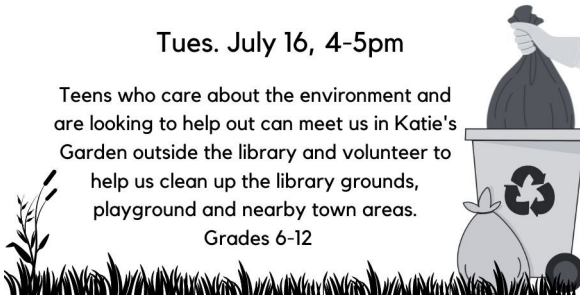
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TEEN SUMMER EVENTS

TRASH BASH

Tues. July 16, 4-5pm

Teens who care about the environment and are looking to help out can meet us in Katie's Garden outside the library and volunteer to help us clean up the library grounds, playground and nearby town areas.
Grades 6-12





SUSTAINABLE GROTON PRESENTS:

Understanding the sources and tackling climate change in Groton.

Thursday, June 20, 7-8 pm

Teens, families, and individuals welcome!



YA at GPL

Games, Puzzles, and Trivia Fun!

Last Day of School Llama Lounge. Tuesday, June 11, 11:30 am-3 pm. (Grades 5-8)

FanFest: Video Games in the Ultimate Gaming Truck. Visit during FanFest to experience this luxury limo-style theater on wheels which features five HUGE HDTVs with surround sound and awesome lighting. It's a multiplayer video gaming heaven! Friday, June 14, 2-4 pm. (Grades K-12)

FanFest: Squishmallows Bingo. Play bingo to win adorable Squishmallows! Friday, June 14, 2:30-3:15 pm. Sign up to guarantee a spot. (Grades 6-12)

Dungeons & Dragons. Dungeon Master Roan is back for another 10-week session this summer: 4-6 pm on Tue. June 18; Thu. June 27; Tue. July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; and Tue. August 6, 13 & 20. (Grades 6-10)

Escape Rooms! Work together to solve puzzles, open locks, and earn a prize! Wednesday, June 26, 6-7 pm and Thursday, August 8, 3-4 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Teen & Adult Trivia Night. Teen and adult trivia lovers get together to play for fun and prizes! Bring your friends or family members to create a team. Wednesday, July 10, 7-8 pm.

Solve a Murder Mystery: The Unfortunate Passing of Pliant McTwist. Whodunit? Use the evidence you've collected to figure out who is responsible for the passing of Pliant McTwist. Thursday, July 18, 2-3 pm. (Grades 6-12)

Minecraft. Library server always available to play for white-listed players who have a Java account. Contact teens@gpl.org to join. (Grades 5-10)

Teen Librarian Deborah Dowson
teens@gpl.org

Older Teens: Check out events listed on pages 6-8—topics from the art of the taco to fine art to Screeemfest to movies to books...might be of interest!

ND Hangout

Tuesday, June 18, 3-4:30 pm



This is a safe space for people who identify as neurodivergent (diagnosed or not) to come to meet, play games, do activities, and hang out.

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHTS

**We provide pizza and snacks—
you bring your friends for a night out!**

Wednesday evenings:
June 12, July 24 and 31, August 14 and 21
(check gpl.org for movie titles and times)

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GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS

Alcohol Ink Workshop with Liz Jegasothy, Saturday, June 1, 10:30 am-12:30 pm IN PERSON

In this intro class you will learn what alcohol inks are and how they work. You will have plenty of hands-on time to learn basic techniques and will finish the class creating your own pieces of artwork to take home. All supplies provided. No experience needed. Note: Alcohol inks stain clothing, so please dress accordingly.

The Art of the Taco with Third Space Kitchen, Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm VIRTUAL

Chef Eric Brown, owner of Groton's new Third Space Kitchen, will make tacos filled with carne asada and spicy black beans & corn (vegetarian), served on flour or gluten-free corn tortillas. Authentic Mexican salsa and classic guacamole with the earthy essence of cumin, garlic, jalapeño, and the snap of fresh lime citrus pull it all together!



Passion for Peonies, Thursday, June 6 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Celebrate peony season in this hands-on workshop! We will explore some of the many colors and forms of the peony, discuss optimal growing and cutting methods, and arrange our own colorful bouquets of local, Groton-grown peonies to take home. Space very limited so sign up early!

Expressions of Gender in Asian Art, Sunday, June 9 at 2:30 pm VIRTUAL

Gender fluid and non-binary depictions have existed for thousands of years in Asian art. Explore works which support this belief in non-duality with experts at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco. *This talk will not be recorded.*

Romantic Outlaws: The Extraordinary Lives of Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley with Charlotte Gordon, Tuesday, June 11 at 7 pm VIRTUAL

This groundbreaking dual biography brings to life a pioneering English feminist and the daughter she never knew. Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley have each been the subject of numerous biographies, yet no author has ever examined their lives in one book—until now. Join us for a lively and engaging discussion with NBCC award-winning author Charlotte Gordon.



The Hidden History of Black Boston with Joel Mackall, Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON

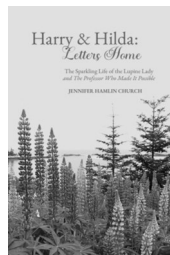
Learn more about Boston's 400-year African American history! We will delve into the rich narratives of neighborhoods and pivotal sites, events, and figures from the eras of Faneuil Hall and Long Wharf, which marked Boston's connection to the Atlantic world, all the way to the vibrant Black communities that flourished in Beacon Hill in the early republic and South End and Roxbury in the early 20th century. In-depth exploration and participant interaction encouraged.

Felting with Rachel Benson for Adults: Make an Elephant, Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Creating a needle-felted project with talented fiber artist Rachel Benson is a joy and a breeze! All materials will be provided at the time of the workshop. Space is limited so sign up early! *Priority given to residents who have not participated in a felting event at GPL in the three months prior to the workshop until one week before the event.*



The "Real" Miss Rumphius, Monday, June 17 at 7 pm OFFSITE IN PERSON at the Lawrence Library in Pepperell



Miss Rumphius is a beloved, award-winning children's book by Barbara Cooney, inspired in part by Hilda Edwards, aka the "Lupine Lady." Author **Jennifer Hamlin Church**, granddaughter of the "real" Miss Rumphius, Hilda Edwards, will speak about the Lupine Lady, as well as her labor of love on her new book, *Harry & Hilda: Letters Home: The Sparkling Life of the Lupine Lady and the Professor Who Made It Possible*, which chronicles more than a century of life on both sides of the Atlantic—from two world wars and Hemingway's Paris to the start of the space age. This program is presented with and held at the Lawrence Library in Pepperell at 15 Main Street, which was featured in *Miss Rumphius*.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS

LGBTQ+ Rights in an Increasing Cultural Divide, Tuesday, June 18 at 7 pm VIRTUAL

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of bills targeting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transgender/nonbinary (LGBTQ+) people in the US. Presenters Meredith Maroney, Rachel Shinnick, and Kelsey Kehoe are a team of psychology researchers from UMass Boston conducting LGBTQ+ affirmative and social justice-oriented research. The impact of these US bills on LGBTQ+ people and their families will be discussed.

Sustainability Committee Discusses Greenhouse Gasses, Thursday, June 20 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Greenhouse gas emissions are causing big changes in the climate around the world and in our own backyards. What can we do? Understanding how we are adding to the problem is one of the first steps to figuring out how we can help. We will learn about sources and what changes Groton families can make to contribute to the solution.

Wooden Necklaces with Kimberly Stoney, Saturday, June 22 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Join us for a hands-on jewelry-making experience! Create a long necklace adorned with wooden disc-shaped beads and colorful thread. No prior experience needed. All materials provided.



Summer Solstice Event with Groton Conservation Trust, Wednesday, June 26 at 7 pm—See last page



Adventures in Foraging with Seeds2Plate, Thursday, July 11 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Ever wonder what the animals are nibbling on in your yard or your flower beds? Do they know something that we don't when it comes to delicious delicacies growing in our lawns and gardens? Judith Taylor from Seeds2Plate will take you on a grocery shopping adventure in your own backyard. You will learn how to identify and harvest edible plants in your neighborhood, when to harvest them, and how to enjoy your harvest.

Conservation Update, Thursday, July 18 at 7 pm IN PERSON

This talk will be the first in a series about conservation lands in Groton. This first presentation will introduce many of our conservation lands, some relatively unknown. It will also demystify the various organizations working to acquire, maintain, and manage lands open to the public, how these processes work, what happens behind the scenes, and more. Recent activity in these areas will be discussed, including current issues.



New England Beachcombing and Sea Glass with Roxie Zwicker, Thursday, August 1 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Author Roxie Zwicker takes you on a journey uncovering the history and lore of sea glass and beach pottery. These tumbled treasures are a connection to the region's past—from shipwrecks and maritime mysteries to long-lost seaside amusements. Discover the best places and techniques to look for artifacts as well as clues to help identify them, as each piece is a connection to the past with a story to tell.



Dragonflies with Cassandra Sampas, Thursday, August 15 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the history of dragonflies and their unique place in nature and how they are important in our environment. Cassie will also share photos of local area dragonflies.

Art Supply Swap, Saturday, June 22, 10:30 am-1 pm IN PERSON



How to participate:

1. Bring new or gently used arts and craft materials to the Circulation Desk June 18-21.*
2. Come on June 22 and pick up art supplies that you will use!

**Please note: Donations are not required to participate.*

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS WITH OUR PARTNERS

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!

(A) Ashland Library (C) Chelmsford Library (G) Groveland Library (T) Tewksbury Library

Author Ann Claire Discusses *A Cyclist's Guide to Crime and Croissants*, Monday, June 3 at 7 pm (G)

The Story of Matthew Shepard: He Continues to Make a Difference, Wednesday, June 5 at 7 pm (T)



The Great Storage Clean Out with Jamie Novak, Thursday, June 6 at 7 pm (T)

Suffrage Song: The Haunted History of Gender, Race, and Voting Rights in the US, Monday, June 10 (A). Author Caitlin Cass discusses her new book—part graphic novel, part suffrage movement map—which tells the story of the fight for the right to vote by women from the very beginning.

Author Charlie Donlea Discusses *Long Time Gone*, Monday, June 10 at 7 pm (G)

An Exploration of African American Art in Celebration of Juneteenth, Wed. June 12 at 7 pm (T)

Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One More Page, Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm (A)

Why DO we read? What compels us to? Author Shannon Reed has the scoop!

A History of Activism Through Cookbooks with Sarah Lohman, Thursday, June 6 at 7 pm (C)

Author Maria DiRico Discusses *The Witless Protection Program*, Monday, June 17 at 7 pm (G)

Haunted Experiences with Jeff DePaoli: Canobie Lake Screeemfest, Thu. June 20 at 6:30 pm (A)

The Halloween Podcast host loves all things spooky. And so does Michael Perron, Senior Designer of Screeemfest. Join us as they talk all about the fantastic haunted experiences right in our backyard!

How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read, Thursday, June 20 at 7 pm (C)

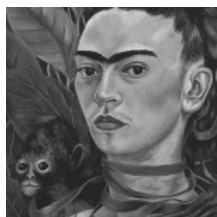
Take Me Out to the Ball Game: A Celebration of Baseball Movies with Frank Mandosa, Mon. June 24 at 6:30 pm (G)

The Last Decade of Cinema: The 1990s, Tuesday, June 25 at 7 pm (A)

The decade that began with *Goodfellas* and ended with *Magnolia*, when stories, characters, and writing were king. Author Scott Ryan discusses what made 1990s movies classics and why they could never be produced today.

A Look Back at the OJ Simpson Trial, Wednesday, June 26 at 7 pm (T)

Themes of the “trial of the century” with the Honorable Dennis J. Curran, retired Massachusetts Superior Court Justice.



Frida Kahlo: Love, Pain, and Painting with Culturally Curious, Thursday, June 27 at 7 pm (C)

Two Nerdy History Girls Ride Again! Monday, July 15 at 7 pm (A)

We keep having so much fun with Loretta Chase and Susan Holloway Scott, the Two Nerdy History Girls with their infamous blog, that we keep bringing them back for encore performances! Join us as they answer more of our burning questions!

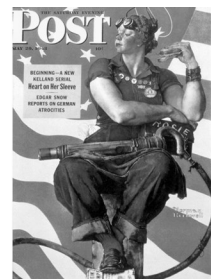
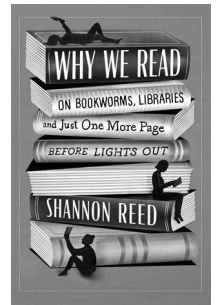
Haunted Experiences with Jeff DePaoli, Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 pm (A)

Defining America: Illustrators and *The Saturday Evening Post* with Culturally Curious, Thursday, July 25 at 7 pm (C)

Haunted Experiences with Jeff DePaoli, Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm (A)

Downeast Connections with Culturally Curious, Thursday, August 29 at 7 pm (C)

Maine’s remote, rocky shoreline has been a beacon to American artists for generations. This program will survey the work of some of the most celebrated artists inspired by the state’s distinct landscape and way of life.



Have to miss a virtual program? Sign up anyway! Zoom events are often recorded and the recording link is emailed to all registrants. Sometimes there’s only 7 days to view it, so check how long it is available. But not all virtual events are recorded, so if there is something you don’t want to miss, attend it live—or at least verify that it will be recorded!

ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

BOOK GROUPS

THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP (NEW!)

We read horror, science fiction, and fantasy chosen by the group. Meets monthly on the fourth Friday at 5 pm.

June 28: *Out There Screaming* by Jordan Peele—Pick a story to read and talk about

July 26: *Nestlings* by Nat Cassidy

August 23: *Daphne* by Josh Malerman

MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP

Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 pm.

June 20: *Lavender House* by Lev A.C. Rosen

July 18: *Bloodhounds* by Peter Lovesey

August 15: *The Golden Egg* by Donna Leon

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

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

June 26: Selection from "The Soul of Black Folk" by W.E.B. Du Bois and "Theme for English B" by Langston Hughes

July 17: "Recitatif" by Toni Morrison and "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost

August: No meeting

PAGE TURNER'S BOOK CLUB

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 pm.

June 25: Potluck & help choose next year's books

July & August: No meetings

PROUST DISCUSSION GROUP (NEW!)

Delve into Marcel Proust's first volume of *In Search of Lost Time, Swann's Way*. Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 pm. From *In the Shadow of Young Girls in Flower*:

June 18: "At Mme. Swann's"

July 16: "Place-Names: The Place"

August 20: "Place-Names: The Place"

DISCUSSION GROUPS

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Community conversations on tough topics. Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 2:30 pm.

June 4: LGBTQIA+: Exploring Our Understanding

July: No meeting

August 6: The Search for Purpose

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP (Zoom)

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher Verónica Mazzu. Meets monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at 7 pm. June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, and August 6 & 20.

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. June 14, July 12, and August 9.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS

Meets every other Saturday at 11 am.

June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20, and August 3 & 17.

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.

SUPPER CLUB

Gather to share food, conversation, and your best recipe. Wednesday, August 8 at 7 pm: Celebration of Garden Abundance

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.

June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17, and August 7 & 21.

TRIVIA TUESDAY (Online only)

New quizzes every week!

SPICE CLUB (Online only)

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

June 11: Poppy seed

July 9: Parsley

August 6: Tarragon

Other Activities

Community Art, Second floor—Decorate your own piece of the GPL puzzle!

Art Supply Swap: Week of June 18-21 with the event on Saturday, June 22—See page 7

ADULT SUMMER READING

Why should kids have all the fun? Join us for a restorative summer of reading with our Read, Renew, Repeat Adult Summer Reading Program! Runs June 11-August 17.

Sign up online or in person on or after June 11 with your library card and PIN. Then Read, Renew (automatic now for physical items!), and Repeat! Remember to log your reading to earn prizes and a chance to win the weekly prize drawing. For every 5 books you read, the GPL Endowment Trust will make a donation of \$2 to Loaves and Fishes. *Why? Because while reading is its own reward, reading that helps others? Even sweeter!*

But we're allowed to enjoy prizes for ourselves, too! Weekly raffle prizes are for Barnes & Noble gift cards and you can earn local business gift cards for the number of books read. The grand prize is a \$100 gift certificate to a Groton business of your choosing. Don't miss out! Sign up at grotonpubliclibrary.beanstack.org.



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| The Butterfly Place | Museum of Fine Arts |
| Children's Museum | Museum of Science |
| Currier Museum of Art | New England Aquarium |
| Davis Farmland | Old Sturbridge Village |
| Discovery Museums | Peabody Essex Museum |
| EcoTarium | SEE Science & LEGO Center |
| Garden in the Woods | Tower Hill Botanic Garden |
| Harvard Museums of Natural History | Trustees of Reservations (includes deCordova & Fruitlands) |
| Institute of Contemporary Art | USS Constitution |
| Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum | Worcester Art Museum |
| Massachusetts Audubon Society (includes Drumlin Farm) | Zoo New England |

ROLLSTONE BANK RHYTHMS LIVE CONCERT SERIES at Town Field Behind the Library



The Shakerz, Thursday, June 20 at 5:30 pm

A solid five-piece rock band playing in the northeast for over 30 years, led by Groton resident Vinnie Mirisola. The Shakerz is a tribute to the artists that make us move—rock, pop, country, and disco. They focus on recognizable, danceable rock 'n' roll music, giving their audiences a high energy, fun time with a party atmosphere.

The Dots, Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 pm

THE DOTS are lifelong friends who met at the UMASS Lowell College of Music in the early '90s. Join them for a trip through the decades... starting off in the '60s and '70s, traveling through the '80s and '90s, and ending with today's hits!

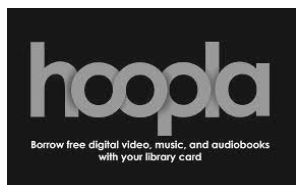


Cara Brindisi, Thursday, August 15 at 5:30 pm



Described as "perfect" by John Legend and "hypnotic" by Blake Shelton on *The Voice* season 22, Cara Brindisi is a vocalist with equal parts power and ease. Cara has been writing, recording, and performing original music for the entirety of her career, with many of her songs inspired by her initial work as a music therapist. Somewhere between these two careers, the gentle and the glamour, lies the authentic feeling one is guaranteed when listening to Cara Brindisi perform live in any type of setting.

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



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Want to try something out before you buy it or just need something for a short time? Save money and borrow one of our items from the library for FREE! Reservable online or in person.

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| Nintendo Switches | Storytime Kits | Bluetooth Speaker |
| Kobo & Nook E-readers | STEAM Kits | OBD Car Code Scanner |
| Tonieboxes | Microscope | Croquet Set |
| Toniebox Characters | Solar Power Bank | VCR |
| Telescope | Portable CD Players | Photo and Slide Conversion Kit |

ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

Pam Boivin, "Spirit of America," Nature Photography, June 4 through July 27.
Members of Nashoba Valley Artists Guild, "Soaking Up Summer," July 30 through September 14.

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| Thursday | 10-9 |
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| Monday | closed |

*Holiday Closings:
June 19, July 4, and September 1*

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FAMILY EVENTS SUMMARY

Sign up for Summer Reading! All Ages. Starts Tuesday, June 11, on the last day of school!

FanFest for All Ages! Friday, June 14, 1-5 pm—See cover

Live Outdoor Concert Series for All Ages in June, July, and August—See cover and page 10

Sustainable Groton: Understanding and tackling climate change in Groton. Thursday, June 20, 7-8 pm.
For teens and adults—See page 5 or 7

Bunnies! Bunnies! Bunnies! All Ages. Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 am-12 pm—See page 3

Family Campfire Solstice Event with Groton Conservation Trust. All Ages. Wednesday, June 26, 7-8:30 pm at General Field on Farmers Row. Make s'mores, sit by a fire pit, and enjoy good company! Miss Lauren will read summer stories to the children to celebrate the season. Bring your lawn chairs and feel free to bring a picnic dinner if you like. All are welcome. Sign up at gctrust.org/about/events.

Teen & Adult Trivia Night. Wednesday, July 10, 7-8 pm—See page 5

Storytime with the Groton Fire Department! All Ages. Wednesday, July 31, 11-11:45 am—See page 3

Rolie Polie Guacamole Family Music Event! All Ages. Tuesday, August 6, 6-7 pm—See page 3