

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2023-FEBRUARY 2024 NEWS & EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

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. Dec. 17 at 2:30 pm—Cold Chocolate



Cold Chocolate is a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound all their own. With Ethan Robbins on guitar and mandolin and Ariel Bernstein on banjo and percussion, this power duo from Boston has been impressing audiences throughout New England and beyond for years.

Sat. Jan. 6 at 2:30 pm—Daniel Gay (Rescheduled!)

Travel the world through music! Interweaving piano, accordion, and guitar, Daniel draws on influences from Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. His music is also inspired by the students he has taught throughout his 25 years in the music classroom.



Sun. Jan. 21 at 2:30 pm—Scott Ouellette

Scott is a self-taught classical solo guitarist who has been delighting audiences up and down the east coast! He performs original music, as well as standards in the classical and Spanish guitar repertoire.



Sun. Feb. 18 at 2:30 pm—Matt York and the Story of Johnny Cash

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career spanning from the 1950s to his passing in 2003.



Groton Public Library

99 Main Street

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**GPL Programs Are
Free and Open to All**

For more information on
programs and to sign up:

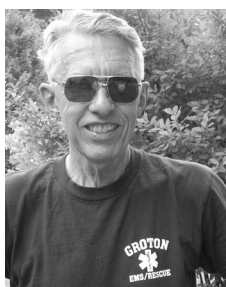
- * View our calendar at gpl.org
- * Email info@gpl.org
- * Call us @ 978-448-1167

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ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

- * **Central Massachusetts Pastel Society:** Nov. through Dec. 17
Artists' Reception on Sunday, Dec. 3, 1-3 pm
- * **Harold Sanford, Watercolors:** Dec. 20 through Mar. 9

Remembering Leroy (Roy) Johnson (1928-2023), a Groton Original



Roy worked at the library for 32 years as our maintenance handyman, not fully retiring until he was 88! There wasn't a building problem he couldn't solve—often manufacturing the solution himself! Roy was famous locally for his frugality, curmudgeonly ways, and forthright speech, but his service, loyalty, and dedication to the things he cared about was unparalleled. His exceptional work ethic was on display in everything he did. Roy lived by the belief that we should always be figuring out how to do every job better.

Upon retiring, Roy said, "I have the library in my heart." Well, Roy, you are forever in OUR hearts! Your impact on the library and town goes back generations and will continue for generations to come. It is so hard to imagine Groton without you, but we do know what you would want us to do: soldier on, work hard, and do our best for the library and town that you loved so much. You will be greatly missed!

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Information as of **November 15, 2023**. 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. Every week, all week in the Children's Room. Drop in for some freestyle crafting!

Monthly Programs for Babies through Pre-K:

No storytimes during school vacation weeks.

Sign-up is required for all events below.



Tales & Tunes for Tots. Story & music time for infants and preschoolers with popular entertainers, Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am. Jan. 5: **Matt Heaton**. Feb. 2: **Annie Masero**

Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays every week, 10:30-11 am OR 11:15-11:45 am.

Storytimes for Ages 3-5. Thursdays, 10:30-11 am. Two presenters:

- * Miss Jacquie (aka "Strega Mama"). Stories & songs for preschoolers. Meets most weeks.
- * Mirrors & Windows with Miss Sheila. Meets Jan. 18 & Feb. 15.

StoryLab with Miss Kelsey for Ages 3-5. Meets Tuesdays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13, 10:30-11 am. A fun and creative STEAM storytime for preschoolers!

Yoga and Literacy for Children Ages 3-5. Fridays in January and February, dates TBD. Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown's classes incorporate movement and breathing with simple literacy activities.

Hula-Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5. Thursdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1, 11:15 am-12 pm. Games, dance, and movement with hula-hoops. Hoops provided.

Celebrate Lunar New Year! Special Lunar New Year craft project Feb. 6-10, a special storytime on Thu. Feb. 8, 10:30-11 am with Irene Pak and Miss Jacquie, and a Crafty Girls Craft Party on Sat. Feb. 10 at 11 am for Grades pre-K-2.

Monthly Programs for School-Age Children:

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets in person the 2nd Thu. of every month, 4-4:30 pm.



Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. Meets in person the 1st Tue. of every month, 4-4:45 pm.

Comics Club for Grades 3-5. First Tue. of the month, 5-5:45 pm. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project or start a new one! Basic materials provided.

Cursive Club for Grades 3-5. Learn and practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie. Meets the first Wed. of every month, 4-4:45 pm.

Read-Aloud with Jennie for Grades K-2. Meets the 1st and 3rd Thu. of every month, 4-4:30 pm.

Listen to Jennie Fitzkee read aloud from the best children's chapter books!

Read to Blitzen. Wednesdays, Dec. 13 & 20, Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 14: 4-5 pm; Feb. 21: 2-3 pm. Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Sign your child up for a 15-minute slot.

LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12. Meets the 3rd Tue. of every month, 4-4:45 pm.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Cooks + Books Virtual Cooking Classes with Sticky Fingers for Grades K-5. Wednesdays, Jan. 24 & Feb. 21, 5:30-6:30 pm. Grab a grown-up and make a yummy dish based on a book!

Craft Party for Grades pre-K-2. Join Gia from Crafty Girls for a great time! Saturdays, Jan. 20 & Feb. 10, 11 am-12 pm.

Buildwave Building Workshop. Fri. Feb. 23. **For Grades K-2:** 10:30-11:30 am. **For Grades 3-5:** 11:30 am-12:30 pm. A creative building event that encourages imaginative play and collaboration. Space is limited.

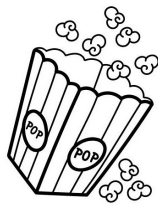
Make a Succulent Night-Light with Mandy Roberge for Grades 3-5. Wed. Jan. 17, 4-5 pm. Create a sparkly night-light!

How to Write Thank-You Cards for Grades 3-6. Wed. Jan. 17, 4-5 pm. Design your own thank-you cards and learn to write a perfect thank-you note with Miss Carrie, a certified Emily Post teacher.

Drum Circle Class with Matt Steinberg for Grades 3-5. Tuesdays, Jan. 16 & 23, Feb. 6 & 13, Mar. 5 & 19, 4-4:45 pm. Learn to play drums in a group setting, play games, and express yourself through an instrument.

Felt "Love Bugs" with Rachel Benson for Grades 3-5. Wed. Feb. 14, 4-5:30 pm. Learn the basics of felting to create Love Bugs—just in time for Valentine's Day!

Make Tracks! Winter Reading starts Jan. 1!



TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)

DROP-IN FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES! (Grades 6-12)

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

Fridays at 3 pm on Dec. 1, Dec. 15, Dec. 29, Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 2 & Feb. 16.



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MAKE & TAKE (Grades 6-12)

Felt a Winter Scene	Wed. Dec. 13	6:30-7:45 pm
Resin Jewelry	Wed. Jan. 10	6-7:30 pm
Taylor Swift Perler Album	Wed. Jan. 24	6-7:30 pm
Chocolate Treats	Wed. Feb. 14	6-7:30 pm
Design an Infusible Mug	Tue. Feb. 20	3-4:30 pm
Mosaic Suncatchers	Sat. Feb. 24	2-3 pm
Felt a Unicorn	Thu. Feb. 29	4-5:30 pm

All supplies & instructions will be provided.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (Grades 6-12)

Groups meet every other week. Pick from two sessions:

Saturdays, 2-4 pm: New Campaign, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 3 & 24

Fridays, 3:30-5 pm: Continuing, Dec. 8 & 22, Jan. 5 & 19,

Feb. 2 & 16

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, Dec. 22 & Jan. 5

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book Worm Masters (Grades 6 & 7)—2nd Tuesday of every month, 4:30-5:30 pm, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13

Crackerjacks Book Club (Grades 8 & up)—2nd Thursday every other month, 4:45-5:45 pm, Dec. 14, Feb. 8

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 break out for a prize!

Stranded and Snowed In	Thu. Jan. 18, 5-6 pm
Candy Crisis	Wed. Feb. 21, 6-7 pm

TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Serve on our Young Adult Advisory Council! One Wednesday a month at 6:30-7:30 pm, in person with Zoom option. Dec. 20, Jan. 31, and Feb. 28.

Contact teens@gpl.org for other volunteer opportunities.

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, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13

SQUISHMALLOW BINGO! (Grades 5-12)

Play Bingo to win adorable Squishmallow prizes!

Thursday, Dec. 7, 5-6 pm

Thursday, Feb. 22, 5-6 pm

MINECRAFT ON ZOOM

Meet on Zoom to play on our server with our Game Admin., Miss Amy. *Java Minecraft account required.*

2nd Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm

Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8

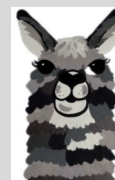
Server available 24/7 to play—email teens@gpl.org

LLAMA LOUNGE (Grades 5-8)

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

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

Fridays, Dec. 8, Jan. 19 & Feb. 9



ROBOTICS BATTLEBOTS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)

Create a robot using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits.

Compete for prizes!

Every first Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm

Dec. 6, Jan. 3 & Feb. 7

GRADES 5-12 SURVEY!

Fill out for a chance to win \$25! See page 8

WINTER READING PROGRAM

Jan. 1-Feb. 29!

Fun & Prizes

ADULT EVENTS IN PERSON



Festive Seasonings, Thu. Dec. 7 at 7 pm

Whether it's the aroma of Thanksgiving stuffing or a warm glass of spiced cider, nothing compares to the scents and flavors of the holiday season. Come learn how to make pumpkin spice, mulling spices, and other holiday spice blends. Participants will make their own blend of a holiday spice mixture to take home, along with recipes for other mixtures. You can even decorate your bottle. Great for gifts!

Should I Stay or Should I Move? Senior Living Options, Sat. Dec. 9 at 2 pm OFF-SITE at Prescott Center

This panel discussion will explore senior housing options: adult family care, assisted-living residences, congregate housing, continuing care retirement communities, housing with services, independent living, nursing homes, public housing, residential care homes, etc. Representatives from various housing arrangements will share their experiences and recommendations. This information is essential for caregivers, early retirees, and seniors. *Co-sponsored with the Prescott Center, the Council on Aging, and Groton Neighbors.*



Nourish: Plant-Based Recipes to Feed Body, Mind, and Soul, Tue. Dec. 12 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, plus abundant information on healthy cooking techniques, tools, and tips.

Felt an Owl Pin with Rachel Benson, Thu. Dec. 14 at 7 pm

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others. Create a stunning needle-felted owl brooch to be proud of with fiber artist Rachel Benson. All materials provided. No experience necessary. *First priority given to adult Groton residents.*

Cookie Swap, Sat. Dec. 16 at 11 am. Share your favorite cookies and take home a yummy variety to enjoy!

Creative Play Workshop with Emily Hall, Sat. Jan. 6 at 11 am



Connect with community in this exciting multi-dimensional workshop that explores creative play through drawing, painting, and the spaces that surround us! Art educator Emily Hall invites adult artists of all levels into a series of simple practices that investigate our immediate perceptions via the elements and principles of art and design. Participants may openly share their discoveries, reflections, and ideas while connecting to their artistic "process" of creativity rather than an art "product."

Shake-Scene: A Rollicking Romp Through Shakespeare's Stories, Sonnets, and Characters with Stephen Collins and Poornima Kirby, Thu. Jan. 11 at 7 pm

Join us for a rollicking ride through some of the Bard's finest poetry and most compelling characters! Featuring scenes and monologues from some of Shakespeare's best-known plays, including *Macbeth*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Henry V*, and *Julius Caesar*, this original compilation digs into universal themes such as the price of power, the risks of falling in love, and what to do with a murder weapon.



Painting with Wool with Rachel Benson, Thu. Jan. 18 at 7 pm

Participants will create a dazzling winter scene with fiber artist Rachel Benson. All materials will be provided. No experience necessary. *First priority given to adult Groton residents.*

Soup Swap, Thu. Jan. 25 at 7 pm

Bring a batch of your favorite soup divided up into individual containers. Swap with others and go home with a delicious variety to sample!

MORE ADULT EVENTS IN PERSON



Meditative Stitching with Ann Bausman, Sat. Jan. 27 at 11 am

Slow down and relax with the meditative act of hand-stitching. We'll use the running and other basic stitches and explore the use of color and texture to create a small stitched fabric collage. Learn about different methods, including the traditional Japanese boro mending technique. All levels welcome.

Buying the Lie One Click at a Time: Fake News in the Modern World, Thu. Feb. 1 at 7 pm

Join Kyle Moody, Asst. Prof. of Communications Media at Fitchburg State University, for a talk on fake news and media consumption in the 21st century. He will cover a wide variety of topics ranging from the history of yellow journalism to the role reporters play in media consumption and circulation. A brief discussion of "What can we do?" will cover some basic strategies for information literacy to enable us to become better consumers of news media.

Adventures in Propagation: How to Get New Plants for Practically Nothing, Thu. Feb. 8 at 7 pm

Looking for indoor gardening activities to get you through the winter? Do you have plants that you'd like to share with friends? Join us for an evening of plant propagation! You will learn basic methods of propagation, types of growing mediums to use, and when to propagate. The focus will be on indoor plants, but outdoor plants will also be covered.



Felt a Mushroom with Rachel Benson, Thu. Feb. 15 at 7 pm

This month participants will craft a mushroom. Create a needle-felted project to be proud of with fiber artist Rachel Benson. All materials will be provided. *First priority given to adult Groton residents.*

Wooden Necklaces with Kimberly Stoney, Sat. Feb. 17 at 11 am

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.

Bizarre Birds of the World with Steve Hale, Thu. Feb. 29 at 7 pm

With over 10,000 bird species in the world, there are some extreme examples that stretch our understanding of what it means to be a bird. This entertaining and educational program features extreme examples of birds and bird biology.



CREATIVE ART SERIES FOR ADULTS

The Gelli Print Lab: Imagination and Inspiration. One Tuesday a month at 6:30 pm starting Jan. 9. 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.

Dynamic Drawing with Jill Pottle. Tuesdays, 10 am-1 pm, Jan. 9-Mar. 19 (no class Feb. 20)

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, Jan. 10-Mar. 20 (no class Feb. 21)

For beginners and experienced painters. Come learn new skills to help grow your confidence!

Groton Reads Is Coming in March 2024



Groton Reads, our Annual Community-wide Reading Event is coming in March! Our theme is music in celebration of and in partnership with the brand-new Groton Hill Music Center.

Read the page-turning novel ***Symphony of Secrets*** by Brendan Slocumb, best-selling author of *The Violin Conspiracy*. "A twisty, mesmerizing mystery—Brendan Slocumb's writing is like music itself..."



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!*

MUSIC HISTORY SERIES

The Making of Billy Joel with Vinnie Bruno,

Mon. Dec. 4 at 7 pm

Ella Fitzgerald with Nanette Perrotte,

Tue. Jan. 16 at 7 pm

Duke Ellington with Nanette Perrotte,

Tue. Feb. 20 at 7 pm

WOMEN IN HISTORY SERIES

Two Nerdy History Girls Ride Again!

Wed. Jan. 10 at 7 pm

Hedy Lamarr: The Beauty and the Inventor with Bill

Thierfelder, Tue. Jan. 23 at 7 pm

Toni Morrison with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. Feb. 6 at 7 pm

TRAVEL SERIES

Armchair Travel to France, Wed. Dec. 6 at 7 pm

Gardens of the Emerald Isles, Tue. Dec. 19 at 7 pm

Armchair Travel to Scotland, Wed. Jan 3 at 7 pm

Armchair Travel to Bhutan, Wed. Feb. 7 at 7 pm

ART HISTORY SERIES

Artistic New England, Thu. Dec. 7 at 7 pm

All That Glitters Is Gold with Culturally Curious,

Thu. Dec. 21 at 7 pm

Andy Warhol's Fifteen Minutes of Fame with

Culturally Curious, Thu. Jan. 25 at 7 pm

Kehinde Wiley: Color and Splendor with Culturally

Curious, Thu. Feb. 29 at 7 pm

MEDIA SERIES

So Fetch: The Making of *Mean Girls* (And Why We're Still Obsessed with It), Mon. Jan. 22 at 7 pm

Angela Lansbury: From Tony Triumphs to Talking

Teapots with Frank Mandosa, Mon. Jan. 29 at 6:30 pm

A Look Back at 70 Years of TV News with Brian Rose,

Wed. Jan. 31 at 7 pm

Morgan Freeman: The Man Behind the Voice with

Frank Mandosa, Mon. Feb. 12 at 6:30 pm

AUTHOR VISITS

Terri Parlato: *What Waits in the Woods*,

Mon. Dec. 11 at 7 pm

Mary Burton: *The Dollmaker*, Mon. Jan. 8 at 7 pm

Kemper Donovan: *The Busy Body*, Mon. Jan. 22 at 7 pm

Lauren Rico: *Familia*, Mon. Feb. 5 at 7 pm

Patrice McDonough: *Murder by Lamplight*,

Mon. Feb. 26 at 7 pm

ORGANIZING SERIES

Seven Quick (Last-Minute) Holiday Decluttering Tasks,

Thu. Dec. 14 at 7 pm

New Year No Clutter: A 12-Day Declutter Challenge,

Thu. Jan. 4 at 7 pm

Lose the Clutter & Love Your Home, Thu. Feb. 1 at 7 pm

TECH SERIES

eBay 101: The Basics of Buying and Selling on eBay,

Thu. Jan. 11 at 6 pm

eBay 201: Beyond the Basics of Buying and Selling,

Thu. Feb. 8 at 6 pm

FOOD SERIES

Food Waste, Food Insecurity, and the Globalization of Food Banks, Tue. Jan. 30 at 7 pm

Middle Eastern-Inspired Plant-Based Cooking with Chef

Alexa Joan Wajed, Tue. Feb. 13 at 7 pm

A History of Activism through Cookbooks with Sarah

Lohman, Thu. Feb. 15 at 7 pm

Making Arancini with The Cookery, Tue. Feb. 27 at 7 pm

GENEALOGY SERIES

Researching Family History, Wed. Dec. 13 at 7 pm

Discover New Genealogical Tools for Your Toolbox with

Dave Robison, Wed. Jan. 17 at 7 pm

A Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing with Erin

Moulton, Wed. Feb. 14 at 7 pm

"Creating a Grandfather's 'Living' Autobiography" by

Linda MacIver, Thu. Feb. 22 at 6:30 pm

SOCIAL ISSUES SERIES

American Politics at a Crossroads, Tue. Jan. 9 at 7 pm

A Look at Anti-Semitism through the Eyes of a Child of the Holocaust, Wed. Feb. 21 at 7 pm

The Economic Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine with Christine Abely, Wed. Feb. 28 at 7 pm

ONE-OF-A-KIND TALKS

Holidays Unwrapped with Bill Thierfelder,

Tue. Dec. 5 at 7 pm

The Trial of Leopold and Loeb—Inside the Criminal Mind,

Wed. Dec. 20 at 7 pm

Future Eclipses, Thu. Jan. 18 at 7 pm

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

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

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 4th Friday at 5 pm. Future books will be chosen by the group; check website for details.
Dec. 22, Jan. 26, and Feb. 23

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.
Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7—Locations 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.
Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9

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.
Dec. 12—Guest Speaker Terry Walters (page 4)
Feb. 13—***Virtual*** Guest Speaker Chef Alexa Joan Wajed (page 6)

MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP

Meets monthly on a Thursday at 7 pm.
Dec. 7—*The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill
Jan. 18—*Moonflower Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
Feb. 15—*The Bookman's Tale* by Charlie Lovett

GPL PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Meets monthly on a Tuesday at 7 pm.
Dec. 12—*Breaking the Age Code* by Becca Levy
Jan. 23—*The Power* by Naomi Alderman
Feb. 27—*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Community conversations on tough topics. Meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 2:30 pm.
Dec. 5—Silence and Noise: Finding Stillness in the Modern World
Jan. 9—Abortion
Feb. 6—Tribalism 101: Next Door Strangers

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR ADULTS

Meets every other Saturday at 11 am.
Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 6 & 20, and Feb. 3 & 17

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Led by native speaker and Spanish teacher Verónica Mazzu. Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7 pm via Zoom.
Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 9 & 23, and Feb. 6 & 20

FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES

Experience films from around the world followed by enlightening conversations. Meets monthly on Tuesdays at 3 pm. No Dec. meeting.
Jan. 30—*Empties* (Czech Republic)
Feb. 27—*The Loneliness of a Long Distance Runner* (UK)

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Readings are selected by the Great Books Foundation. Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm.
Dec. 20—"Holy Week" by Deborah Eisenberg from *Great Conversations 6*
Jan. 17—Selection from *Politics* by Aristotle, "Waiting for the Barbarians" by Cavafy, and "I Shall Not Beg for My Rights" by Turner from *The Civically Engaged Reader*
Feb. 21—"The Boy Without a Flag" by Rodriguez from *The Civically Engaged Reader*

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)

Dec. 5—Nutmeg and Mace
Jan. 9—Rosemary
Feb. 6—Pomegranate

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

ASIAN ART SERIES ON ZOOM

Spend some Sunday afternoons with experts zooming in from the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco!

Sun. Dec. 10 at 2:30 pm

When the Tiger Smoked a Pipe: The Art of Korea

Sun. Jan. 14 at 2:30 pm

Timeless Traditions: Expressions of the Divine in Indian Art

Sun. Feb. 11 at 2:30 pm

The Lunar New Year

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Library Hours

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Special Closings

Thu. Dec. 21—Closed 10-12 for
staff training. Open 12-9.
Sun. Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

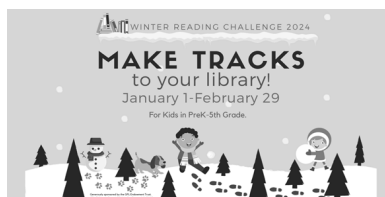
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We ♥ Our Patrons! Drop in 10-9 for some love on Valentine's Day, Wed. Feb. 14! Hot chocolate, treats, & good company available all day long! Participate in a fun activity and go home on a blind date with a book!

5th-12th Graders, the Groton Public Library wants to hear from you!

Fill out our survey in print or online and be entered to win a \$25 Visa gift card!
Online survey: Use QR code or go to gpl.org/teens. Please fill out by **Dec. 15**.



Winter Reading Programs For Kids, Teens, and Adults!

January 1-February 29

Keep track of your reading this
winter in the Beanstack app and be
entered to win some great prizes!

Check out gpl.org at the end of December for info.



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 go online to grotonpubliclibrary.beanstack.org. Library Staff are here to help!

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