

CHILDREN'S ROOM SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Children's
Room
REOPENING!

TUE SEPT 5 10am

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September Program Hiatus



Dear Patrons,

We regret to inform you that there won't be any staff-led programs in the Children's Room this September. We're still in the process of recovering from an unfortunate flooding incident that occurred on the morning of Friday, August 18th.

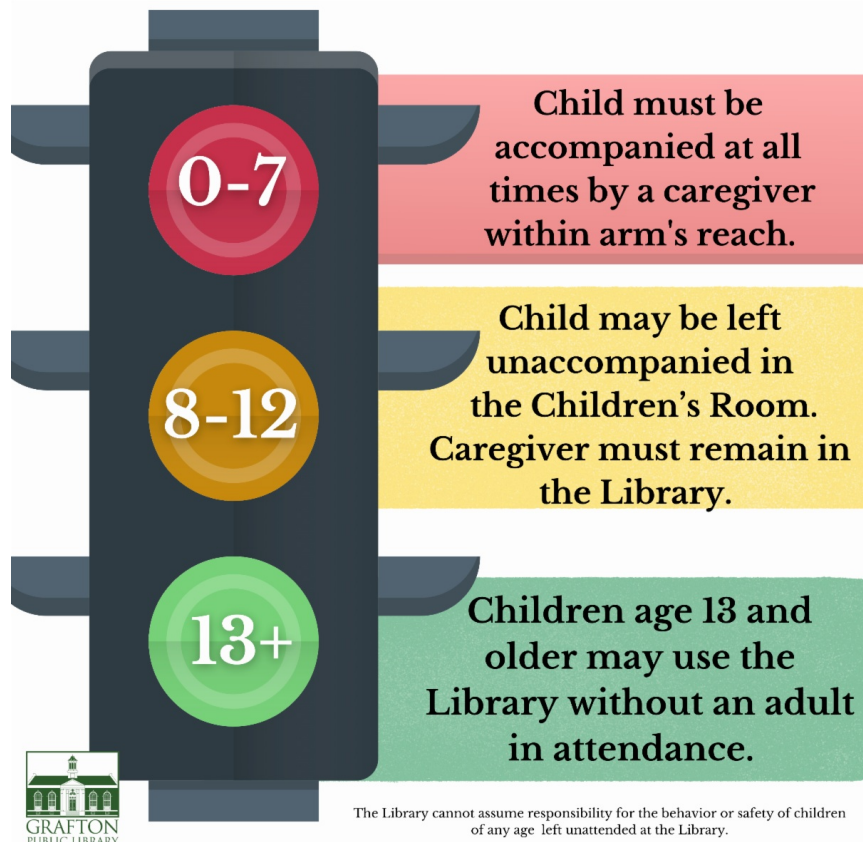
Intense rainstorms resulted in significant flooding, with water entering the Children's Room, the adjacent Children's Program Room, and other areas on the south side of the building. The Children's Program Room may require significant remediation to become a usable space again.

Additionally, we're facing staffing challenges due to recent retirements and illnesses.

We understand that the Children's Room is the heart of our library, and we're aware of how much our beloved programs mean to you. Rest assured, there's always plenty to do in the Children's Room. We offer a wide range of activities, from toys and coloring to our famous in-room scavenger hunt. We've got enough fun to keep the kids entertained! Families, children, and caregivers are always welcome to enjoy our space, and we'd be thrilled to host playgroups and meetups in our engaging children's area. For the latest updates on our programs, including special pop-up events, please visit our website and social media accounts.

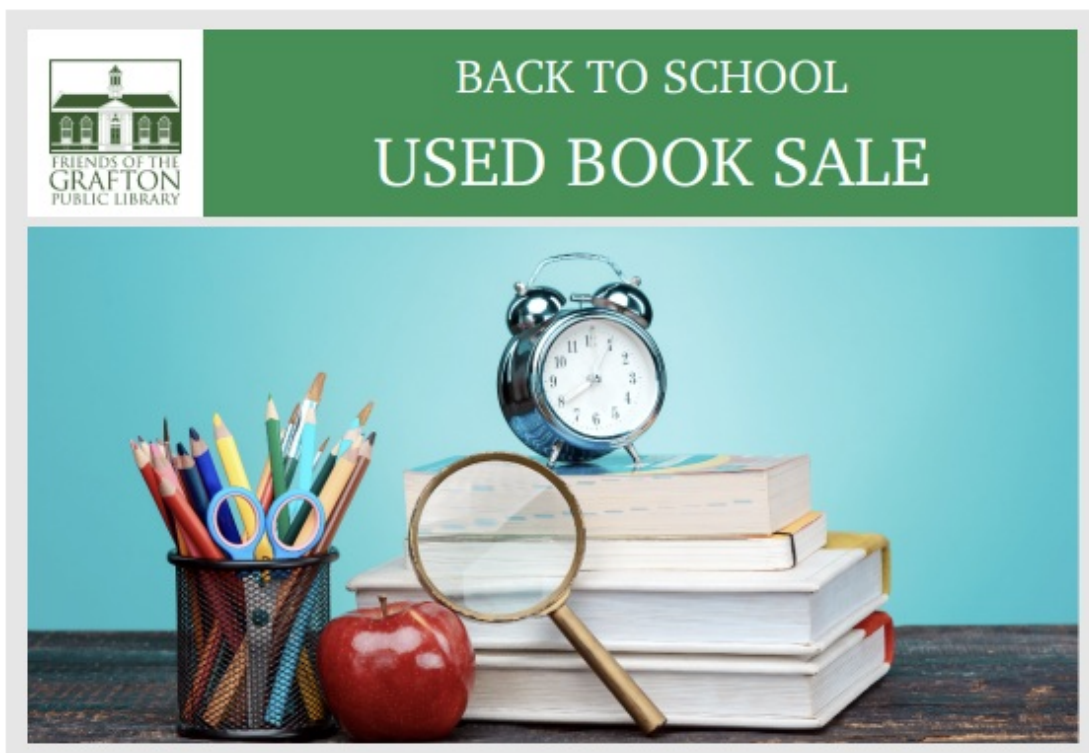
We deeply apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause and sincerely appreciate your understanding during this challenging time.

-CR Staff



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***.



The Friends will be hosting a Back-To-School Used Book Sale on Saturday September 9 from 10am-4pm and Sunday September 10 from 12-2pm; proceeds benefit the Grafton Public Library.

Book and media donations of items in saleable condition will be accepted beginning Monday August 28.

Support the Friends of the Grafton Public Library and stock up on some great children's books! Browse a selection of gently used books including board books, young readers, and some of the most popular series collections.

ATTENTION TEACHERS! We are offering 50% off ALL books for teachers so you can stock up on everything your classroom needs this school year. We are also again offering a bag sale on Sunday—fill a bag for \$5.00! Prices range from \$0.50 – \$2.00/book, with special pricing for collections.

Payment accepted via cash, check, or PayPal (for purchases over \$5 only).

To learn more please visit us at [FACEBOOK.COM/GPLFRIENDS](https://www.facebook.com/GPLFRIENDS)

Tutoring Room 117 Reservations



**View the
video:**



**Read the
Policy:**



**Reserve a
Room:**



**Parent must book the tutoring room, not the tutor.
Registrant must have a Grafton Library Card.
Room limit is 2, and must include a child under 12.**



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[Click here to reserve the tutoring room!](#)

Volunteers needed




The Grafton Public Library's Long Range Plan (LRP) expired in December 2020, and we have had an extension due to the pandemic, but it's time to update, review priorities, and see where we are going, next! Strategic planning isn't new for Grafton—it is a routine part of running a successful Library, and considered to be a standard of best practices in library management.

We are seeking a community of key stakeholders—Grafton residents, property owners, business owners, and community leaders—to volunteer to serve on a planning committee that will assist in setting Library service priorities for the next five years (2024-2028).

The time commitment is about six hours total; participants **MUST** attend two evening focus group meetings, one in July, one in August. Meeting attendance is **MANDATORY** for planning committee members. The successful candidate has a strong working knowledge of the Grafton community, and may or may not be a current Library user. The meetings will be facilitated by an outside library consultant.

Meetings will include: defining a vision for the community served by the



Library; brainstorming; and conducting a strengths, weaknesses, growth opportunities and aspirations type analysis, first looking externally at the community, then internally at the Library. The feedback gathered will be used to develop LRP for 2024-2028. This written document provides goals, measurable objectives and specific activities for Library staff to execute.

An LRP spanning five years is required by the MBLC for any library that wishes to apply for—or keep—grant funding. We currently have a MPLCP grant of \$7.4M for our new library building, and need a LRP to remain compliant. The plan is due October 1, 2023.

The LRP is reviewed annually by the Grafton Public Library Board of Trustees, and the Library Director must submit an approved, updated a plan of action to the MBLC by December 1 annually. ***Anyone can review the current LRP and Action Plan online.***

If you are interested in participating in the strategic planning process and joining the LRP committee, please contact Beth Schreiber, Library Director, at schreiberb@graftonlibrary.org or 508-839-4649.

Can't commit? Bored by meetings? You can still provide valuable input! ***A Community Survey is available online.***

Thanks in advance for your continued help and support!

THANK YOU



FOR TIDYING UP!

See all of our upcoming LIVE and
PASSIVE PROGRAM events:

[GPL Event Calendar](#)

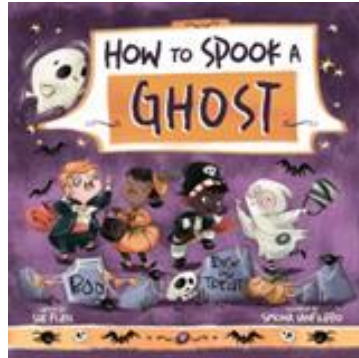
See what's happening around town:

[Grafton Community Calendar](#)

NEW BOOKS



New Books are now located next to the computer catalog.



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.

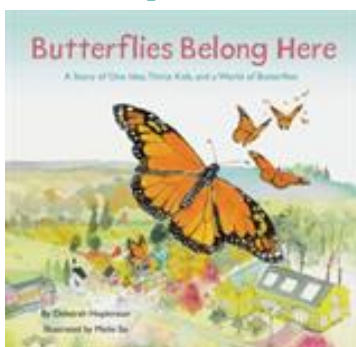
No Library card? No problem! *Sign up for an [CW MARS eCard](#) exclusively for online content.*

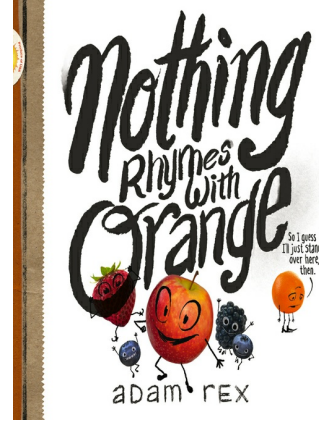
NEW DIGITAL ITEMS



Libby.

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!



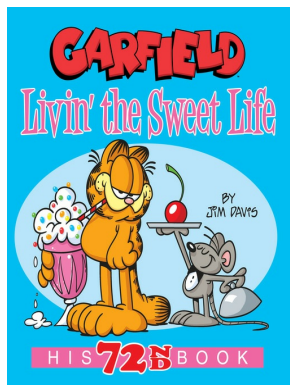


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Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Sign in with your library card. [#readallthecomics](#)



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-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.



SEASONAL AND
ONGOING
Reading Challenges
FOR BOOK LOVERS
OF ALL AGES

See more challenges at graftonlibrary.org/beanstack

