

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY-MARCH 2023 EVENTS & NEWS



ALL THE FEELS!
Winter Reading Program
Jan. 1—Feb. 28, 2023
 For Kids in Grades K-5
 & Teens in Grades 6-12

Winter Reading for Kids Gr. K-5:
 Read, Play BINGO, & Earn Prizes!

Winter Reading for Teens Grades 6-12

Join us for *ALL THE FEELS* this Winter! Jan 1-Feb. 28

No matter what you are in the mood for, you can find it at GPL! Sign up and log your time spent reading to earn great prizes! Win Books, Dunkin' and Barnes & Noble gift cards, plus earn tickets for the Cozy Reading Grand Prize Basket!

It's Easy to Track Your Reading in the Beanstack App!

1. Download for free from your app store
2. Create an account using your email
3. Register for Winter Reading & Track your reading to win prizes! Or use online at grotonpubliclibrary.beanstack.org.



Find out more at GPL.ORG!

FOR THE LOVE OF READING:
Winter Reading Challenge for Adults!
Jan. 1—Feb. 28, 2023

Weekly prize drawings plus a Grand Prize of a Love Yourself Care Package!



GROTON READS...& GARDENS Coming MARCH 2023!

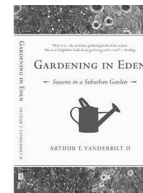
Celebrate community, reading, planting, and growing with family, friends, and neighbors as we partner with the Groton Garden Club in celebration of their **100th Anniversary** for Groton Reads...AND GARDENS!

Enjoy talks, hands-on programs, and artistic displays—something for everyone—gardeners and non-gardeners alike! We're planting the seeds now for March!

Two books to choose from—our “companion plantings”—

Nature's Best Hope : a new approach to conservation that starts in your yard by Douglas W. Tallamy (2019)

Gardening in Eden : the joys of planning and tending a garden by Arthur T. Vanderbilt II (2003)



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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, or
 - * Call us @ 978-448-1167

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

ALL AGES:

Sign-up required unless noted as drop-in.

Creative Kids Drop-In Craft Time. New craft every Tuesday! Available all week for some drop in, freestyle crafting!

Beautiful Stuff Drop-In Craft for All Ages. Thursday, December 29, 10 am-1 pm. Create beautiful hanging artwork with everyday found objects.



BABIES THROUGH PRESCHOOL:

Tales & Tunes for Tots. Story & music time for infants & preschoolers with popular entertainers, usually one Friday per month, 10:30-11:15 am. Jan 6: Steve Blunt. Feb 3 & Mar 3: TBD

Mother Goose Storytime for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays, starting Jan 11, 10:30-11:00 am. For kids age 0-2 and their caregivers.

Strega Mama Storytime for 3, 4, & 5 year-old's. Most Thursdays, starting Jan 12, 10:30-11:00 am. Join Strega Mama for stories and songs selected for the interests and attention of preschoolers.

Preschool Yoga for Ages 3-5. Fridays: Jan 13, 20, & 27 and Feb 10 & 17, 10:30 am-11:15 am. Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown's classes incorporate movement and breathing into simple literacy activities.

Mirrors & Windows with Miss Sheila for Ages 3-5. Every third Thursday, Jan 19; Feb 16; Mar 16. In this storytime geared toward ages 3-5, children hear stories where they see themselves reflected (like looking in a mirror) AND learn something new about someone else (like looking in a window).

Winter Reading Challenge Jan 1—Feb 28! See page 1.

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN:

Family Movie Days! Wednesdays during vacation weeks, 1 pm. Dec 28: *Lightyear*; Feb 22: *Inside Out*.

Read-Aloud with Jennie for Grades K-2. Meets the first & third Thursday every month, 4-4:30 pm. Starts Jan 5. Listen to Jennie Fitzkee read aloud from the best children's chapter books!

Read to a Dog. Read to Blitzen: Jan 11 & Feb 8, 4-5 pm. Read to Shiver: Jan 25 & Feb 22, 4-5 pm. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Shiver and Blitzen are certified through the Pets & People Foundation. Sign up your child for a 15-minute time slot.

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets the second Thursday of every month, starting Jan 12, 4-4:30 pm.

Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. Meets the first Tuesday of every month. Starts Jan 17, 4-4:45 pm.

LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12. Meets the third Tuesday of the month, starting Jan 17, 4-5 pm. We supply the LEGOs—you supply the imagination!

Comics Club for Grades 3-5. First Tuesday of the month. Starts Jan 17, 5-5:45pm. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project to work on or start a new one! Bring some favorite graphic novels to share with the group or your own creations and designs. Basic materials provided.

Make a Suncatcher with Mandy Roberge for Grades 3-5. Wednesday, Jan 25, 4-5 pm. Join Mandy for some fun afternoon crafting to catch that winter sun!

Valentine's Day Craft Party for Grades K-2. Saturday, Feb 11, 11am-12 pm. Celebrate Valentine's Day at GPL!

Art Class with Mr. Caleb for Grades 3-5. Tuesday, Feb 21, 3-4 pm. Construct a hibernation house for animal friends using a combination of materials!

Felt a Cactus with Rachel Benson for Grades 3-5. Wednesday, March 8, 4-5:15 pm. Learn the basics of felting and make a cute cactus!

Sign up on our online calendar at gpl.org, call Children's at 978-448-1168, or email kids@gpl.org for information.

ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES (Grades 6-12) in Sibley Hall

Art With Caleb. Different techniques every session. Thurs. 3:30-5 pm. Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9, Mar. 9 & 23, Apr. 6, May 4.	
Customize a Clock!	Thurs. Jan. 5, 3:30-5 pm.
Beeswax Sushi Candles	Wed. Jan. 11, 6--7:30 pm
Painting & Perler	Thurs. Jan. 19, 3:30-5 pm
Yarn Wrapped Initials	Thurs. Feb. 2, 3:30-5 pm
Pretzel Flower Candy	Thurs. Feb 16, 3:30-5 pm
Paper Flowers	Thurs. Mar. 2, 3:30-5 pm
Make & Take a Terrarium	Wed. Mar. 8, 6-7 pm
Veggie Prints Art Class	Thurs. Mar. 16, 3:30-5 pm
Flower Arranging	Thurs. Mar. 23, 6:30-7:30 pm
Garden Plant Labels	Thurs. Mar. 30, 3:30-5 pm



EVENTS FOR TEENS

CLUBS!

Book Worm MASTERS (Grades 6 & 7)
 Meets second Tuesday of every month, 4:30-5:30 pm: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14. If you love to read and talk about books with friends, join us for a fun and relaxed book group led by Miss Carrie.

Coding Club (Grades 5-8)
 Learn to code and build your own video games using platforms like Scratch and Tynker. Fridays, 4-5 pm: Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17, Mar. 3, 17, & 31.

Debate Club! (Grades 6-9)
 Make your voice heard by learning the art of debate in an inclusive space. Ideas and opinions are encouraged and taken to new levels! This club will strengthen your rhetorical and persuasive skills in a fun and engaging way. Meets every other Friday, 4:30-5:30 pm: Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17, and Mar. 3, 17, & 31.

LLAMA LOUNGE DROP IN
Grades 5-8 on GDRMS Half-Days
 Drop in with your friends and play Switch games, board games, do a craft, go online, enjoy some treats, listen to music, and/or get your homework done!
Fridays 11:30 am to 3 pm:
Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17



Contact Teen/YA Librarian Deb Dowson
 teens@gpl.org or 978-448-1167 x 1325

FUN AND GAMES!

Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-10) Fridays 3:30-5 pm. Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10, Mar. 10 & 24, April 7, May 5 & 19. **OR** Saturdays, 2-4 pm. Jan. 21, Mar. 4, Mar. 25, Apr. 15, May 6 & May 27. Participants are encouraged to attend all the dates in the series they sign up for.

Minecraft (Grades 5-10) The library Java **Minecraft** server is always available, but players meet in the library once a month to play in person (with the option to join by Zoom). Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 pm on Jan. 18, Feb. 8, Mar. 15.

Game Lounge (Grades 6-12) Fridays, 3:30-5:00 pm. Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10 & 24.

Escape Rooms (Grade 6-12) Put your puzzle-solving skills to the test and earn a prize. Wed. Feb. 22, 6:30-7:30 pm and Wed. March 22, 6:30-7:30pm in Sibley Hall.

Robotics Battle-Bots Challenge: (Grades 5-10) Create a battle-ready robot using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits. Compete for prizes! 6-7:30 pm. Wednesdays, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, & March 1.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS: If you love the library and library programs, help advise and assist our Young Adult Librarian by joining our Young Adult Advisory Council! It's a great way to earn volunteer hours! We meet once a month on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in Sibley Hall, with a Zoom option. Upcoming meetings: Jan. 25, Feb. 15, Mar. 29, Apr. 26, & May 31. Contact teens@gpl.org for other opportunities to volunteer.

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ADULT EVENTS

Lifestyle Medicine with Dr. Maryam Salehpour, Tuesday, January 10 at 7 pm (IN PERSON)

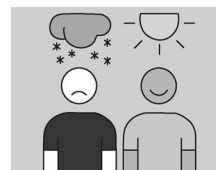
Dr. Salehpour will discuss the six pillars of lifestyle medicine and how therapeutic lifestyle interventions can be used as a primary modality to treat chronic conditions. She will also address how to utilize goal-setting strategies to set and achieve goals for health behavior change, specifically how to narrow down a broadly stated goal to one that is specific and achievable.

Immigrants' Rights and Democracy, Tuesday, January 10 at 7 pm (ZOOM)

On September 14, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis (FL) routed approximately 50 asylum seekers from San Antonio, TX, to Martha's Vineyard, MA. Professor Sarah Sherman-Stokes, associate director of the Immigrants' Rights & Human Trafficking Clinic at Boston University School of Law, will share the legal implications of DeSantis' actions and will address current issues in asylum law and policy.

Seasonal Affective Disorder with Rosanna Casavecchia, Thursday, January 12 at 7 pm (IN PERSON)

Learn about how changes related to the seasons and the impact it has on emotional balance. Come and gain insight about what you can do to reduce the potential effects of this often-debilitating condition.



Paint with Wool with Rachel Benson, Saturday, January 14 at 2 pm (IN PERSON)

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others! This month, participants create a seasonal scene with talented fiber artist, Rachel Benson. All materials will be provided at the time of the workshop. First priority given to residents who have not participated in a previous felting event (thru 1/7). *Please note this event is intended for adults only; for teen events, see page 3.*

That 60's Pop Sound: Stories from the Brill Building Songwriters, Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm (ZOOM)

The Brill Building is located at 1619 Broadway in New York City along with other neighborhood buildings that housed many composers and publishers in the late 50's and 60's. Their recordings have become known as the Brill Building Sound. We will explore the many songwriters (including Burt Bacharach, Carole King, Neil Sedaka) who are responsible for creating the extraordinary soundtrack that not only defined an era but whose influence endures five decades later.

Birding without Binoculars with Steve Hale, Thursday, January 19 at 7 pm (IN PERSON)



Several New England birds can be identified with confidence without binoculars—if you know what to look for. Learn to identify several birds of prey, including Bald Eagles by their color patterns and flight styles; Great Blue Herons by their slow shallow wingbeats, Pileated Woodpeckers as they fly across your view, and more.

On the Road Again: A Brief History of American Travel, Tuesday, January 24 at 7 pm (ZOOM)

Jo Ann Tufo, historian and experienced virtual/hybrid presenter, explores the history of American travel in a colorful and lively lecture format. Jo Ann utilizes her extensive travel experience to paint a picture of American travel from the colonial period to the present. She highlights the beautiful, whimsical, and somewhat unusual places she has visited while exploring our country on dirt roads of yester year forward to the modern highways of the 21st century.



ADULT EVENTS:

Winter Perk Up with Kimberly Stoney, Thursday, January 26 at 7 pm (IN PERSON)

Is your home looking a bit plain after taking all the holiday decorations down? Come explore art materials and create some new decorations to perk up those winter blahs! All experience levels welcome.

The Library Band in Concert, Sunday, January 29 at 2:30 pm. (IN PERSON) Rescheduled from fall 2022.

This acoustic duo plays original music with touches of folk, world, and indie musical traditions.

The Chaco and the Aztec, Tuesday, January 31 at 7pm (ZOOM)

Chaco Cultural National Historical Park and Aztec Ruins National Monument preserve are major centers of Ancestral Pueblo culture dating between 850 and 1250CE. Buried for hundreds of years under wind-blown sands, these monumental complexes were occupied for several centuries and ultimately left behind echoes of a complex and sophisticated society that is continued by their descendants today.



Eastern Coyote/Coywolf Ecology and Behavior, Thursday, February 2 at 7 pm (ZOOM)

Author and researcher Jon Way shares stories, video clips, and over 100 pictures of eastern coyotes/ coywolves! He'll explain how coyotes behave and why they are so successful living near people.

Before Brooklyn with Ted Reinstein, Groton Center, Saturday, February 4 at 1 pm

Ted Reinstein, reporter for WCVB's nightly news magazine, "Chronicle," has written a new book—*Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier*. IN PERSON at The Center, 163 West Main Street.



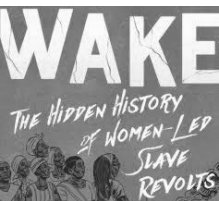
Snowy Winter Landscape in Watercolor, Saturday, February 4 at 2 pm (IN PERSON)

Winter transforms the landscape by sharpening compositions, simplifying shapes, and accentuating contrasts. By employing easy techniques: flashes of bright color, wet-in-wet hazes, or just unpainted paper, we can evoke the distinctive diffuse light of the season and build a plausible snowy landscape. Make greeting cards or other intimate portraits of typical wintery subject matter such as evergreens, rustic outbuildings, and snow drifts. All levels of experience are welcome to attend.

Artisan Bread in 5 Minutes with Liz Barbour, Tuesday, February 7 at 7 pm (ZOOM)

This artisan bread recipe and method is truly the easiest bread you will ever bake—even if you have never baked bread before! This class will focus on the "Master Recipe" from the best-selling cookbook "Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day." You'll be baking artisan-style bread in no time!

Dr. Rebecca Hall & WAKE, Saturday, February 11 at 2:30 pm (ZOOM)



Radcliffe Institute Fellow and award-winning author Rebecca Hall discusses her latest book, *WAKE: The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts*. Using in-depth archival research and the measured use of historical imagination, Dr. Hall brings to life the women who fought for freedom during the Middle Passage and those who led slave revolts in Colonial New York.

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Sunday Concert Series, Sunday, February 12 at 2:30 pm (IN PERSON) Performer: TBD.

Bob Dylan Revisited with Vinnie Bruno, Tuesday, February 14 at 7 pm (ZOOM)

Travel on the road with Bob Dylan as he navigates through the turbulent decade of the 1960's— as a child in Minnesota to a folk troubadour of Greenwich Village, to becoming the rock/poet enigma of his time. Highlights from his post-60's work will also be briefly explored, as well as his extraordinary artistic achievements as a songwriter, poet, and cultural icon of the 20th century.

**American Sherlock: The Birth of American CSI with Kate Dawson, Thursday, February 23 at 7 pm (ZOOM)**

Known as the “American Sherlock Holmes,” Edward Oscar Heinrich was one of America’s greatest—and first—forensic scientists, with an uncanny knack for finding clues, establishing evidence, and deducing answers with a skill that seemed almost supernatural. His work, though not without its serious—some would say fatal—flaws, changed the course of American criminal investigation. Author Kate Dawson digs into this origin story.

Paste Paper Workshop with Ann-Marie LaBollita, Saturday, February 25 at 1 pm (IN PERSON)

The use of paste paper designs on book covers and end pages has been in practice since the 1700's. It is one of the oldest decorative paper making techniques used by bookbinders. More recently, paste papers are made and used by artists and crafters as book covers, in collages and to make cards.

Sunday Concert Series, Sunday, March 12 at 2:30 pm (IN PERSON) Performer: TBD

ART GALLERY	Flower Power: Art in the Garden and the Garden in Art January 4 through April 22, 2023	Groton-Dunstable School Show April 25 through the spring
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LIBRARY LIFELONG LEARNING (LLL) SERIES**CULTURALLY CURIOUS: European Art Monthly Series with Jane Oneail, Sundays at 3 pm (ZOOM)**

Join the delightful Jane for interactive and engaging talks with images around great artists and art history!

January 8: Sunflowers and Starry Nights: The Genius of Vincent Van Gogh

February 5: Sacred Symbols and Devilish Details: Northern Renaissance Painting from Campin to Bosch

March 5: Parisian Cafes and Impressionist Painting

April 16: The Surreal World of Rene Magritte

Sign up for each Sunday you plan to attend!

21st CENTURY SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS**Four Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 7-9 pm (IN PERSON)**

The climate crisis is no longer hypothetical. It has arrived. Join energy experts/activists in this presentation and discussion about addressing climate change using modern nuclear power. Take a deep dive into the safety, science, and enormous power of uranium and thorium as a 21st century solution to meet the escalating world demand for electricity. Examine the exaggerated fears about nuclear operations, waste, health and safety. Find out what's new about modern nuclear reactors to feed regional power grids with clean energy 24/7, and how other countries are developing this low-carbon energy source. *Limited to 12.*

STORIES ONLY YOU CAN TELL WITH ZOANN GUERNSEY**Five Wednesdays, February 8 & 15, March 1, 8, & 15, 6-8 pm —Storytelling Event March 22 (IN PERSON)**

The perennial favorite returns! Our life experiences are rich with stories, and here is your opportunity to record them. Sign up is required, as class size is limited to 8. First-time attendees are given first preference.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP meets two Tuesdays every month at 7 pm (ZOOM)

Have fun while you learn and practice! Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher, Verónica Mazzu.

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JOIN THE DISCUSSION WITH ADULT GROUPS AT GPL!

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

READING RAMBLERS GROUP

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 10 am
No need to read anything extra! Meet at the designated Groton Conservation Trust property to walk through nature while chatting about whatever you are reading! Jan 11, Feb 1, & Mar 1

LOS LITERARIOS: SPANISH LITERARY SOCIETY (NEW)

Meets monthly on the 2nd Friday at 4 pm via Zoom
This is a group for those who would like to discuss what they are reading in Spanish! Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, and Apr 14

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm
Readings are from *Great Conversations 6*.
Jan 18 The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám/
 Rabbi Ben Ezra, Omar Khayyám/
 Robert Browning
Feb 15 The Lifted Veil, George Eliot
Mar 15 The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg,
 Mark Twain

MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP

Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7 pm
Jan 19 *The Body in the Library* by Agatha Christie
Feb 16 *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz
Mar 16 *Lightning Strike* by William Kent Kreuger

GPL PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly, usually the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm
Jan 24 *Elephant Company*
 by Vicky Constantine Croke
Feb 28 *The Personal Librarian* by
 Marie Benedict and Heather Terrell
Mar 28 *Clara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES

Meets monthly on the last Tuesday at 3 pm
Experience films from around the world followed by enlightening conversation.
Jan 31 *My name is Salt* (India)
Feb 28 *The Lives of Others* (Germany)
Mar 28 *Incendies* (French Canada)

COOK THE BOOK CLUB

Meets every other month on a Thursday at 7 pm
Join us as we delve into culture, techniques, & more.
Feb 9 Soup Swap
Apr 13 Show and Tell Your Favorite Cookbook
Jun 8 *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat* by Samin Nosrat

PLANT POWERED GROUP

Meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm
A place to explore non-meat options and lifestyle.
Jan 10 Maryam Salehpour, MD (*see page 4*)
Mar 14 Planning for Your Vegetable Garden

SPECIAL INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS!



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS for Adults (NEW): 11 am-2 pm (IN PERSON)
Saturdays: Jan 14, Feb 4, Feb 25, Mar 18, April 8, April 29, and beyond.
THIS IS RIDICULOUS, THIS IS AMAZING: Parent/Caregiver Group at 7 pm (ZOOM). Tuesdays: Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7—Topics vary each month.



TECHNOLOGY BROWN BAG LUNCHES with STAFF (NEW): Meets monthly 3rd Tuesday, 1 pm (IN PERSON)
Bring your lunch and devices and learn the ins and outs of different GPL technologies and digital resources.

BODIES IN THE LIBRARY for Mystery Writers: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 5 pm (ZOOM)

SPICE CLUB: Try a new spice every month and share your experiences!

Jan — Juniper Berries Feb — Asafoetida March — Lavender

GPL KNITTING GROUP Meets every Thursday, 1:30-3:30 pm All handicrafts (and crafters!) welcome.

TRIVIA TUESDAYS ONLINE New challenges every week!

Info. as of Dec. 15, 2022; please check the gpl.org calendar for updates and to sign up. Or call us at 978-448-1167.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 10-9
Wednesday 10-9

Thursday 10-9
Friday 10-6
Closed Monday

Saturday 10-5
Sunday (Sept-May) 1-5

JEFFREY PIKE IS RETIRING in April!



Jeffrey Pike, GPL's Technology Services Librarian, will retire on **April 14, 2023** after **25 years** of service! Jeff's outsized contribution has made him the face and voice of the library for so many in the community. It would be nearly impossible to overstate the impact of all the service, research, and technology assistance he has provided to residents (and staff)! He has been a gem, a community asset, is irreplaceable, and will be greatly missed! We wish him the very best as he moves forward into retirement!

Jeff began his association with the Library in 1997 as a volunteer. He joined the staff in 1998, working as a Library Assistant in the Children's Room. With his Master's in Library Science, he was quickly promoted to Technology Services Librarian in 2000. Besides serving as Network Administrator, Jeff has also worked as a Reference Librarian, Cataloger, and Manager of GPL's Music Collection.

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Library! Why? Because we ♥ our patrons!

All Day (10-9) on Tuesday, February 14

We invite you to a Valentine's Day celebration with staff and library lovers! Visit our café area for hot chocolate and homemade treats! Stop by to enjoy some goodies, chat with other book lovers, write a valentine to the library, and take a book home on a blind date!

