May in the Children's Room

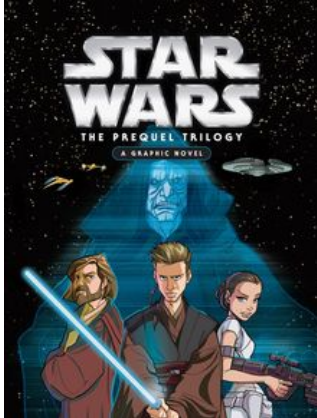GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM MAY NEWSLETTER

On Saturday, May 6th, stop by the Library and pick up your FREE comic book in celebration of Free Comic Book Day! Enter the giveaway and stick around for our Superhero Storytime at 11:00am.

Comics will be available while supplies last.

Click here for more information on *Free Comic Book Day*.

May the 4th be with you!

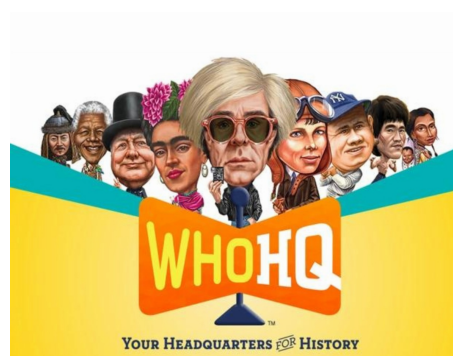Celebrate all things Star Wars this month by *checking out one*

of our MANY Star Wars Books, or *downloading a kit full of at-home activities*.

Find more fun at *StarWars.com*.

IN-ROOM CHANGES

We've moved some areas around! Can't find your favorite? Ask us for a tour. We're always available to help find titles, authors or series!

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Early Literacy Center

Learning to read? Start here!

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YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR HISTORY

Visit our Early Learning Center at

Who HQ is located right near the Children's Room door and has all of

the top of the room for Easy/Early Reader titles, phonics books, and sight word books.

the "Big Head" who is/was and what was/is books!

New Magna-Tile sets!
Come in and play with our new Dinosaur, Farm Animal, Jungle Animal and Arctic Animal sets.

APRIL EVENTS

Monday, May 1st at 10:30am

Music and Movement

Join Apple Tree Arts for a fun-filled music and movement program for preschoolers ages 2 and up. Siblings are welcome! Parental participation is encouraged.
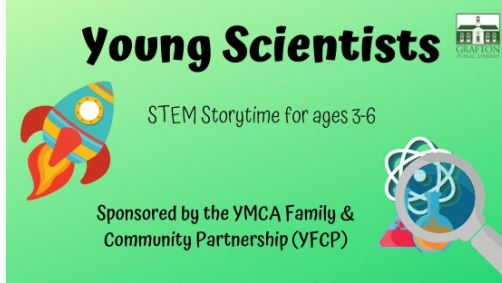
Register Now

Thursday, May 4th

May the 4th Star Wars Crafts

Drop in and make Star Wars themed crafts. All day. K+ Crafts may contain small parts. While supplies last.

Young Scientists

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STEM Storytime for ages 3-6

Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP)

**Fridays at 10:30am
May 5th, 12th and 19th**

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.

Register Now

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.

- 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.
- 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!

Once Upon a Storytime

Storytime for Ages 3-5
at Willard House & Clock Museum

Wednesday, May 10th at 3:30pm

Once Upon A Storytime

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.
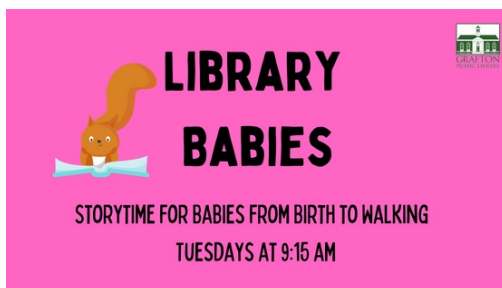
Register Now

Drop in Arts & Crafts

Drop-in and create some seasonal art with Ms. Stacie. Grades K-5. Craft materials will be available from 5:30-7:00pm.

Tuesdays, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Thursdays, May 11th, 18th, 25th
5:30-7:00pm

May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
at 9:15am

Library Babies

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

Because the 9:15am program takes place before the library opens to the public, please enter through the children's program room door on the left side of the library. There will be directional signage posted outside the

library on storytime days. Please arrive on time for these programs. Due to their short run time, we cannot allow any latecomers to enter after the program has begun.

This is a drop-in program; registration is not required.

Toddler Time

May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 9:15am AND 10:30am

Register Now

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

Because the 9:15am program takes place before the library opens to the public, please enter through the children's program room door on the left side of the library. There will be directional signage posted outside the library on storytime days. Please arrive on time for these programs. Due to their short run time, we cannot allow any latecomers to enter after the program has begun.

Preschool Storytime

May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at 9:15am

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.

Because the 9:15am program takes place before the library opens to the public, please enter through the children's program

room door on the left side of the library. There will be directional signage posted outside the library on storytime days. Please arrive on time for these programs. Due to their short run time, we cannot allow any latecomers to enter after the program has begun.

Registration is required.

Superhero Storytime 11:00am

**May 6th
at 11:00am**

Saturday Storytime

Saturday storytime is an all-ages program that repeats some elements from our popular weekday programs. Join Ms. Jen and Ms. Stacie for seasonal stories and songs!
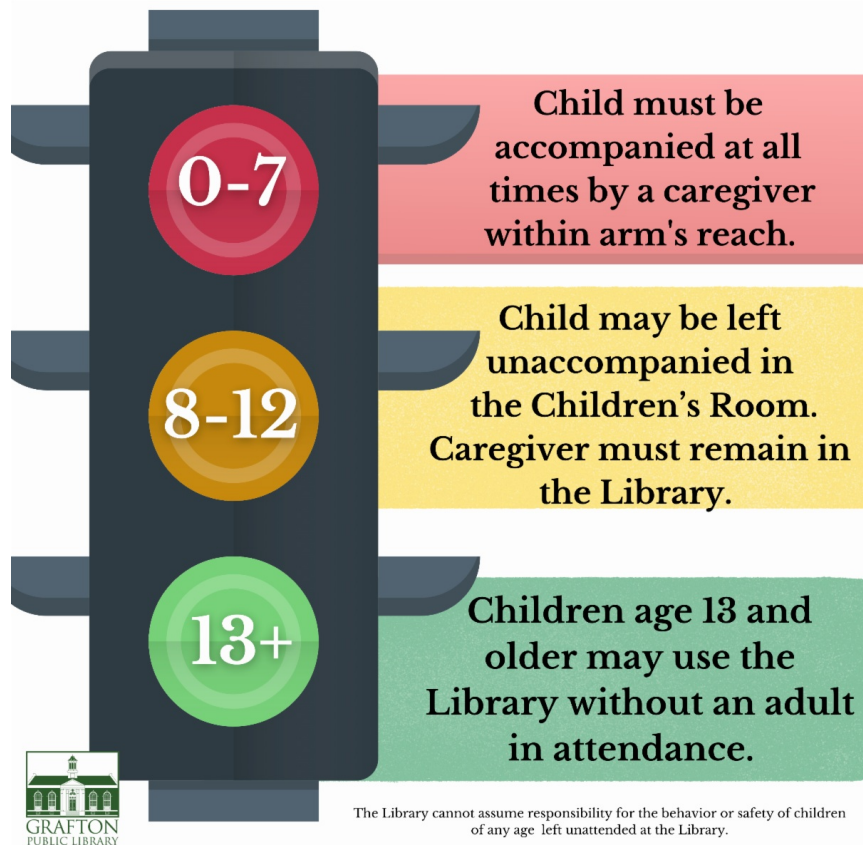
Come dressed as your favorite superhero!

See all of our upcoming LIVE and PASSIVE PROGRAM events:

GPL Event Calendar

See what's happening around town:

Grafton Community Calendar

0-7 — Child must be accompanied at all times by a caregiver within arm's reach.

8-12 — Child may be left unaccompanied in the Children's Room. Caregiver must remain in the Library.

13+ — Children age 13 and older may use the Library without an adult in attendance.

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The Library cannot assume responsibility for the behavior or safety of children of any age left unattended at the Library.

We are delighted to see so many students who want to use the Library after school, but must remind parents of our *Unattended Child Policy*:
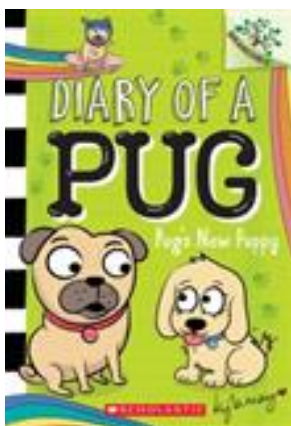
- youth ages 0-7 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times;
- youth ages 8-12 must be accompanied by parent/guardian remaining in the Library;
- youth ages 13+ may be unaccompanied, provided your child is able to use Library independently and follow the *Library's Code of Conduct.*
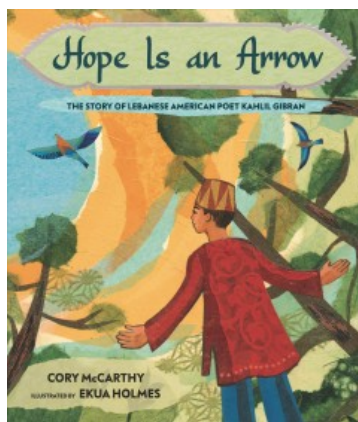
NEW BOOKS

New Books are now located next to the computer

catalog.

Pug's New Puppy
By Kyla May

Pub the pug and his human, Bella, are taking care of Nana's new puppy, Harlow. They can't wait to teach Harlow some new tricks! But training a puppy isn't an easy job. Will they be able to teach Harlow anything before Nana comes home? With full-color artwork throughout, this funny and charming diary-format early chapter book is perfect for anyone who believes a furry pal is the best kind of friend.

Hope is an arrow : the story of Lebanese American poet Kahlil Gibran by Cory McCarthy

A lyrical biography of Kahlil Gibran by award-winning writer Cory McCarthy, with glorious illustrations by Caldecott Honoree and two-time Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Ekua Holmes.

A unicorn, a dinosaur, and a shark walk into a book by Jonathan Fenske

From the comedic mind of Jonathan Fenske, Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor-winning creator of A Pig, a Fox, and a Box, comes a hilarious picture book about what happens when a unicorn, a dinosaur, and a shark "walk" into a book. Fenske's appealing illustration style and clever text make this intriguing book a must-have for every young reader's shelf.

24/7 DIGITAL BRANCH: ONLINE RESOURCES

The Grafton Public Library's website functions as a digital Library branch available 24/7. *Visit our Electronic Resource page for A complete list of digital resources and databases.*

Log in with your library card number and PIN. HINT: your PIN is usually the last 4 digits of your primary phone number. Call us at 508-839-4649 or email us at graftonlibrary.ma@gmail.com if you need your pin reset.
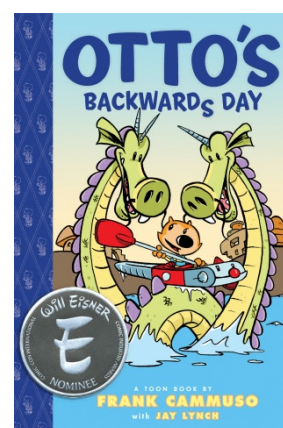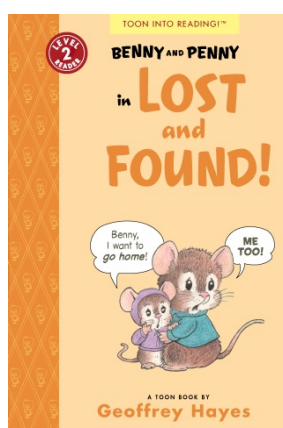
No Library card? No problem! *Sign up for an CW MARS eCard exclusively for online content.*

With Comics Plus, you have unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and magna from a variety of publishers.

Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Sign in with your library card. **#readallthecomics**
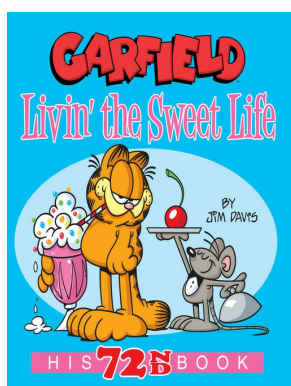
Download the *Libby App* to download books to your phone, tabletop computer. Thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more - hand-selected by your public library - are available for free. From NYT best-sellers to classics, you're sure to find something great to read!

Libby.

Have you heard of our Library of Things? We have over a hundred board games, puzzles and kits available to check out. Look for the white binder next to the video game section. It has a listing of all of our items and their availability.

In addition to board and card games, our collection of try-before-you-buy includes gaming consoles, tools, musical instruments, technology items, and hobby supplies. You can borrow a sewing machine, a telescope, a metal detector, a line leveler, gardening tools, a multimeter for vehicle diagnostics, cake pans, a Go-Pro camera, ukuleles, a digital projector, a 360 degree camera for remote meetings, and more! New additions for fall 2022 with a self-care theme include a Zen rock garden kit, therapy cards, and a photo therapy lamp.

NEW 💙 **beanstack**
Reading Challenges

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Grafton Public Library
BOOK BINGO
April, May, June

CAPTIVATING CRITTERS
ARTICLES INCLUDED

SYMBOLS, SECRET CODES, AND EMOJIS
Articles Included

POETRY MONTH
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