

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2024 NEWS & EVENTS



GROTON READS

Annual Community-Wide Reading Event *Celebrating Our 20th Year!*

Join us in March as **Groton Reads *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb!** Enjoy all the special programs drawn from the book. This year's theme of **MUSIC** was inspired by Groton's new, world-class Groton Hill Music Center.

"A twisty, mesmerizing mystery—Brendan Slocumb's writing is like music itself..."

A gripping page-turner from the celebrated author of book club favorite *The Violin Conspiracy*: Music professor Bern Hendricks discovers a shocking secret about the most famous American composer of all time—his music may have been stolen from a Black Jazz Age prodigy named Josephine Reed. Determined to uncover the truth that a powerful organization wants to keep hidden, Bern will stop at nothing to right history's wrongs and give Josephine the recognition she deserves.

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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 Trust Funds' Lecture Fund.

LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

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



Sun. March 17 at 2:30 pm—Betty's Bounce

Betty's Bounce is a trio of two guitars and acoustic bass, and sometimes violin and/or accordion. The music is lively and upbeat and covers swing, ballads, and Latin styles. It is inspired by both gypsy jazz (Django Reinhardt, a Parisian gypsy jazz guitarist) and American jazz.

Sun. April 21 at 2:30 pm—Tutta Quattro

Tutta Quattro is a quartet of jazz musicians from different parts of the world, offering musical influences from their perspective. The performance will feature originals by group members as well as jazz standards. Tomoko Iwamoto is on violin, Pamela Hines on piano, Tal Shalom-Kobi on bass, and Renato Malavasi on drums.



Sun. May 19 at 2:30 pm—[Mix]tape: A Cappella

Mixtape /'mikstāp/ noun - A compilation of favorite pieces of music, typically by different artists, recorded onto a cassette tape or other medium. With a repertoire as varied as the members, they seek to encompass as many genres as possible, spanning years beyond their collective.

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Information as of **February 7, 2024**. Check our calendar for **updates** and to **sign up**, or call 978-448-1167.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sign up at 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 Presents Rockabye Beats for Babies to Preschoolers. Fri. March 1, 10:30-11:15 am. Join Rockabye Beats for an energetic musical experience!
More Tales & Tunes events to be announced—stay tuned!



Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays through May 22, 10:30-11 or 11:15-11:45 am. For kids ages 0-2 and their caregivers. If the weather is nice, we will be outside in the garden.

No storytimes April vacation week.

Thursday Storytimes for Ages 3-5, through May 23, 10:30-11 am.



Miss Jacquie aka "Strega Mama." Stories & songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Meets Thursdays, except the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Mirrors & Windows with Miss Sheila. Meets the 3rd Thursday: March 21, May 16, June 20. Children hear stories where they see themselves reflected (like looking in a mirror) AND they learn something new about someone else (like looking in a window).

Music and Movement with The Family Partnership for Ages 0-5. Tuesdays, March 5 and 19, 10:30-11:15 am. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!



StoryLab with Miss Kelsey for Ages 3-5. Meets the 2nd Tuesday, March 12 and May 7, 10:30-11:30 am. A fun and creative STEAM storytime geared towards preschoolers!



AUTHOR STORYTIMES FOR AGES 3-5:

Groton Author Aline Kotfila! Fri. March 8, 10:30-11:15 am. Aline is the author of *The Adventures of Super e⁻ the Electron*. Aline loves to share her love of STEM through her book and activities.

Groton Author Lori Sullivan! Tue. April 9, 10:30-11:15 am. Lori is the author of *Murray's First Plane Ride* and is excited to share her story about a little boy and his teddy bear's first plane ride from start to finish.

Preschool Yoga for Children Ages 3-5. Fridays: April 5, 12 & 26, May 3, 10:15-11 am. Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown's classes incorporate movement and breathing into simple literacy activities. **Sign-up required starting 1 week ahead.**



Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5. Thursdays: March 7, April 4 & 11, May 2, June 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 through May 9, 4-4:30 pm.



Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. First Tuesday every month through May 7, 4-4:45 pm.

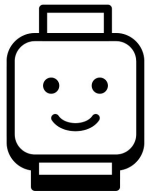
Comics Club for Grades 3-5. First Tuesday every month through June 4, 5-5:45 pm. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project to work on or start a new one. Share graphic novels that you love, or your own, with the group. Basic materials provided.

Cursive Club for Grades 3-5. First Wednesday every month through May 1, 4-4:45 pm. Learn and practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie.



Read-Aloud with Jennie for Grades K-2. Meets in person the 1st and 3rd Thursday every month through May 16, 4-4:30 pm. Listen to Jennie Fitzkee read aloud from the best children’s chapter books!

Read to Blitzen. Wednesdays, March 20 & 27, April 10 & 24, 4-5 pm. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Blitzen is certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for a 15-minute time slot. **Sign-up required.**



LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month through May 21, 4-4:45 pm. We supply the LEGOs—you supply the imagination!

Write & Send a Letter to an Elder for Grades 3-5. Tuesday, February 27, 4-5 pm. Write a letter to a senior in your life and/or a senior in your community. Learn the skill of writing a letter and have fun!

Make a Succulent Night-Light with Mandy Roberge for Grades 3-5. Wednesday, April 24, 4-5 pm. Create a sparkly night-light with plaster succulents, beads, fabric, and lights!

Buildwave Family Building Night! For Families with Kids Grades K-5. Tuesday, April 16, 6-7 pm. Looking for something to do during April vacation as a family? Buildwave is a creative workshop that encourages imaginative play and collaboration for the whole family!

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

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NEW! Taylor Swift Fan Club (Grades 5-12) Make the friendship bracelets and play Taylor Swift trivia and Jeopardy—from *Debut* to *Midnights!* Fun contests, activities, and challenges to test your knowledge! Are you... Ready for It? Second Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm on March 14, April 11, and May 9.

NEW! Creative Writing Club (Grades 5-10)

Want to strengthen your writing voice? Develop a deeper understanding of writing? Forge the path to publication? Join published authors Paige and Sanna to hone your writing craft! You can bring a piece you are already working on or start a new project. Select Fridays, 4-5 pm: March 22, April 5, April 19, May 3, and May 17.

SQUISHMALLOW BINGO! (Grades 5-12)

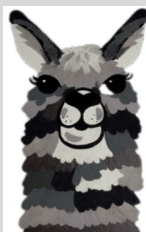
Play Bingo to win adorable Squishmallow prizes!
Thursday, April 25, 5-6 pm

ROBOTIC BATTLEBOTS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)

Create a robot using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits.
Compete for prizes!
Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm, March 1, April 3, and May 6

LLAMA LOUNGE (Grades 5-8)

Every GDRMS Half-Day: 11:30 am-3 pm



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

Fridays: March 22, April 5, and May 10

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TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



MAKE & TAKE CLASSES (Grades 6-12)



CD Sun & Moon	Wed. March 13	6:30-7:30 pm
Gelli Plate Printing	Sat. March 16	1:30-4 pm
Musical Cookie Decorating	Thu. March 21	5-6 pm
Mushroom Madness	Wed. April 17	5-6 pm
Mountains in Spring Painting	Sat. April 27	2-4 pm

More dates coming in May!

All classes are free and supplies and instructions are provided.

Can't make it to a class? Every month we have a **TAKE AND MAKE** project in a kit to take home. Pick them up in the teen area while supplies last!

DROP-IN FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES!

Every other Friday come enjoy a movie and snacks after school. Sign-ups are appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome! Check gpl.org for movie titles, exact times, and grade levels.

Fridays starting around 3 pm on March 1, 15 & 29; April 12 & 19; and May 17 & 31.

COMICS CLUB (Grades 6-12)

Share your love of comics, spend time drawing and writing, and have fun! Supplies provided.

Every 2nd Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 pm
March 12, April 9, May 14

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book Worm Masters (Grades 6 & 7)—Second Tuesday every month, 4:30-5:30 pm, March 12, April 9, May 14

Crackerjacks Book Group (Grades 8 & up)—Second Thursday every other month, 4:45-5:45 pm, April 11

If you love to read and talk about books with friends, join us for a fun and relaxed book group led by Miss Carrie.

ESCAPE ROOMS (Grades 6-12)



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

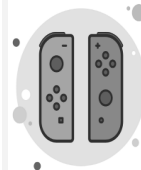
Competition Calamity: Thu. Mar. 7, 5-6 pm
So Many Books, So Little Time: Thu. May 16, 5-6 pm

MINECRAFT CLUB



Our library server is open 24/7 to players who have joined. Players need a Java Minecraft account. To join please send your Gamertag to teens@gpl.org and we will get you on board!

Drop-In GAME LOUNGE (Grades 6-12)



Nintendo Switch and board games available.

Fridays, 3:30-5 pm
March 8, April 26, May 3 & 24

TEEN VOLUNTEERS

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, 6:30-7:30 pm in person with Zoom option. March 27, April 24, and May 29. Contact teens@gpl.org for other opportunities to volunteer.

GROTON READS EVENTS INSPIRED BY *SYMPHONY OF SECRETS*



The Music of You with Susan Rogers, Sun. March 3 at 2:30 pm via ZOOM

Professor of cognitive neuroscience and former record producer, Susan Rogers presents new research into spontaneous thought processes such as daydreaming that reveals the neural network forming our self-image increases its activity when our minds wander. This same network is also activated when we enjoy our favorite music. Thus, the music we love the most reveals our sense of self and provides a way for us to share ourselves with others.



Stolen—Women Inventors Lost and Found with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. March 5 at 7 pm via ZOOM

Throughout history women have been sidelined, often through lack of opportunity or outright sexism. And many times, women who invented items—from disposable diapers to Monopoly—weren't given credit for their work. Women are responsible for early sketches of the computer, the discovery of the DNA double helix, and even fire escapes. But often men claimed those advancements as their own—or the woman was simply unacknowledged. This program explores 21 things most people don't know were invented or discovered by women.



Introduction to Opera with Daon Drisdom, Thu. March 7 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of opera from professional tenor and educator Daon Drisdom. Like Groton Reads author Brendan Slocumb, Drisdom says he knows all too well what it's like to be made to feel like his voice doesn't matter as a Black performer. A Southern transplant, Drisdom was shocked by the familiar feeling of being discounted and disregarded as a Black musician in Boston. Drisdom teaches chorus at Boston Latin Academy.

Learn to Charleston, Sat. March 9 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

Ever want to give the most popular dance from the 1920s a try? Now's your chance! Learn about the dance itself, then get moving with experienced instructors as your guide! No experience or partner necessary.



Roaring '20s Accessories with Kimberly Stoney, Sat. March 9 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Join us for a roaring good time! Get into the spirit of the 1920s jazz era by crafting your own stylish headbands and/or bow tie! Let your creativity sparkle as you design and embellish glittering headbands that'll transport you back to the glamour of the Jazz Age. It's a fun and fashionable way to prepare for our upcoming Roaring '20s party!

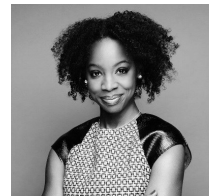


Paris Noir: Bricktop, Baker & Porter with Nanette Perrotte, Tue. March 12 at 7 pm via ZOOM

Jazz era Paris—risqué, exciting. Saloon host and doyenne of cafe society, Ada Bricktop hosted luminaries such as Cole Porter, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and F. Scott Fitzgerald at her Montmartre hot spot Chez Bricktop. Josephine Baker arrives on the shores of France in *La Revue Nègre*. Cole Porter pens the lyrics and melodies of this bright young time in world history.

Jazz and Gender Justice with Aja Burrell Wood, Thu. March 14 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Berklee College of Music Associate Professor Aja Burrell Wood discusses the Berklee Institute of Jazz and Gender Justice, an organization that works to support and sustain a cultural transformation in jazz, with the commitment to recruit, teach, mentor, and advocate for musicians seeking to study or perform jazz, with gender justice and racial justice as guiding principles.



Synesthesia with Veronica Gross, Tue. March 19 at 7 pm via ZOOM

Learn the ins and outs of synesthesia—loosely defined as “senses coming together”—with the former head of Boston University's Synesthesia Project and researcher Veronica Gross.

ADULT EVENTS: GROTON READS & BEYOND

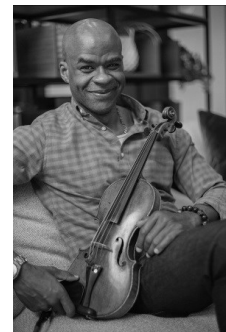


LIVE Groton Reads Trivia, Wed. March 20 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Dive into trivia related to this year's Groton Reads book, *Symphony of Secrets!* Go it alone or team up with a group to test your knowledge of music, the 1920s, and even the book itself!

The Unknown Music of Helen Crane with Bernard Crane, Thu. March 21 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Do you know of composer Helen Crane? Not many people do. Ms. Crane was born in 1868. She studied at the then "Klindworth-Scharwenka" Conservatory in Berlin. German publishing houses published many of her pieces, yet she is almost unknown in current day. At the end of her life, Ms. Crane left behind her handwritten manuscripts in the care of her remaining siblings. Her sister, Laura Vernon Crane Burgess, ultimately donated this trove to the New York Public Library, where the collection has been housed since the 1940s. Join local musicologist Bernard Crane to explore Ms. Crane's musical journey.



Bestselling Author Brendan Slocumb Discusses *Symphony of Secrets*, Sun. March 24 at 4 pm via ZOOM

Groton Reads featured author, Brendan Slocumb, Zooms in to discuss his book, *Symphony of Secrets*. The book is a page-turning mystery wrapped around music, race, neurodivergence, gender discrimination, power dynamics, and more. Learn more about Brendan's own musical history as well as how his personal experiences as a Black musician have impacted his writing.

Anything Goes: America During the Jazz Age with Christopher Daley, Tue. March 26 at 7 pm via Zoom

This presentation is an entertaining overview of the 1920s, showcasing world events, political events, prohibition, and organized crime, as well as the style, fashion, and trends of the Jazz Age.

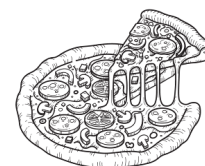
Roaring '20s Murder Mystery Party at GPL!, Thu. March 28 at 7 pm IN PERSON



The year is 1920, two years past the ending of the brutal World War, and people finally feel free to live their lives again. Prohibition takes over the U.S. Rebellion is brought out among the people, creating a love of jazz music, flappers, and dancing. Organized crime runs rampant and the Mafia is on the rise. The streets are filled with moonshine, bootleggers, gangsters, and, dare I say it, murder. Dress up sweet and sharp and join the party at GPL. See if you can figure out who is to blame before you become their latest victim!

Pizza Tasting, Sat. March 30 at 11:30 am IN PERSON

Two of the central characters in *Symphony of Secrets* pursue finding the very best pizza with a passion. We'll do the same to see who you think offers up the best slice in Groton!



Art + Music with Groton Hill, Sat. March 30 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Exercise your creativity in this hands-on workshop! Two professional musicians will play a variety of music to inspire and influence each mark you make. Explore the attitude, feel, and expression that different styles of music can evoke from even the most inexperienced of artists.

ADHD in the Family with Linda King, Thu. April 4 at 7 pm IN PERSON

This presentation is for anyone who lives with someone who has diagnosed—or even suspected—ADHD. Linda King holds advanced certifications in ADHD coaching, including family-specific ADHD coach training. Her presentation gives an overview of ADHD and its effects in children and adults, along with concrete methods for living with ADHD.

Edible Mushroom Experimenting with the Plant-Powered Group, Tue. April 9 at 7 pm IN PERSON

After the success of Tofu Explorations this fall, the Plant-Powered Group is at it again! Bring your favorite mushroom dish to share. Discuss your favorite ways to feature mushrooms throughout the meal.

ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED

Sarah Grimke Speaks, Sun. April 7 at 2 pm OFFSITE at The Old Meeting House, First Parish of Groton



When 26-year-old Sarah Moore Grimke boarded a ship from Charleston to Philadelphia in 1819 to accompany her ailing father north, she embarked on a history-making journey that took her from failed Southern belle to pioneering abolitionist and women's rights activist. By telling Sarah's story in Sarah's voice, performer Chris Potts immerses the audience in a compelling vocal performance of both deeply personal stories and impassioned public sentiments that helped forge Sarah's path to human rights activism and established her place among the greatest reformers in American history. *Generously sponsored by the Lecture Fund from the Commissioners of the Trust and presented in partnership with the Groton Historical Society and Groton Neighbors.*

In the Beginning, There Was Satchmo with Nanette Perrotte, Tue. April 9 at 7 pm via Zoom

Louis Armstrong—grandson of slaves, iconic trumpeter and vocalist—brings jazz from the brothels of Storyville, New Orleans to the bright lights of New York City. Kid Ory, King Oliver, and Fletcher Henderson were players in Armstrong's influential rise to stardom while the Chicago and New York mobs fought over this charismatic jazz star.



Wooden Necklaces with Kimberly Stoney, Sat. April 13 at 10:30 am 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.



Felt a Flying Pig with Rachel Benson, Thu. April 18 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others! This month participants will create a stylish flying pig ready to take on the world! With the guidance of talented fiber artist Rachel Benson, needle felting is an approachable art form. *Priority given to Groton residents and those who have not attended a GPL felting workshop within the last three months.*

A Night of Poetry, Thu. April 25 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Gather for an evening of poetry as it was meant to be heard. Local poets Laura Moore, Kate Hanson Foster, and Jeffrey Zygmunt read from their own works in celebration of National Poetry Month!



Author Carolyn Mackler Visits Lawrence Academy, Thu. May 2 at 7 pm OFFSITE

Carolyn Mackler will discuss her most recent book, *The Wife App*, a novel that delves into the question of what would happen if women got paid for all of the "mental load" tasks that wives usually do for free.



Modern Chinese History with Fay Childers, Thu. May 9 at 6:30 pm IN PERSON

Chinese modern history is complex and complicated depending on who presents it to you. Fay Childers' mainland Chinese father and Taiwanese mother influenced her perspective. Fay will discuss her view of Chinese modern history and the difference between China and Taiwan, as well as Taiwan's democracy and their recent presidential election.

Puzzle Race, Sat. May 11 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

Gather a team and put your puzzling skills to the test. First to complete a 500-piece puzzle wins bragging rights!

Abandon Ship! with Alison O'Leary, Thu. May 16 at 7 pm IN PERSON

The most unique story of WWII: the British ship *Laconia* was carrying nearly 3,000 people 600 miles from land in 1942 when a German submarine sent two torpedoes into her starboard side. Why did the Germans help to rescue survivors?

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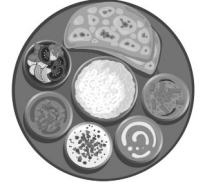


Felt a Hot Air Balloon Scene with Rachel Benson, Thu. May 16 at 7 pm IN PERSON

This month participants will create a scene of a hot air balloon in flight with fiber artist Rachel Benson. *Priority given to Groton residents and those who have not attended a GPL felting workshop within the last three months.*

Indian Food Field Trip with the Dalals, Sat. May 18 at 12 pm OFFSITE

Intrigued by Indian food but intimidated at the same time? Know you love to eat Indian food but feel lost at the idea of cooking it at home? Join GPL staff member Beth Dalal and her husband Neeraj for a two-part field trip! We'll meet for lunch at an Indian Restaurant (TBD) in Nashua, NH. Then we'll make our way to Patel Brothers, an Indian grocery store, to explore ways to bring these flavors home. *Participants must provide their own transportation.*

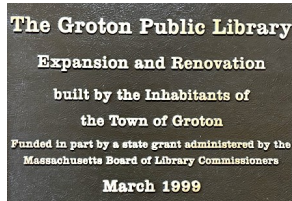


Uses of Vinegar with F-Word Farm, Thu. May 30 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn what vinegar is and the chemistry behind the process. Emily Makrez, owner of F-Word Farm and educator on all things Farming, Foraging, and Fermenting (her "F" words), will talk about all the different ways she puts vinegar to use for health and flavor.

March 6 is the 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the Library's Expanded and Renovated Building!

Celebrate your beautiful library on its 25th birthday! Pre-project photos will be on display all of March.



On March 6, 1999, the Groton Public Library re-opened its doors after extensive renovation and expansion of the 106-year-old 1893 building. This grand transformation occurred thanks to the dedication of the Library Trustees and the Building Committee, as well as the generous and enthusiastic support of the citizens of Groton. On this 25th anniversary, we honor and thank all who made our beautiful library possible—and for the support of all residents.

Trustees: James Cullen, Valerie Jenkins, Sandra Lovelace, Katherine Madigan, Michael Manugian, and Andrew Searle.
Building Committee: James Cullen, Valerie Jenkins, Edward McNierney, Cola Parker, James Western, and Library Director Owen Shuman. **THANK YOU!!!**

BOOK GROUPS

HORROR BOOK GROUP (NEW!)

Meets monthly on the fourth Friday at 5 pm.
 March 22—*The Library of the Dead* by T.L. Huchu
 April 26—*The Return* by Rachel Harrison
 May 24—*All Hallows* by Christopher Golden

MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP

Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 pm.
 March 21—*Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb
 April 18—*The Maid* by Nita Prose
 May 16—*Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister

GPL PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 pm.
 March 26—*The Plague* by Albert Camus
 April 23—*Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell
 May 28—*Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

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 20—"The Boy Without a Flag" by Rodriguez
 April 17—TBD
 May 15—TBD

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 on
 March 19, April 16, and May 21.

*All groups meet in person, some with a Zoom option.
 Books are available to borrow at the Circulation Desk.*

ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

DISCUSSION GROUPS

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Community conversations on tough topics. Meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 2:30 pm.

March 5—Tribalism 101

April 2—Healthcare

May 7—Guns and Responsibility

READING RAMBLERS GROUP

Meet at a Groton Conservation Trust property for a walk through nature while chatting about what we are reading.

Meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday at 10 am.

March 6—Throne Hill

April 3—Wattle's Pond

May 1—Skinner Forest

LOS LITERARIOS: SPANISH LITERARY SOCIETY

This is a group for those who would like to discuss in Spanish what they are reading! Meets monthly on the 2nd Friday at 4 pm via Zoom. March 8, April 12, May 10

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher Verónica Mazzu. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 pm via Zoom.

March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21

FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES

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

March 26—*The Concert* (France)

April 30—*Central Station* (Brazil)

May 28—*Ma Vie en Rose* (France and Belgium)

ACTIVITY GROUPS

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS

Meets every other Saturday at 11 am.

March 2, 16 & 30, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25

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 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm.

April 9—Mushroom Explorations (see p. 6)

SUPPER CLUB

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

March 14—Southern Food

April 11—Breakfast for Dinner

May 23—Chinese

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (NEW!)

Meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 6 pm for movies and popcorn followed by discussion. Check calendar for film selections. March 12, April 9, May 14

GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS (NEW!)

Want to meet others in the community and explore board games you don't have at home? Join us for a different game each month or bring your own to share! Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

March 5, April 2, May 7

MYSTERY WRITERS GROUP (Zoom only)

Join this group for helpful advice and encouragement from others writing in the mystery genre. Meets every other Wednesday, 5-7 pm.

March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15

SPICE CLUB (Online only)

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

March 5—Savory

April 2—Sesame Seed

May 7—Saffron

LEARN TO PLAY MAHJONG!

Wednesdays, 1-3 pm, May 1 to May 22 (4 weeks)

Join Fay Childers for a four-week introduction to the Taiwanese tile game of Mahjong (different than American Mahjong). *Group limited to 8, so sign up early!*

Never miss a program—sign up for our biweekly email newsletter, *Check It Out!*

Email us at info@gpl.org or go to gpl.org/how-to/join-our-mailing-list



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!*

WOMEN IN HISTORY SERIES

Cleopatra with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. April 2 at 7 pm
Nellie Bly with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. May 21 at 7 pm

TRAVEL SERIES

Seen by Sea—An Appreciation of the New England Coast, Thu. March 28 at 7 pm
Armchair Travel to Cartagena, Colombia, Wed. April 3 at 7 pm
The Best Small Museums in Massachusetts, Wed. April 24 at 7 pm
Armchair Travel to Tanzania, Wed. May 1 at 7 pm

ART HISTORY SERIES

Fierce Females: Women in Art, Wed. March 27 at 7 pm
Claude Monet: Impressions from Nature, Thu. April 25 at 7 pm
Maxfield Parrish: Myth & Whimsy, Thu. May 30 at 7 pm

PARANORMAL SERIES

Haunted Happenings: The Dark Woods, Thu. March 21 at 6:30 pm
Haunted Happenings: FearTown, Thu. April 18 at 6:30 pm
Haunted Happenings: TBD, Thu. May 16 at 6:30 pm

GREAT TRIALS SERIES

The Trial of Susan B. Anthony, Wed. March 20 at 7 pm
The Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, Wed. April 17 at 7 pm
The Mississippi Burning Trials, Wed. May 15 at 7 pm

MEDIA SERIES

Movie Musician Bios with Frank Mandosa, Mon. March 11 at 6:30 pm
The Girls: From Golden to Gilmore, Wed. March 13 at 7 pm
Jim Henson with Frank Mandosa, Mon. April 8, 6:30 pm
The Sherlock Holmes You Never Knew: Black American Adaptations, Then & Now, Tue. April 23 at 7 pm
Gregory Peck: From Ahab to Atticus with Frank Mandosa, Mon. May 6 at 6:30 pm
A History of Dance in Movies, Wed. May 22 at 7 pm

AUTHOR VISITS

Thriller Author Edwin Hill, Mon. March 4 at 7 pm
Sisters in Crime: How to Write a Mystery, Thu. March 14 at 7 pm
Rachel Rueckert, Mon. March 18 at 7 pm

Maria DiRico, Mon. March 25 at 7 pm
Donna Everhart, Mon. April 1 at 7 pm
Michelle Collins Anderson, Mon. April 22 at 7 pm
Shaina Steinberg, Mon. April 29 at 7 pm
Amanda Skenandore, Mon. May 13 at 7 pm

ORGANIZING SERIES

Declutter: File, Paper, Shred, Thu. March 7 at 7 pm
Declutter: All in One Notebook, Thu. April 4 at 7 pm
Declutter: Digital Decluttering, Thu. May 2 at 7 pm

WHAT'S IT WORTH SERIES

100+ Tips to Maximize Garage Sale Revenue, Thu. March 21 at 6 pm
Supplementing Income with Buying and Selling Antiques, Thu. April 11 at 6 pm

TECHNOLOGY SERIES

Elevating Creativity with AI, Thu. April 18 at 1 pm
AI in Medicine and Bio Research, Tue. April 23 at 7:30 pm
Guardians of Truth: Combatting AI Deep Fakes, Thu. May 23 at 1 pm

FOOD SERIES

Brunch with Empty Nest Kitchen, Tue. May 7 at 7 pm
Food History of New York, Thu. May 23 at 7 pm

GENEALOGY SERIES

Doing Genealogy Without Breaking the Bank, Wed. April 10 at 7 pm
Genealogy with Claire Smith, Thu. May 9 at 7 pm

SOCIAL ISSUES SERIES

Thicker Than Water, Mon. March 4 at 7 pm
Unraveling Myths about Trans People in Sports, Tue. March 5 at 7 pm
You'll Do: A History of Marrying for Reasons Other than Love, Mon. March 11 at 7 pm
Child Removal in the U.S., Tue. March 19 at 7 pm
Understanding Dictatorships, Tue. April 30 at 7 pm

OTHER PROGRAMS

Adopting, Bonding & Caring for a Cat with the "Cat Whisperer" Dr. Rachel Geller, Wed. March 6 at 7 pm
The History of Ireland, Thu. March 14 at 10:30 am
Reimagined Gardens, Tue. May 14 at 7 pm
Home Security with Officer Gillis, Thu. May 16 at 7 pm

LIFELONG LEARNING SERIES FOR ADULTS

GREAT DECISIONS WITH TOMMY LAMONT



Wednesdays at 7 pm, March 13 to May 1 (8 weeks) IN PERSON

Join Ms. Tommy Lamont 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. *Preference will be given to Groton residents until one week prior to the group's first meeting.*

2024 topics: Mideast Realignment, Climate Technology and Competition, Science Across Borders, U.S./China Trade Rivalry, NATO's Future, Understanding Indonesia, High Seas Treaty, and Pandemic Preparedness.

STORIES ONLY YOU CAN TELL WITH ZOANN GUERNSEY

Wednesdays at 7 pm, April 24 to May 29 (6 weeks) IN PERSON

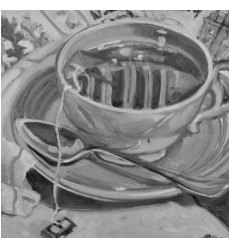


The perennial favorite returns! Our life experiences are rich with stories and here is your opportunity to record them. Work directly with gifted educator Zoann Guernsey to hone your tale and convey your own experience. Participants will learn and practice writing different elements of memoir, share and respond in a workshop model, and finish 5-6 life stories. 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.*

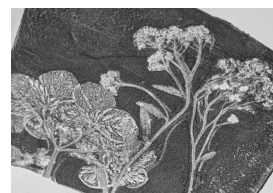
CREATIVE ART SERIES FOR ADULTS

The Gelli Print Lab: Imagination and Inspiration. One Saturday a month, 1-4 pm starting March 16.

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. Tuesdays, 10:15 am-1:15 pm, April 2 to June 11 (10 weeks, no class April 16). 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, 1:30-4:30 pm, April 3 to June 12 (10 weeks, no class April 17). For beginners and experienced painters. Come learn new skills to help grow your confidence!

ASIAN ART SERIES ON ZOOM

Spend some **Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm** with experts Zooming in from the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco!
Please note that these presentations are NOT recorded.

March 10	The Goddess: Images of Power (in honor of Women's History Month)
April 14	Persia: Crossroads for Art and Culture
May 5	Glorious Civilizations: Art of Southeast Asia



ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

- * **Harold Sanford, Watercolors**, through March 23
- * **Dug Morton, Abstract Paintings**, March 27 through June 1

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Sun. May 12 (*Mother's Day*)
Sun. May 26
(*Memorial Day weekend*)

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TINY ART for All Ages!

We were so blown away by the talent and creativity in our first Tiny Art Show last year, it's coming back!

Create your own tiny masterpiece on a 4"x4" canvas! The theme is MUSIC. This activity is open to EVERYONE.

Pick up your free kit at the Circulation Desk **February 16 through March 2**. Return your work by **Sunday, March 17** to have them included in the Tiny Art Show throughout the month of March and April.

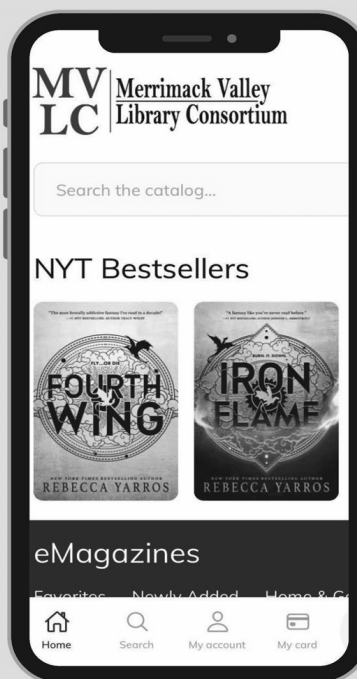
Celebrate National Poem in Your Pocket Day, April 18

Contribute to our Poet-Tree this April!

Pick up a paper tag at the Circulation Desk and add a favorite poem or poem fragment. Completed poetry tags will be added to the Poet-Tree (in the second floor meeting room hallway) weekly through mid-May.



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