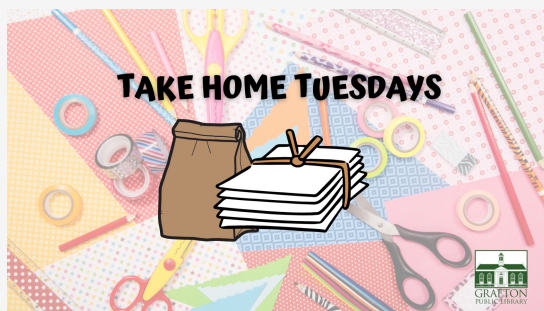




CHILDRENS ROOM MAY NEWSLETTER

The Children's Room is going wild in May. Come see our new window decorations, especially if you are an animal lover. Investigate animal tracks in our monthly mission, and the latest experiment is our Science Nook is a bit gross, but a lot cool!



It's Spring cleaning time and we're clearing out our craft closet! Every Tuesday, swing by the library to grab an activity packet or craft kits. Items will vary and will be available Tuesdays only between 12-8. While supplies last.



May 4th

Star Wars Reads Day

Please join us to celebrate the Star Wars franchise and fandom, for a day of events concluding with a viewing of George Lucas's Oscar-winning space fantasy film about a young man who joins a rebel alliance working to overthrow an evil empire that's taking over the galaxy.

- 10am-4pm: drop in crafts, coloring sheets, LEGO building, DIY trivia
- 3-4pm: Star Wars fan videos screening
- 4-6pm: dinner break DIY off site!
- 6pm: Costume contest & parade
- 6:30-8:30pm: Movie screening: Rhymes with Czar Doors: A Few Nope! (1977, run time 1 hour 45 minutes, rated PG)

Our Friends group will be raffling off a number of Star Wars prizes - stop by to preview the book bundles beginning May 2!

<https://www.starwars.com/star-wars-day>

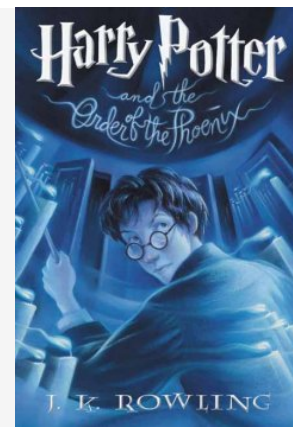
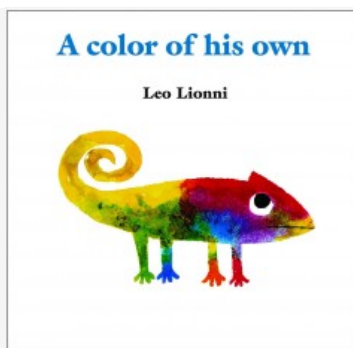
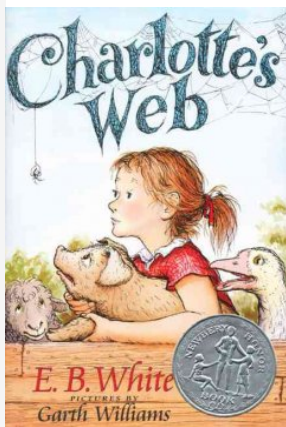
INTRODUCING MARILYN

I have worked for the Grafton Public Library's Children's Room for almost eighteen years now. I live at home with my husband, Michael, and my 87-year-old father, Everett. I have four grown children. I also have a cat named Iris. I am also the pastor of the United Church of Clinton; serving in ministry for just about 40 years now. I have always enjoyed library work in addition to my other profession. Having owned them in the past-- I love llamas.

Just ask my co-workers! I love the Llama Llama series by Dewdney!



- Favorite book when you were little? -- Charlotte's Web and later on when in college--anything by Leo Lionni
- Favorite thing about working in a library? - I enjoy the patrons so very much. The library staff has become like "family" to me-- they are the greatest bunch of people to work with.
- If you could live in a book, what book would you choose? - Would loved to have lived the story of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix! A classic story of a mission to prevail with good vs. evil.



MAY EVENTS



Young Scientists

Join STEM Beginnings for a 6-week series for children, ages 3-6. Children will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, story time and simple experiments.

Mondays
May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

- All children, ages 3-6, must be registered (including siblings) to attend in person classes.
- Parents/caregivers are expected to supervise and help their child during class but may leave the room to care for an infant/busy toddler.
- Families are expected to follow the mask guidelines required by the library at the time of the in-person program.
- Materials for the lesson will be provided by STEM Beginnings for registered children, ages 3-6, however if extra materials are available due to absences,

the teacher may share materials with siblings.

- Siblings are welcome to watch and listen to the story but we ask that parents/caregivers help to manage disruptive behavior.
- Space is limited to 12 children, ages 3-6. Please email or call the librarian if you can no longer attend so that a family on the waitlist can be contacted.
- Hot beverages are not allowed due to child safety regulations from the Department of Early Education and Care, the YFCP funding source.
- Please limit cell phone use and talking to one another while the STEM Beginnings teacher is presenting the lesson.
- Adults and children should not attend class if not feeling well to avoid spreading illness to others. If your child has a cold with a thick runny nose

or other contagious illnesses, we ask that he/she remain at home for as long as the symptoms exist. If a child has a fever, please wait 24 hours after the fever to attend class.

Thank you for your support of YFCP and STEM Beginnings Program!

The "Young Scientists" series is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant program funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

[Register Now!](#)

Library Babies

Tuesdays at 10:30am
May 10th, 17th and 24th

Library Babies is a 20-minute program for our very youngest visitors, ages birth-walking. Join Ms. Jen to read stories, sing songs, recite favorite nursery rhymes, and interact with the babies using bounces and finger plays.

[Register Now!](#)

Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10:30am
May 11th, 18th and 25th

Toddler Time is a 30-minute program for children who are walking-age 3 years. Join Ms. Sarah to share stories, sing songs, enjoy movement activities, and recite rhymes and finger plays.

[Register Now!](#)

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30am
May 12th, 19th and 26th

Preschool Storytime is a 45-minute program for children ages 3-5. Join Ms. Sarah to share stories, songs, felt board fun, and movement activities.

[Register Now!](#)

Once Upon a Story at Willard House



Thursday, May 26th at 3:00pm

Join us for a special storytime, fun activities, and see a highlighted feature of the *Willard House & Clock Museum*.

This program is for preschoolers ages 3-5 and registration is required.

Register Now!



Friday, May 13th at 10:30am

Friday Fun with Mr. Kim

Friday Fun with Mr. Kim is a music and movement program for preschoolers ages 2 and up.

Registration is required.

Register Now!



Saturdays May 7th, 14th and 21st at 10:30am

This is how we role-Tufts Vet School

Join us in welcoming members from the Cummings School of Veterinary medicine for this series of interactive classroom activities. Sessions highlight the many jobs what veterinarians do, the fact that animals get many of the same diseases that people get, and how we have learned to live with and come to love dog behavior.

This program is for children in grades 2-4. Registration is required.

Register Now!



Comic Creators Club

Learn about the characteristics of comics/graphic novels and then try drawing or writing some of your own.

This workshop is for children in grades 2-5. .

Monday, May 23rd
5:30pm-6:15pm

Register Now!

Thursday, May 19th
5:30pm-6:00pm



Bookworms Grades K & 1

Join Miss Kristin for a special virtual book club for Kindergarteners and First Graders.

REGISTER NOW

Thursday, May 19th
6:15pm-6:45pm

Bookworms Grades 2 & 3

Join Miss Kristin for a book club especially for Second and Third Graders.

REGISTER NOW

Thursday, May 19th
7:00pm-7:30pm

Bookworms Grades 4 & 5

Join Miss Kristin for a virtual book club for Fourth and Fifth

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See all of our upcoming LIVE and PASSIVE PROGRAM events:

GPL Event Calendar

See what's happening around town:

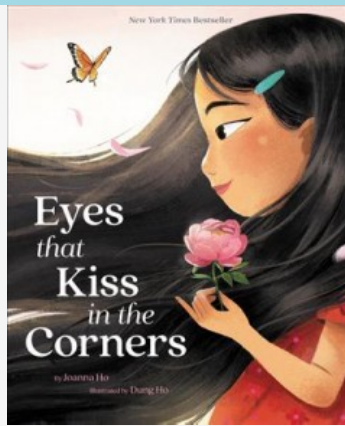
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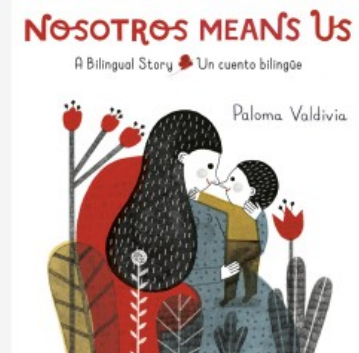
MOM



Heartwarming photographs of mother and baby animals from the farmyard and the wild are complemented by endearing text about what children love about their moms, from their loving cuddles to the feelings



A self-confident and strong young girl recounts how she shares her eyes--and so much more--with her mother, her amah and her little sister.

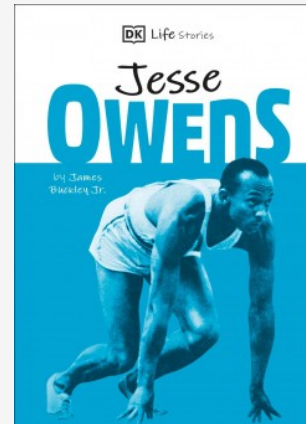
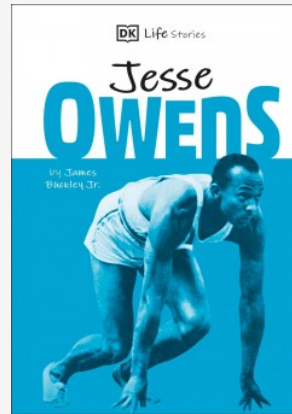


A moving bilingual ode to the unshakeable bond between a parent and child in the tradition of *Runaway Bunny* and *The Wonderful Things You Will Be*

of comfort and safety that accompany them.

NEW TITLES

Come in and see all of our new books. Located on the low shelf that is right when you walk into the Children's Room.

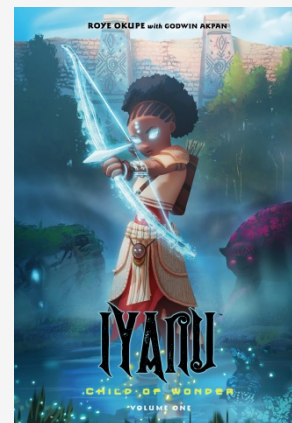
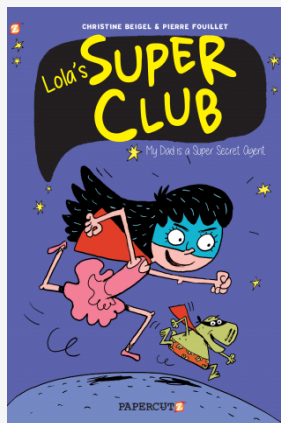


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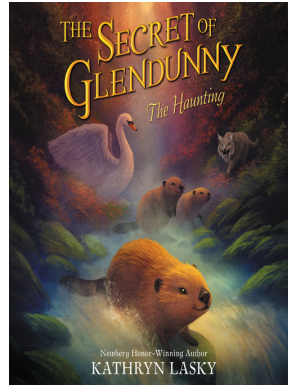
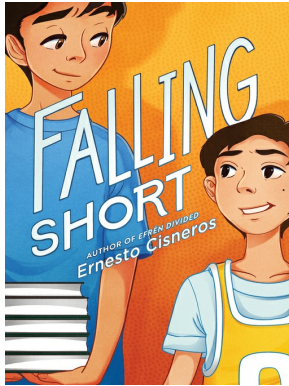
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SAFETY CORNER

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Heading to the Grafton Public Library to pick up some new books? To ensure the safety and well-being of all our visitors, we ask that:

- Children ages 0-7 be accompanied by a parent/caregiver at all times.
- Children ages 8-12 have a parent/caregiver in the library building at all times
- Caregivers must be age 14 and up

The Library cannot assume responsibility for the behavior or safety of children of any age left unattended at the Library. Staff members are unable to watch children for parents/caregivers. ***The Unattended child policy can be reviewed online.***

Adults are free to browse for materials in the children's room without accompanying a child, however adults who are unaccompanied by youth in the various Youth Services Areas of the Library (Children's areas, Teen and Tween areas) may be questioned by staff, and may be asked to move to another area of the Library. ***The Unaccompanied Adult policy can be reviewed online.***

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