

Program Policy

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The Groton Public Library offers programs in keeping with the library's mission: To provide free access to collections, services, and programs that enrich the lives of all and to do this in a professional, friendly, and confidential environment that also promotes the joy and benefits of reading and learning.

Library programs focus on making connections with the collections and services of the library and are designed to meet the current and emerging interests of library users while offering a balance of topics.

Programs are typically divided into four groups by age and interest levels: children, young adults/teens, adults, and families. When programs are planned and publicized, the age level of interest is determined and indicated.

Many programs are designed for specific age groups to ensure enjoyment by all attending. GPL defers to the program presenters and/or the staff person planning the program to determine the age limits for these programs and supports and adheres to these age-appropriate guidelines for the convenience of all.

For those programs where space is limited, preference is given to Groton residents. Non-residents are welcome if space allows.

It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to decide if a program is appropriate for their child. The library does not act "in loco parentis" (in the place of a parent) and it is the parent and only the parent (or legal guardian) that controls the viewing choices of their children and only their children.

Child Safety Policy – Regarding Programs

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The Groton Public Library welcomes children and encourages their frequent use of the library's resources. The Library Trustees and staff attempt to provide a safe environment for children to enjoy the library's resources and to participate in the library's programs.

Parents are reminded, however, that they or their designated caregivers, not library staff, are responsible for the actions and safety of the children in their care while visiting the library.

The parent/caregiver is responsible for the child's behavior in the library, at library programs, and on the library grounds.

From Young Adult / Teens Programs Policy

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The Groton Public Library assumes no responsibility for children of any age while at the library. Young Adults / Teens need to abide by their parents or guardians' rules pertaining to materials selections, program attendance, or any other use of the library.