

CHILDREN'S ROOM APRIL NEWSLETTER



Tickets are still available for sale for \$5 per child for both our 10 AM and 11 AM Egg Hunts on Saturday April 1st but won't last long! Please hop on by

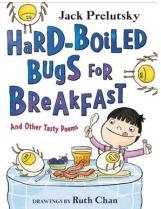
Grafton Public Library to purchase your tickets today!





Yuck, you suck! : poems about animals that sip, slurp, suck by Jane Yolen

Counting in dog years and other sassy math poems by Betsy Franco



Hard-boiled bugs for breakfast : and other tasty poems Book Book by Jack Prelutsky

IN-ROOM ACTIVITES

Stop by the children's room to see all the fun things you can do in-room this month! Can you find all the hidden eggs in the children's room?

DIGITAL RESOURCE OF THE MONTH



Tutor.com

Access knowledgeable, vetted K-12 tutors in a variety of subjects 2-9pm daily, for free

Log into Tutor.com with your Library Barcode

APRIL EVENTS



Monday, April 3rd at 10:30am

Music and Movement

Join Apple Tree Arts for a funfilled music and movement program for preschoolers ages 2 and up. Siblings are welcome! Parental participation is encouraged.

Register Now





Community Partnership (YFCP)

Fridays at 10:30am April 7th, 14th and 28th

Young Scientists

Join STEM Beginnings for a 6week 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!



Wednesday, April 12th 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





Tuesdays, April 4th and 11th Thursdays, April 6th and 13th 5:30-7:00pm

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.

STORYTIME AT THE GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



TUESDAYS AT 9:15 AM

April 4th and 11th 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

Toddler Time is a 30-minute





STORYTIME FOR CHILDREN WALKING-THREE YEARS Wednesdays at 9:15 Am

April 5th and 12th at 9:15am AND 10:30am



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.



STORYTIME FOR CHILDREN THREE-FIVE YEARS THURSDAYS AT 9:15 AM Registration is required

April 6th and 13th at 9:15am



Preschool Storytime

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

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Registration is required.







Saturday Storytime 11:00am

February 11th at 3:00pm

Saturday Storytime

Saturday storytime is an all-ages program that repeats some elements from our popular weekday programs. Join Ms. Jen for seasonal stories and songs!





Poetry Stations

April is National Poetry month! Celebrate by stopping at one of our poetry stations. Experiment with blackout poetry, cut-up magazine poetry, our poetry magnet board and more!



Stations will be available all April Vacation week.



Patio Fun: Bubbles and Chalk

All vacation week! Visit our patio to play with bubbles and chalk. Weather permitting.



Tuesday, April 18th

Make your owr stickers with

Lauren Scheuer

3:00-4:30pm

Wednesday, April 19th 3:00-4:30pm



Drop in and pick up a Take Home Lego Challenge. Build at home or in the library. While supplies last. **K+** Kits may contain small pieces.

Make Your Own Stickers with Lauren Scheuer

Artist and author Lauren Scheuer will show how to make your own unique stickers. Registration is required. **Grades 2-5**



Wednesday, April 19th at 1:00-2:30pm

Make your own Shadowbox Theatre with Pop-Up Art School

Learn about the animator Lottie Reiniger, a pioneer of silhouette animation and create your own shadow box theater. Using a story you already know, or one from your imagination, you'll make silhouettes of characters and props.

The theater will be lit from behind by the light on a smartphone or flashlight. Registration is required. **Grades 2-5**



Paper Marbling

Kids in grades **K-2** will create beautiful swirls with paint and shaving cream. This craft can be messy, so dress appropriately! Parental supervision is







Thursday, April 20th at 11:00-12:00pm

SLIME LAB

6:00-7:00PM

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Slime Lab

Drop in and make ooey, gooey slime! Materials will be available from 6:00pm-7:00pm **K+**

Movie and Craft

Drop -in and join us for a movie about a feline in footwear. Make

a craft while you watch. All ages.





Friday, April 21st at 3:00pm

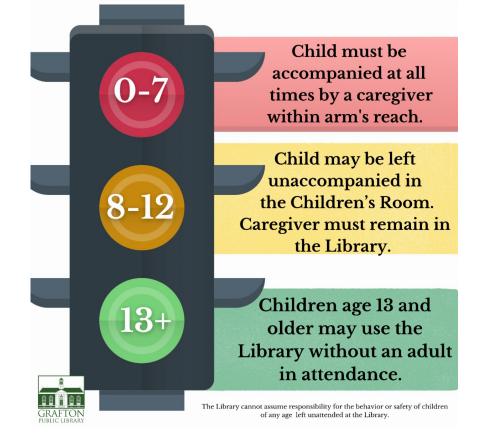
See all of our upcoming LIVE and PASSIVE PROGRAM events:

GPL Event Calendar

See what's happening around town:

Grafton Community Calendar





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





Lost Cat! By Jacqueline K. Rayner

Spare, simple, funny, and perfect for preschoolers, the saga of a cat who doesn't show up for dinner and the little girl who wishes she knew where he might be—but the reader knows!

Maggie Sparks and the Monster Baby By Steve Smallman

Book 1 in the magical adventures of a naughty little witch whose temper tantrums fizz into all kinds of trouble! A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters By Duncan Tonatiuh

A young Aztec girl tells her little brother how their parents create beautiful painted manuscripts, or codices. She explains to him how paper is made from local plants and how the long paper is folded into a book. Her parents and others paint the codices to tell the story of their people's way of life, documenting their history, science, tributes, and sacred rituals.

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

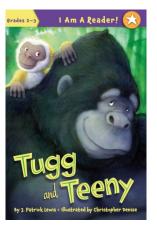
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POPULAR COMICS PLUS TITLES

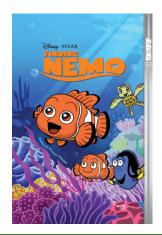


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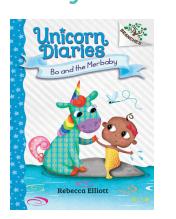


NEW DIGITAL ITEMS

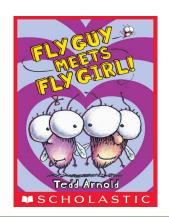


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THE LIBRARY OF THINGS





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-youbuy 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.

