

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE—AUGUST SUMMER 2023 EVENTS

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF EVENT: FANFEST 2023



Friday, June 23: 2—5 pm

For All Ages

Come in costume for an afternoon of fun!

Costume Contest Face Painting
Ultimate Gaming Truck Bluey Storytime
Squishmallow Bingo Karaoke
Learn to Draw Comic Books Green Screen
Raffles, Snacks, & More!

Summer Reading: June 15—August 26



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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Fund.*

Live Summer Music Concert Series

Free and for all ages to enjoy! Bring chairs or a blanket and join us at the Gazebo behind the library for an evening of music each month this summer.

Presented in partnership with Rollstone Bank and made possible by a grant from the Town of Groton's Trust Funds' Lecture Fund.

Sol y Canto, Thu. June 15 at 7 pm

Sol y Canto is the award-winning Pan-Latin ensemble led by Puerto Rican/Argentine singer and percussionist **Rosi Amador** and New Mexican guitarist, singer, and composer **Brian Amador**. Featuring Rosi's crystalline voice and Brian's lush Spanish guitar and inventive compositions, the group is known for making their music accessible to Spanish- and non-Spanish-speaking audiences of all ages. They can make you dance, laugh, cry, and sigh—all in one concert.



The Hip Swayers, Thu. July 13 at 7 pm

The Hip Swayers are a good-time, get-up-and-dance band. Their music combines tight rhythms, searing solos, and soulful harmonies in an eclectic mix of catchy originals, old time country, and twangy, reverb-soaked surf that keeps your toes tapping and hips swaying.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Groton Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Cara Brindisi, Thu. August 17 at 7 pm

Fresh from *The Voice* Season 22! Described as "perfect" by John Legend and "hypnotic" by Blake Shelton, Cara Brindisi is a vocalist with equal parts power and ease. *The Voice's* Gwen Stefani acknowledged the soothing and effortless quality to Cara's voice as well as her gift for storytelling.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

FanFest! Fri. June 23: 2-5 pm. Summer Reading Kick-Off Event. *See page 1.*

JUNE

Coding Class for Ages 8—12 with Iman Using Scratch on Zoom.* Tuesdays, 7 weeks, **June 6—July 25** (not July 4), 3:30—4:30 pm. For beginner programmers. *Signing up for the first class signs you up for all.*

Bluey Storytime with Miss Jacquie. Fri. June 23, 2—2:45 pm. All Ages.

Squishmallow Bingo. Fri. June 23, 3:45—4:15 pm. Grades 2—5. Play Bingo to win adorable Squishmallows!

Read and Grow in the Garden with Miss Sheila.* Three-day series on Tue. June 27, Wed. June 28, and Fri. June 30, 10:30—11:15 am. Ages 3—5. Stories & crafts on seeds, gardens, and pollinators. Come to any or all!

Read to Blitzen the Therapy Dog, Wed. June 28, 4—5 pm. Grades K—5. Sign up for one 15-minute slot.

Flying High Dogs.* Thu. June 29, 11—11:45 am. All Ages. *See page 8.*

JULY

Peapods Storytime for Infants & Toddlers. Wed. July 5 & 19, 10:30—11 am.

Touch-A-Truck. Come see Groton Fire, Police, Electric, and DPW vehicles! Thu. July 6, 10:30—11:30 am. All Ages. Take home a fun craft, too!

UNH Little Red Wagon Presents Molly McFolly & the Littlest Leprechaun.* Tue. July 11, 11—11:45 am. Grades K—5.

Flower Pot Paint Party with the Crafty Girls.* Sat. July 15, 11 am—12 pm. Grades Pre-K—2.

Hands on Nature Presents Fireflies.* Thu. July 20, 2—3 pm. Ages 3 and Up.

Mind Your P's and Q's: Manners Summer Camp for Kids. Tue. July 25 and Wed. July 26, 10 am—12 pm. Grades 3—5. Kids will learn basic etiquette from Emily Post Institute-trained Ms. Carrie. *Register once for both days.*

Liz and Andrea: Butterflies, Frogs, and Flowers, Oh My! Stories and Songs.* Thu. July 27, 10:30—11:15 am. Pre-K—Grade 1, but older siblings welcome.

AUGUST

Peapods Storytime for Infants and Toddlers. Wed. August 2, 10:30—11 am.

Little Spark Theatre Improv. Wed. August 2, 5—6 pm. Ages 9—11.

Music with Julie: Find Your Voice. Wed. August 9, 11—11:45 am. All Ages.

Gratitude Journaling Workshop with Mandy Roberge. Wed. August 9, 3—5 pm. Ages 7—11.

Hula Hoop Movement with Emma. Thu. August 10, 10:30—11:15 am. Grades Pre-K—2.

Hands on Nature Presents Incredible Earthworms.* Thu. August 24, 2—3 pm. Ages 3 and Up.

STEAMergent!

Tue. July 18, 10:30—5:30 pm

For girls in 3rd—6th grades

A special day-long program for girls on getting engaged with STEAM and learning about careers with experiments, robots, crafts, and more! All materials provided, but bring your own lunch.

Sign up!

More info at kids@gpl.org.

**Events made possible by a grant from the Town of Groton's Trust Funds' Lecture Fund*

SUMMER READING Starts JUNE 15!

Sign up for fun challenges, log your reading, meet your reading goals, and win prizes all summer long! Visit the Kids' Room in person or online at gpl.org.

Sponsored by the GPL Endowment Trust.



Reading Helps Avoid Summer Learning Loss!

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to **two months** of learning by the time they return to school in the fall.

Kids' Summer Reading Program and many events supported by the Groton Public Library Endowment Trust.



YA@GPL SUMMER



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READ! June 15—Aug. 26. Grades 6—12



Teens in Grades 6—12 are invited to use the Beanstack app to track the minutes they read to earn awesome prizes in the **Find Your Voice Summer Reading Program**. Log the time spent reading between June 15 and Aug. 26, and earn gift cards, movie passes, and more—as well as a chance to win our grand prize: Season Passes to Six Flags! Complete other activities to earn tickets for additional raffle prizes. Visit gpl.org for details.

CREATE!

Engineer a Battle-Ready Robot and Compete for a Prize. Wed. June 7, July 5, & Aug. 16, 6—7:30 pm. Grades 5—10.

Design Your Own Empower Poster. Wed. June 21, 6—7:30 pm. Grades 6—12.

***Draw a Comic Book with Cathy G. Johnson.** Fri. June 23, 1:30—3 pm. Grades 6—12.

Felt a Pin, Pendant, or Patch. Thu. June 29, 6:30—8 pm. Grades 6—12.

Write a Song with Emily Desmond. Wed. July 12, 6:30—8 pm. Grades 6—12.

Craft Perler Bead Jewelry or Pins. Thu. July 13, 6—7:30 pm. Grades 6—12

Get Doodling with Comic Artist Cara Bean. Tue. July 18, 6:30—8 pm. Grades 6—12.

Learn to Make Electronic Music with Jacky Shephard. Wed. July 19, 6:30—8 pm. Grades 6—12.

Craft Kindness Rocks to Keep or Share. Tue. July 25, 6—7:30 pm. Grades 6—12.

Make Tacos in Our Chopped Taco Competition. Wed. July 26, 1—2 pm. Grades 6—12.

Paint a Personalized Pillowcase with Mandy Roberge. Wed. Aug. 9, 6:30—7:30 pm. Grades 6—12.

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PLAY!

***Video Games in the Ultimate Gaming Truck.** Fri. June 23, 2—4 pm. Grades K—12.

***Bingo for Squishmallows.** Fri. June 23, 3:15—3:45 pm. Grades 6—12.

Dungeons & Dragons. Tuesdays 4—6 pm: June 20 & 27; July 11, 18, & 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, & 22. Grade 6—10.

Minecraft (Java) on Zoom. Thursdays 3:30—4:30 pm: June 22, July 6 & 20, Aug. 3 & 17. Grades 5—10.

Theatre Games with Little Spark Theatre. Wed. Aug. 2, 7—8 pm. Ages 12—14.

A Midsummer Night's Dance Escape Room. Thu. Aug. 10, 4—5 pm. Grades 6—12.

Points & Powers Escape Adventure. Wed. Aug. 23, 6—7:30 pm. Ages 9—13.



WATCH!

High Flying Dogs! Thu. June 29, 11—11:45 am. *All Ages—see page 8.*

Pizza & Movie Nights. Wed. June 28, Tue. July 11, Wed. July 26, and Tue. Aug. 15. *Check gpl.org for start times and movie titles.*

SING!

End of Summer Karaoke and Pizza Party!

Tue. Aug. 22, 6—7:30 pm. Grades 6—12.



Please sign up @ gpl.org or email Deb Dowson, Teen Librarian, at teens@gpl.org to get details for each event.

Events subject to change.
Please check events calendar @ gpl.org for details or call 978-448-1167.

The Teen Summer Reading Program is generously supported by the Groton Public Library Endowment Trust.

ADULT EVENTS

A Trip to Greece (Macedonia) with the Traveling Librarian, Tue. May 30 at 10:30 am on ZOOM

Join Jeff Klapes, the Traveling Librarian, as he shares his travel highlights, photography, stories, and tips about destinations around the world. This month, journey to the northern provinces of Greece.

Discover India Series: The Spice Bowl, Tue. May 30 at 7 pm on ZOOM

India is famous for its spices that are used for both culinary and health purposes, many of which were included in ancient herbal medicines. This presentation will describe the history of some of the spices, their benefits, and how they are used in Indian cuisine and/or for health purposes.



Momfluenced—Inside Mommy Influencer Culture, Wed. May 31 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Author Sara Petersen will discuss her brand-new book, *Momfluenced: Inside the Maddening, Picture-Perfect World of Mommy Influencer Culture*.

Spice Club Meet and Share, Thu. June 1 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Come meet other Spice Club members and discuss your hits and misses from the year of Spice Club! Feel free to bring food and/or recipes to share.

The History of Native Americans of New England, Thu. June 1 at 7 pm on ZOOM

In this historic overview, we will not turn a blind eye to the impact that colonization, dispossession, and racism had on the story of Indigenous peoples in the region. We will explore Native American resistance, adaptation, survival under often harsh and unfavorable circumstances, and examine some of the colonial legacies that still shape the views and (mis-)perceptions about Indigenous peoples to this day.

Food Preservation with Clio and Eric Fisher, Sat. June 3, 10—2 OFF-SITE at GROTON CENTER

What to do with an abundant garden or local harvest? Learn the basics of water bath and pressure canning, dehydrating, vacuum packing, freezing, root cellaring, and fermenting through a combination of lecture and hands-on learning. No experience necessary. Lunch provided. Participants will receive a copy of the *Ball Blue Book*. Presented in partnership with the Council on Aging and the Groton Grange.



A Virtual Trip to the Louvre in Paris, Tue. June 6 at 10:30 am on ZOOM

Explore the most-visited museum in the world—the Louvre. Discover the history of the building, from the medieval castle of the early 13th century to the pyramid of the late 20th. Then, examine the ten greatest works of the Louvre. Led by French tour guide Patrick Herpe, who will be Zooming live from Paris.



Every Color Has a Story: History on the Palette, Tue. June 6 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Do you know the history of the colors in your world? All the tints, hues, dyes, and shades of the colors around you can be traced back to a specific point in history—and the stories they tell are amazing! This illustrated talk will share with you the powerful—and colorful!—history of color.

The LGBTQ+ History of Massachusetts, Tue. June 6 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Join Joan Ilacqua, Executive Director of The History Project, for a presentation and conversation exploring the history of LGBTQ+ people, community, organizing, and change in Massachusetts. Drawing on sources like court cases, diaries, letters, photographs, videos, oral histories, and more, Ilacqua will discuss over 400 years of history—from romantic friendships to Boston marriages, the gay liberation front to marriage equality, and beyond—all in one hour! Presented in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library.

ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED

Establishing an Herb Garden with a Master Gardener, Thu. June 8 at 12 pm on ZOOM

Herb gardening has been popular for centuries but herbs were not grown solely for culinary use, as we think of them primarily today. Herb gardens took care of the family by providing herbs for medicine, herbs for dying cloths, herbs to keep the clothes and house fresh, and many other uses. We will explore the world of herbs and take a look at a modern-day herb garden.

Discovering American Drag, Thu. June 8 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Matthew Wittmann, Curator of the Harvard Theatre Collection, offers a virtual look at the history of drag performance in the United States through photographs, ephemera, and a variety of other archival materials held by Houghton Library at Harvard University.

ARTS & CRAFTS SUPPLY SWAP! Sat. June 10, 11—1 IN PERSON

Take part in GPL's First-Ever Arts & Crafts Supply Swap! Do you have arts and/or crafting materials you no longer need? Wish you could get new materials to inspire that next creative project? Here's your chance! *Donation not required to participate. See our website for donation details.*

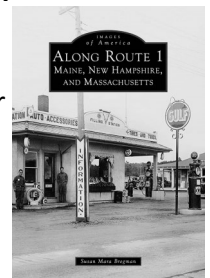
History of the Beach Boys with Gary Wenstrup, Tue. June 20 at 7 pm on ZOOM



If summer had a sound it would be the Beach Boys...surf, sun and California dreaming. Focusing on the Beach Boys "sunniest" years, 1962 to 1967, and with the use of performance and interview clips, we'll trace the path of the Beach Boys' early career from "Surfin' U.S.A.", "Fun, Fun, Fun" and "California Girls" to "Good Vibrations" and more. Surf's Up!

The Story of Route 1 in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, Wed. June 21 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Along Route 1 in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts is an unapologetic combination of historic gravity, exuberant entertainment, unexpected juxtapositions, and wonderfully kitschy roadside attractions. New England road trippers will encounter roller coasters and candlepin bowling, lobster rolls and homemade pie, colonial-era taverns and granite fortifications. Route 1 tells a story about history, survival, loss, and change.



A Look at Buddhist Art—Expressions of Piety, Thu. June 22 at 10:30 am on ZOOM

From its historical beginnings in the 6th century BCE India, to its everyday appearance in our modern lives, followers of Buddhism have created pieces to express the religion's principles and for use by the faithful in worship. As Buddhism spread and changed, so too has the way its art looks.

Firefly Fun with Mass. Audubon, Thu. June 22 at 12 pm on ZOOM

There is a lot of science behind the magic of fireflies. Learn how and why lightning bugs light up, about the different species of fireflies, and how these beetles can be identified by their flash patterns. These brilliant insects can also help us learn more about a wide array of environmental issues, including climate change, habitat loss, light pollution, and pollinator protection.



Eight Flavors: The Untold Story of American Cuisine by Sarah Lohman, Thu. June 22 at 7 pm on ZOOM

This illustrated lecture offers a fascinating look at our past and uses long-forgotten recipes to explain how eight flavors changed how Americans eat. After an overview, Sarah will focus on three particular flavors: curry powder, vanilla, and soy sauce.

ADULT EVENTS CONTINUED

America's Quarter Century Long Struggle Over Same-Sex Marriage, Thu. June 22 at 7 pm on ZOOM

On June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that state bans on gay marriage were unconstitutional, making same-sex unions legal across the United States. But the road to that momentous decision was much longer than many know. In his book *The Engagement*, author Sasha Issenberg vividly guides us through same-sex marriage's unexpected path from the unimaginable to the inevitable.

What to Look For When You Look at Art, Thu. June 29 at 10:30 am on ZOOM

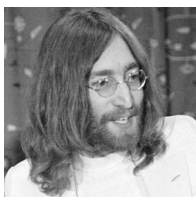
Learn the basic principles of how to approach, analyze, and appreciate great works of art the way an artist would. Included are discussions on viewing art as both a physical object and the expression of an idea, art in the context of its time, and the elements of composition. Led by Gene Wisniewski, author of *The Art of Looking at Art*.

THE Art OF
LOOKING AT Art



GENE WISNIEWSKI

John Lennon—The Solo Years with Gary Wenstrup, Thu. June 29 at 1 pm on ZOOM



Can you imagine a world without "Imagine"? The 10-year period from the Beatles' break up in 1970 to Lennon's tragic murder in 1980 was a fascinating period of successes and failures for the ex-Beatle. Using audio and visual content, this lecture will explore the music from "Imagine" to "(Just Like) Starting Over," his controversial immigration struggle and wild "lost weekend," and the quiet househusband years, culminating with the release of his final album, *Double Fantasy*.

La Serenissima: A Sojourn in Venice, Thu. June 29 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Venice has been known as the Most Serene Republic (La Serenissima). From its early incarnation as a refuge from invaders to its current place as a tourist mecca, local photographer and art and history enthusiast Bruce Magnuson will explore the many facets of Venetian history, art, and architecture. Weaving local references to Venice (the Gardner Museum anyone?) with photographs from a recent trip, you'll come away with a greater appreciation for this complicated, captivating city.

Still Blue with Elizabeth Goldring Piene, Thu. July 6 at 7 pm IN PERSON



Elizabeth Goldring, a long-time Groton resident, will read poems and comment on images from her latest book *Still Blue: New and Selected Poems and Retina Prints*. As a poet and visual artist who is legally blind, Goldring explores different ways of seeing—through the concision of poetic syntax, through her innovative experiments with the scanning laser ophthalmoscope while at MIT, and through poems that consider vision, its loss, disability more broadly, human mortality, natural beauty, destruction, and war. Her reading will also include poems and images from her life in Groton.

Summer-Inspired Homemade Pasta with Chef Kelcy, Thu. August 3 at 7 pm on ZOOM

Join Chef Kelcy virtually this summer for a fun and informative handmade pasta class. Learn to make no-fail fresh pasta dough, and then create two mouth-watering pasta dishes: handmade orecchiette and a delectable summer ravioli bursting with the flavors of corn, zucchini, and basil. To top it all off, discover how to make a homemade arugula pesto that will take your pasta dishes to the next level.

Arrangements Inspired by the Language of Flowers, Thu. August 10 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Floriography is the language of flowers. All flowers hold different meanings, often based on the type of flower, color, or both. It is the art of communicating through different flower types. Join Heather Allen of H.E. Flora for a floral arranging workshop to create a bouquet that speaks to you while also exploring the history of floriography.



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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 **Wednesday at 10 am, June 7, July 12, August 9**. Meet at the designated Groton Conservation Trust property to walk through nature while chatting about whatever you happen to be reading!
- **LOS LITERARIOS: SPANISH LITERARY SOCIETY**
Meets monthly on the 2nd **Friday at 4 pm** on Zoom: **June 9, July 14, August 11**.
This is a group for those who would like to discuss in Spanish what they are reading!
- **PLANT POWERED GROUP**
A great place to explore non-meat options or a fully plant-based way of eating.
Tue. June 13 at 7 pm. Plant Powered Meet and Greet! Outdoor picnic and lawn games.
- **MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP** meets monthly on the third **Thursday at 7 pm**.
June 15 *The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins
July 20 *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
Aug. 17 *Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia Manasala
- **GPL PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP**
Tue. June 27 at 7 pm.
Plan reading for next year.
- **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!**
Community Conversations on tough topics.
Wed. June 14, July 12, & Aug. 9 at 7 pm.
- **FOREIGN FILM FAVORITES**
Experience films from around the world followed by enlightening conversation. **Tuesdays at 3 pm**.
May 30 *After the Wedding* (Denmark)
June 27 *This is Not a Burial, It's a Resurrection* (Lesotho)
- **GREAT BOOKS GROUP**
Readings are from *Great Conversations 6* a compilation of writings selected by the Great Books Foundation. Meets on the 3rd **Wednesday at 7 pm: June 21, July 19**.
- **GPL KNITTING GROUP**
Meets every Thursday, 1:30—3:30 pm.
Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project. All handicrafts welcome.
- **SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP**
Two **Tuesdays** each month at **7 pm** on Zoom.
June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25. Led by a native speaker and Spanish teacher, Verónica Mazzu.
- **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS for Adults**. Meets every other **Saturday at 11 am: June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, and Aug. 5 & 19**.
- **SPICE CLUB** (Online only) *Spice Club*
June: Curry Leaf *Meet & Greet!*
July & August: TBA *See page 4.*
- **TRIVIA TUESDAY** (Online only)
New challenges every week! Sign up at gpl.org.

Adult Summer Reading Program runs June 15—August 26! Fun and prizes! *See page 8.*

IN THE GALLERY



The Fiber Web, Fiber Art by Rachel Benson

Opens Tue. June 13

Rachel Benson is a fiber artist working primarily with needle felting and other media to create whimsical images of nature, both realistic and abstract. *Rachel studied fine arts and technical theater in college and is currently a freelance artist and teacher.*



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Library Hours

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Summer Reading Programs for All Ages

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Fun, activities, challenges, and prizes!

Adult Summer Reading Program

Join us for an exciting season with our *Find Your Voice* Adult Summer Reading Program! Explore different genres with our Summer Reading Challenge and complete activities that encourage you to *Find Your Voice*!



Sign up online or in person starting JUNE 15! Then, read read read! (Or, listen listen listen!) Log your reading and earn prizes and chances to win a weekly prize drawing. Reading is not only good for you but it will DO good, too! For every 5 books you read, you'll earn a small donation for Loaves & Fishes.

Summer Reading is generously supported by the GPL Endowment Trust.



FLYING HIGH DOGS for All Ages! Thursday, June 29, 11—11:45 am

Mike Piazza will entertain and amaze attendees with his talented dogs. Mike's four dogs are some of the most athletic high flying dogs in the world! Bring chairs and blankets for a fun, outdoor celebration at the field behind the library. This was a big hit last year and is back by popular demand—don't miss it!

Touch-A-Truck: Groton Fire, Police, Electric, and DPW Vehicles. Thu. July 6, 10:30—11:30 am.
Groton public library parking lot. Fun for Kids of All Ages!

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