

# GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FALL 2023 NEWS & EVENTS

### LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

One Sunday each month at 2:30 pm IN PERSON. Free and for all ages to enjoy!  
*Made possible by a grant from the Town of Groton's Trust Funds' Lecture Fund.*

#### Sun. Sept. 17 at 2:30 pm: Bailey Street Brass

Bailey Street Brass formed in 2014. All quintet members are current and former Brockton Symphony brass players. Their musical catalog runs the gamut from classical quintet publications to pop tunes to movie themes, and features several Canadian Brass quintet arrangements.



#### Sun. Oct. 15 at 2:30 pm: Daniel Gay Cacophony

Travel the world through the music of Daniel Gay. Interweaving piano, guitar, and accordion, Gay draws on influences from Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. His music is often inspired by the students he has taught throughout his twenty-five years in the music classroom.

#### Sun. Nov. 19 at 2:30 pm: Hungrytown

Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, through their years of worldwide touring and tireless devotion to many classic genres of music, have crafted Hungrytown into a true artistic hybrid. Hungrytown's music has received extensive radio airplay worldwide and has appeared on several television shows (*The Daily Show*, *Portlandia*, etc.).



### ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

- **The Fiber Web** by Rachel Benson—now through Sept. 16
- **Voices from Ukraine: Images of War.** Sept. 20-Nov. 4. Organized by Hanna Melnychuk of Groton, with works by Ukrainian artists and drawings from her new book, *Don't Close Your Eyes*. **Reception: Thu. Sept. 28, 7-9 pm.**
- **Central Massachusetts Pastel Society.** Nov. 7-Dec. 17

### CREATIVE ART SERIES FOR ADULTS

#### The Gelli Print Lab: Imagination and Inspiration

**First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm starting Sept. 5 IN PERSON**

Explore gelli plate printing in this monthly gathering. This is a space to foster creativity and collaboration through design and experimentation. Open to all experience levels.

#### Learning and Loving Painting with Jill Pottle

**Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 pm, Sept. 20-Dec. 6 IN PERSON** (No class Nov. 15 or 22)

Whether picking up a brush for the first time or the hundredth, students emerge from this course with greater confidence and a renewed passion for painting.

#### Dynamic Drawing with Jill Pottle

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, Sept. 19-Nov. 21 IN PERSON**

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.



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

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## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

### FOR ALL AGES

**Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time.** Every week, all week long! Drop in for some freestyle crafting!

### FOR BABIES THROUGH PRESCHOOL

**Sign-up is required for all events below.**

**Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5** Thursdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 12, & Nov. 2, 11:15 am-12 pm.

Learn cool moves using a hula hoop! Games, dance, and movement. Hoops provided.

**Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2** Wednesdays every week starting Sept. 13. Times: 10:30-11 am **or** 11:15-11:45 am.

**Storytime for Ages 3-5** Thursdays every week starting Sept. 14, 10:30-11:00 am. Two presenters:

- \* Miss Jacquie (aka "Strega Mama") most weeks with stories and songs selected for preschoolers.
- \* Mirrors & Windows with Miss Sheila meets the 3rd Thursday of the month on Sept. 21, Oct. 19, & Nov. 16.

**Preschool Yoga for Children Ages 3-5** Fridays, Sept. 15, 22, & 29; Oct. 13, 20, & 27; Nov. 10 & 17, 10:15-11 am.

Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown incorporates movement and breathing into simple literacy activities. *Sign-up opens one week ahead.*

**Music and Movement with the Family Partnership Center for Babies-Preschool** Tuesdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 14 & 28, and Dec. 12, 10:30-11 am. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!

**Tales & Tunes for Tots** Story and music time for infants and preschoolers with popular entertainers, one Friday most months, 10:30-11:15 am. **Oct. 6: Music with Julie. Nov. 3: Rockabye Beats.**

### FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

**Read to Blitzen** Wednesdays, Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 11 & 25, 4-5 pm. Kids gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog.

**LEGO® Spike for Grades 3-5** Saturdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 4, and Dec. 9, 3-4 pm. Kids explore coding concepts while creating simple models with LEGOs.

**Book Bears Book Discussions for Grades 2 & 3** Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting Sept. 14, 4-4:30 pm. Led by Miss Jennie.

**LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12** Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 4-4:45 pm, starting Sept. 19. We supply the LEGOs—you supply the imagination!

**Read-Aloud for Grades K-2** Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm, starting Sept. 21. Jennie Fitzkee reads aloud from the best chapter books.

**Book Worms Book Discussions for Grades 4 & 5** Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month, starting Oct. 3, 4-4:45 pm. Led by Miss Carrie.

**Comics Club for Grades 3-5** First Tuesday of every month, 5-5:45 pm, starting Oct. 3. Draw, write, and create your own comics! Basic materials provided.

**Cursive Club for Grades 3 & 4** First Wednesday of the month, 4-4:45 pm, starting Oct. 4. Have fun learning and/or practicing writing cursive with Miss Carrie.

**Halloween Craft with the Crafty Girls for Grades pre-K-2** Sat. Oct. 7 at 11 am. Come in costume for a festive crafting party! *Sign-up opens Sept. 7.*

**Felt an Eyeball Monster with Rachel Benson for Ages 8-12** Wed. Oct. 25, 4-5:30 pm. Learn the basics of felting to create an eyeball monster—just in time for Halloween! *Sign-up opens Sept. 25.*

**Gingerbread Workshop with Mandy Roberge for Ages 8-12** Wed. Dec. 6, 3:30-4:30 pm. Get festive and make a gingerbread house with Mandy Roberge. *Sign-up opens Oct. 6.*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **Wild Inside: Semi-Aquatic Mammals for Ages 8-12**

Sat. Oct. 21, 2-3 pm

Learn about beavers, otters, muskrats, and mink that live near the library! Presented by the Nashua River Watershed Assoc.

#### **Blitzen's 10th Birthday Party!**

Wed. Oct. 25, 4:45-5:15 pm



Let's have a PARTY for our beloved therapy dog, Blitzen! Also enjoy a pre-Halloween COSTUME PARTY with cake, games, crafts, and a raffle for all who attend in costume!

#### **The Poop Museum! With Susie Maguire for Grades K-5**

Tue. Nov. 14, 6:30-7:15 pm

Join storyteller and teacher Susie Maguire to learn fun and fabulous facts about poop!

## TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)



### NEW! FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES! (Grades 6-12)

Every other Friday starting **September 8**, come enjoy a movie and snacks after school. Sign-ups are appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome! Check [gpl.org](http://gpl.org) for titles. **Fridays at 3 pm** on Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, and Nov. 17.



YA at GPL @gpl\_ya

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

Kindness Rocks*	Wed. Sept. 13	6-7:30 pm
T-Swift Lyric Hanger	Wed. Sept. 20	6-7:30 pm
Fall Lanterns	Wed. Oct. 11	6-7:15 pm
Copper Bookmarks	Sat. Oct. 14	1:30-3 pm
Spooky Cake Pops	Wed. Oct. 18	6-7:30 pm
Personalized Mini-Pumpkins	Thu. Oct. 26	4:30-5:30 pm
Sushi Candles & Candy	Wed. Nov. 8	6-7:30 pm

*All supplies & instructions will be provided.*

*\*For the Police Station garden, so these are make but not take!*

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: New Campaigns (Grades 6-12)

Groups meet every other week. Pick from two sessions:  
Saturdays, 2-4 pm: Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18  
Fridays, 3:30-5 pm: Sept. 15 & 29, Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 3 & 17

*Participants are expected to commit to one group and attend all the sessions in their group if possible.*



### TEEN GAME LOUNGE (Grades 6-12) Drop in!

Nintendo Switch and board games available.  
Fridays, 3:30-5 pm  
Sept. 15 & 29, Oct. 13, & Dec. 22

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Book Worm Masters (Grades 6 & 7)** - Second Tuesday of every month, 4:30-5:30 pm, starting Oct. 10.

**Crackerjacks Book Club (Grades 8 & up)** - Second Thursday every other month, 4:45-5:45 pm, starting Oct. 12.

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 your skills, complete puzzles, and breakout for a prize!

<b>Raiders of the Lost Locker</b>	Thu. Sept. 21, 5-6 pm
<b>Dr. Johnson's Zombie Apocalypse</b>	Thu. Nov. 2, 5-6 pm

### NEW! COMICS CLUB (Grades 6-12)

Share your love of comics and graphic novels, spend time drawing and writing, and have fun! Supplies will be provided. Every 2nd Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 pm, starting Sept. 12.



### MINECRAFT ON ZOOM

Meet on Zoom to play on our library server with our Game Administrator Miss Amy. A Java Minecraft account is required.

2nd Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm on Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14. The server is available 24/7 to play. Email [teens@gpl.org](mailto:teens@gpl.org) for information on joining.

### LLAMA LOUNGE (Grades 5-8)

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

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



Dates this fall: Fri. Sept. 1, Fri. Oct. 27, Wed. Nov. 15, Thu. Nov. 16, Wed. Nov. 22, and Fri. Dec. 8.

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

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

Every first Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm  
Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6

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

Play Bingo to win adorable Squishmallow prizes!  
Thursday, Oct. 5, 5-6 pm  
Thursday, Dec. 7, 5-6 pm

### 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. Dates: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, and Dec. 20. Contact [teens@gpl.org](mailto:teens@gpl.org) for other opportunities.

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## ADULT EVENTS IN PERSON

### Grow Your Own Mushrooms, Thu. Sept. 14 at 7 pm



Grow your own mushrooms at home with expert support from Farmer Elizabeth herself! Elizabeth will set you—and your grow block—up for success, providing the science behind mushrooms, including life cycle and anatomy, as well as what to expect from your block.

### Equinox Celebration, Thu. Sept. 21 at 6:30 pm OFF-SITE at General Field

The Groton Conservation Trust and GPL invite you to join us for a free event at General Field on Farmers Row to celebrate the autumnal equinox and the coming of fall with s'mores and good company. *Rain date Sept. 28.*

### Watercolors with Brooke Lambert, Sat. Sept. 23 at 11 am

Learn to paint with watercolor, including techniques in color mixing, observational painting, and composition. At your own pace, you will learn how to paint still lifes using watercolor in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



### All About Hawks with Mass Audubon, Thu. Oct. 5 at 7 pm

An expert from the Massachusetts Audubon Society will discuss the most common species of hawks in Massachusetts, including how to tell them apart, their life cycles, and their hunting abilities.



### Nourish: Plant-Based Recipes to Feed Body, Mind, and Soul, Tue. Oct. 10 at 7 pm

Best-selling cookbook author, Terry Walters, introduces *Nourish: Plant-Based Recipes to Feed Body, Mind, and Soul*. *Nourish* features 200 vegan and gluten-free seasonal recipes, abundant information on healthy cooking techniques and tools, plus an entire section dedicated to fermentation and gut health.



### Felt a Ghost with Rachel Benson, Thu. Oct. 12 at 7 pm

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others. This month participants will create a clever and cute ghost! Create a needle-felted project to be proud of with talented fiber artist Rachel Benson. Materials will be provided.

### Custom Copper Bookmarks with Heather Beck, Sat. Oct. 14 at 11 am

This copper bookmark-making workshop teaches how to create your own drawings in metal with special tools and hammers. Learn to stamp your favorite images, words, and textures to create a truly unique bookmark that will stand the test of time. You'll learn proper hammer techniques, how to patina your bookmark, and share a wonderful class experience with friends.



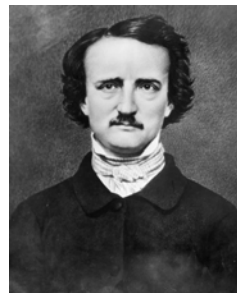
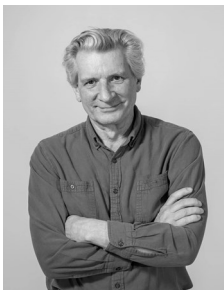
### Ghosts and Legends of New England with Jeff Belanger, Thu. Oct. 19 at 7 pm

Come explore the haunts around the world and those in your own backyard! Jeff Belanger brings different stories every time he offers this program, so no two are the same. This multi-media adventure draws from Jeff's 25 years of research for his books, podcasts, adventures, and various television shows that he has worked on. Join one of New England's premiere storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained.

## MORE ADULT EVENTS IN PERSON

### A Dramatic Recital of "The Raven" with Jeff Zygmunt, Thu. Oct. 26 at 7 pm

Hear a dramatic recital of Edgar Allan Poe's most famous poem, "The Raven"—the perfect work of American art to put you in a spooky mood. With props to enhance its suspenseful, supernatural tone, Jeffrey Zygmunt, a poet himself, will present "The Raven" with commentary to help you understand and enjoy the poem's haunting aspects. He also gives a brief summary of Poe's life and significance.



### Odysseus with Sebastian Lockwood, Thu. Nov. 2 at 7 pm

Using well-known scenes of *The Odyssey*, Sebastian Lockwood delivers the passion and intensity of the great epic that deserves to be experienced as it was told by bards in the days of old. It feels like being there!

### Caring for Older Adults in Groton, Sat. Nov. 4 at 2 pm OFF-SITE at the Prescott Center

Aging is a natural part of life, but planning is not. As our loved one ages, we are overwhelmed and stressed about how to care for them. As we age, we want to make decisions that best address our needs and reduce the burden on our future caregivers. Topics will include the "big picture": the assessment, available services, reference materials, and where to go from here. Panelists from various non-profit organizations will share their experiences, provide guidance, and answer any questions. *Co-sponsored with the Prescott Center, the Council of Aging, and Groton Neighbors.*



### Block Printing Table Runners with Kimberly Stoney, Sat. Nov. 4 at 11 am

Create a unique table runner for your home just in time for Thanksgiving! Perennial favorite Kimberly Stoney guides participants through the process of making and combining prints to bring mesmerizing textures to life on fabric.

### A Henna Journey through Morocco with Mandy Roberge, Thu. Nov. 9 at 7 pm

This unique henna/travel/storytelling program will include a presentation of Mandy's 2023 trip to Morocco to study under the masters. She'll share photo slides, observations, and experiences with Moroccan culture, concluding with each participant getting a henna design in the Moroccan style. While you wait, you can try your hand at henna design using a syringe—the traditional henna application method used in Morocco.



### Create a Fall Scene with Rachel Benson, Thu. Nov. 16 at 7 pm

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others. This month participants will create a stunning fall scene. Create a needle-felted project to be proud of with talented fiber artist Rachel Benson. Materials will be provided.

### Never miss an event, new offering, or program update!

For the latest library news, events, and updates, sign up for our biweekly Check It Out email newsletter!

Sign up at <https://gpl.org/how-to/join-our-mailing-list> or email [circulation@gpl.org](mailto:circulation@gpl.org).



## VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAM SERIES VIA ZOOM

Thanks to a new collaboration with three other libraries, we are now able to offer virtual programs four nights a week, Monday-Thursday, with more events being added all the time! *When libraries share, everybody wins!*

### MUSIC HISTORY SERIES WITH VINNIE BRUNO

**The Fantastic Voyage of David Bowie**, Tue. Sept. 26, 7 pm  
**Queen**, Tue. Oct. 17 at 7 pm  
**Elton John: Your Songs**, Tue. Nov. 28 at 7 pm

### HISTORY SERIES

**Summer of '69** with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. Sept. 5 at 7 pm  
**Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Libraries**, Tue. Sept. 12 at 7 pm  
**"Now He Belongs to the Ages": The Lincoln Assassination**, Tue. Sept. 19 at 7 pm  
**Hidden History of the First Ladies** with A Tour of Her Own, Tue. Oct. 24 at 7 pm  
**No Irish Need Apply: A History of the Irish in Boston** with Chris Daley, Tue. Nov. 14 at 7 pm  
**The Silk Road** with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. Nov. 21 at 7 pm

### TRAVEL SERIES

**The Traveling Librarian Visits Oman**, Thu. Sept. 14 at 7 pm  
**Gardens of the Scottish Highlands**, Tue. Oct. 3 at 7 pm  
**The Magical Gardens of Wales**, Tue. Nov. 7 at 7 pm  
**Beer Hiking in New England**, Thu. Nov. 9 at 6:30 pm  
**Gardens of the Emerald Isle**, Tue. Dec. 19 at 7 pm

### LITERATURE COMES TO LIFE SERIES

**(Not So) Elementary, My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes** with Ann McClellan, Tue. Sept. 12, 7 pm  
**The Imaginary Worlds of Jules Verne** with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. Oct. 10 at 7 pm

### ART HISTORY SERIES

**Abstract Expressionism** with Culturally Curious, Thu. Sept. 28 at 7 pm  
**Boston's Statues: How and What a City Chooses to Remember**, Thu. Oct. 12 at 7 pm  
**Shaken: Art That Rocked People from the Renaissance to Today** with Culturally Curious, Thu. Oct. 26 at 7 pm  
**From Durer to Brueghel: Masterworks of the Northern Renaissance** with Culturally Curious, Thu. Nov. 16, 7 pm

### FILM SERIES WITH FRANK MANDOSA

**A Look Back at Jurassic Park—The 30th Anniversary**, Mon. Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm  
**A Look Back at King Kong—The 90th Anniversary**, Mon. Oct. 30 at 6:30 pm  
**A Look Back at Superheroes in Film**, Mon. Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm

### AUTHOR VISITS

**Andrea Penrose** and *Murder at the Merton Library*, Mon. Sept. 18 at 7 pm  
**Colleen Cambridge** and *Mastering the Art of French Murder*, Mon. Sept. 25 at 7 pm  
**Kat Martin** and *The Ghost Illusion*, Mon. Oct. 16 at 7 pm  
**Michael Falco** and *Murder in an Italian Village*, Mon. Nov. 6 at 7 pm

### ORGANIZING SERIES

**Time to Spare: How to Declutter Your Home, Calendar, and To-Do List**, Thu. Sept. 7 at 7 pm  
**Welcome Home: Three Steps to Create a Comfy, Cozy, Clutter-Free Home**, Thu. Nov. 30 at 7 pm  
**Seven Quick (Last-Minute) Holiday Decluttering Tasks**, Thu. Dec. 14 at 7 pm

### HAUNTINGS AND HOLIDAYS SERIES

**More Haunted Lighthouses with Jeremy D'Entremont**, Mon. Oct. 16 at 7 pm  
**Paranormal Hotspots in New England**, Thu. Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERIES

**Find More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are**, Wed. Sept. 13 at 7 pm  
**Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis**, Mon. Sept. 18 at 7 pm  
**Endangered Eating: America's Vanishing Food** with Sarah Lohman, Thu. Sept. 21 at 7 pm

### ASIAN ART SERIES

Spend your Sunday afternoon with experts from the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco! Each month will focus on a unique topic from this vast, diverse, and ever-evolving continent. Second Sunday of the month, Sept-June, via Zoom.

Fall Sessions: **Art Across Asia**, Sept. 10 at 2:30 pm.

**Hidden Meanings in Chinese Art**, Oct. 8 at 2:30 pm. **Japanese Aesthetics**, Nov. 12 at 2:30 pm.

## ADULT DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

### HORROR BOOK GROUP (New!)

Meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. Future books will be chosen by the group at the first meeting.

Oct. 11—*What Moves the Dead* by T. Kingfisher

### SUPPER CLUB (New!)

Share a meal, explore different foods, and build community! Meets one Tuesday per month at 7 pm.

Sept. 7—Exploring Spices

Oct. 12—Appetizers and Finger Foods

Nov. 16—Native American Foods

### READING RAMBLERS GROUP

Meet at a Groton Conservation Trust property for a walk through nature while chatting about what you are reading. Meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday at 10 am.

Sept. 6—Throne Hill

Oct. 4—Hayes Woods

Nov. 1—TBD

### 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. Sept. 8, Oct. 13, & Nov. 10.

### 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.

Oct. 10—Guest Speaker Terry Walters (see page 4)

Dec. 12—Tofu Taste Test and Comparison

### MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP

Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

Sept. 21—*Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry

Oct. 19—*The Searcher* by Tana French

Dec. 7—*The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill

### GPL PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm.

Sept. 26—*Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

Oct. 24—*To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf

Nov. 28—*Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen

### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

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

Sept. 5—The Opportunity Gap

Oct. 3—Religious Freedom & Non-Discrimination

Nov. 7—Money in Politics

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS

Meets every other Saturday at 11 am.

Sept. 2, 16, & 30; Oct. 14 & 28; Nov. 25. *No mtg. Nov. 11.*

### SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher, Verónica Mazzu. Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7 pm via Zoom.

Sept. 5 & 19; Oct. 3 & 17; Nov. 7 & 28.

### FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES

Experience films from around the world followed by enlightening conversations. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 3 pm.

Sept. 26—*Babette's Feast* (Denmark)

Oct. 24—*Kahaani* (India)

Nov. 28—*Yi Yi* (Taiwan)

### GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Readings are selected by the Great Books Foundation.

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm.

Sept. 20—*The Daughters of the Late Colonel* by Katherine Mansfield

Oct. 18—*R.U.R.* by Karel Čapek

Nov. 15—"My Confession" by Mary McCarthy

### 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.

### SPICE CLUB (Online only)

Sept.—Elderberry and Elderflower

Oct.—Bay Leaf

Nov.—Sage

**TRIVIA TUESDAY** (Online only). New quizzes every week!



### Welcome to Sarah Breen, GPL's New Assistant Director!

We are excited to welcome Sarah back to the Groton Public Library as our first Assistant Director! Her first library job was as a Shelver at GPL! Most recently, Sarah was the Reference Supervisor at the Needham (MA) Free Public Library. She is currently serving as the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Library Association. She enjoys reading, animals, and coffee.

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### Library Hours

**Tue-Wed-Thu 10-9**

**Fri 10-6 & Sat 10-5 & Sun 1-5**

**Sunday hours resume Sept. 10!**

*Closed Sundays Memorial Day to Labor  
Day. Closed Mondays.*

### Fall Holiday Closings

Sat. Nov. 11 for Veterans Day  
Wed. Nov. 22: Close early at 6 pm  
Thu. Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving

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**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!** From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending storytime, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy!

## DON'T HAVE A LIBRARY CARD?

With an eCard, your library is open 24/7!



*Your library is open 24/7 with a standard card, too!*

### No library card? No problem! Get an eCard!

Residents without a Groton or MVLC library card can register online for a new eCard and get access to our online resources and digital collections immediately! Once verified, eCards remain active for 3 years.

Go to <https://ln.mvlc.org/ecard> to register. eCards can be upgraded at the library for full borrowing privileges, including the ability to place holds and gain access to all materials, collections, and services.

### Banned Books Week October 1-7, 2023

#### Celebrate Your Freedom to Read!

"The freedom to read is essential to  
our democracy."

—From the Freedom to Read Statement  
by the American Library Association



Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to read and spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. For over 40 years, this annual event has brought together the entire book community in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas. Celebrate by reading a banned book—or not! It's **your** choice!

**Volunteer Opportunity:** There is a vacancy on our six-member Board of Library Trustees. The Trustees oversee all library operations, establish policies, and serve as advocates for good library service. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. More information at [gpl.org/trustees](http://gpl.org/trustees). If interested, please apply by **Sept. 15**.

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