

# CHILDREN'S ROOM DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



**THE CHILDREN'S ROOM IS**

**CLOSED**

**FOR CONSTRUCTION**

**A limited selection of children's books are  
available in the lobby.**

**No toys, games, or seating space is available in the lobby.  
The teen room is exclusively for teens in grades 6 and above.**

The Children's Room continues to be closed while the room is undergoing flood remediation.

On Friday 8/18, portions of the Children's Room, Children's Workroom (where staff offices are located) and Community Rooms, as well as the entirety of the Children's Program room flooded during a late summer

storm.

Construction should begin shortly, but we do not have a solid deadline for when the work will be completed.



Thanks to the generosity of the *Friends of the Grafton Public Library*, we have opened a pop-up children's collection in the Friends' corner of the lobby. We offer a **limited** selection in the lobby and do not provide toys, games, or seating space in this area. Please consider your library visit as an errand rather than a destination, and remember that the teen room is exclusively reserved for students in grades 6 and above.

Programming is on hold as well, but we are hopeful it will be back in some capacity after the new year.

Thank you sincerely for your patience, understanding, and kindness as we try to offer the best service we can in these unexpected and difficult circumstances. We can't wait to return to our space!

Please feel free to patronize other libraries while we are closed, but do come back to your friends in Grafton.



# LOCAL LIBRARIES WITH GREAT CHILDREN'S PLAYSPACES



## Millbury Public Library

128 Elm St, Millbury, MA 01527

Monday: 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 10:00 AM-8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## Shrewsbury Public Library

609 Main St, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM.-9:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM.-5:00 PM.

Saturday: 9:00 AM.-5:00 PM

Sunday\*: October through May: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

## Westborough Public Library

55 W Main St, Westborough, MA 01581

Monday-Thursday: 9:00AM-8:00PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 1:00PM-5:00PM

## Northborough Free Library

34 Main St, Northborough, MA 01532

Monday-Wednesday: 9:30AM - 8:30PM

Thursday-Saturday: 9:30AM - 5:00PM



Need a specific book or item while we're closed? It's easy to request an item online, or call us at 508-839-4649 or ***email us to request items.***

# How to request an item:

## 1. Go to the GPL catalog:



## 2. Log in with your username (library barcode) and password (last 4 digits of your phone #)

Log in to Your Account

Library Card Number or User Name

Password

[Need a Card?](#) [Forgot Your Password?](#)

☐ Stay signed in?

## 3. Search for your item:

Search for

Titles

starting with

dogman

in

All CW MARS Libraries

## 4. Find your item:

**Dog Man** Book (2019)

**Dog Man** written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey, as George Beard and Harold Horrible, with color by Jose Garibay

Primary Code: 1485

Call number: J GRAFNEC DOG MAN v1

Popularity: 0.0/5.0

155 of 201 copies available at All CW MARS Libraries

0 of 3 copies available at Grafton Public Library

Place Hold

Dog Man : written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey, as George Beard and Harold Horrible, with color by Jose Garibay

Number of copies:

Public location:

Notify when book is ready for pickup?

☐ Yes, by Email

☒ Yes, by Phone

Phone Number:

☒ Yes, by Text Messaging

Mobile Number:

When carrier charges may apply

Request the book

Get additional info

5. Select how we should notify you. Items will arrive in approximately a week. You can pick them up in Grafton or at other libraries!

Too confusing? Fill out our [concierge form](#) and we will request items for you:





# GRAFTON

## Celebrates the Holidays

### 2023

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STARTS  
at 10AM

FROSTY STOPS  
CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR  
& OTHER HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



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**GCTH 2023**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Celebrate the Holidays in Grafton and enjoy family fun while supporting these participating businesses, churches, and nonprofit organizations. *You'll find more than 20 Frosty Stops (just look for the Snow Bear logo!),* plus a Craft & Vendor Fair with local goods, Santa's arrival on the common and more holiday fun!

*Check out the brochure from Grafton Recreation.*

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR: 10am - 3pm  
FROSTY STOPS: 12 - 4pm (unless otherwise noted)  
SANTA'S ARRIVAL ON THE COMMON: 4:30pm  
LIGHTING OF THE COMMON: 4:45PM

\*Events, times, activities and locations are subject to change. Visit [GraftonRec.com](http://GraftonRec.com) for the latest updates.



### Grafton Public Library is Frosty Stop # 25

Celebrate the holidays with GPL!

Diane Edgecomb will be presenting two 30 minute performances of her "Once Upon a Wintertime" program at **1:30** and **2:30pm**.

Warm your hearts and your imaginations with dynamic tales of wintertime magic and fun spun by master storyteller Diane Edgecomb. These timeless stories from snowy lands include the lyrical Grimm's tale of Snow White and Rose Red, tales of folksy New England escapades, and the antics of a truly Funny Snowman! Be prepared to join in and transform a winter's day into a time of delight.

*About Diane: One of America's most beloved storytellers, Diane is known for transforming into the characters in her tales bringing stories to vibrant life. No matter where she performs, Diane's warmth and invitation to participate brings today's family audiences into the heart of the moment. Diane has been featured on NPR and is the winner of the ORACLE award for Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast as well as five Storytelling World awards.*

The annual Girl Scouts Gingerbread House Contest is back! Stop by from



12-3pm to vote for your favorite "Winter Vacation Locations" gingerbread display. Winners will be announced at 3:15pm.

Foster/Adopt MA will be present to speak with community members about the ongoing need for foster and adoptive families in the area. There will be some small handouts regarding qualifications needed to foster and adopt from 12-3:30 pm.

Don't forget to swing by to see the Friends of the Library's Holiday Book Bundles!



Our frog-in-residence, Anthony Hop-kins, has gotten a seasonal refresh. Come in and check him out.

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Cyndi is hard at work making more baskets to store our toys. We can't wait until our room is open again so you can see all of her hard work!

Check out all the *sewing* projects that Cyndi has been making to keep our children's room fun and beautiful.

## DECEMBER EVENTS

A graphic with a red background featuring a pattern of concentric circles. On the left, there is an illustration of a brown grandfather clock. The text "Once Upon a Storytime" is written in a large, bold, black font. Below it, in a smaller, black font, is "Storytime for Ages 3-5 at Willard House & Clock Museum". In the top right corner, there is a small logo for "GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY" featuring a green building illustration.

**Once Upon a Storytime**

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

Wednesday, December 13th



3:30pm

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



**Young Scientists with STEM Beginnings**  
**Fridays at 10:30 am**  
**December 1st, 8th, & 15th**

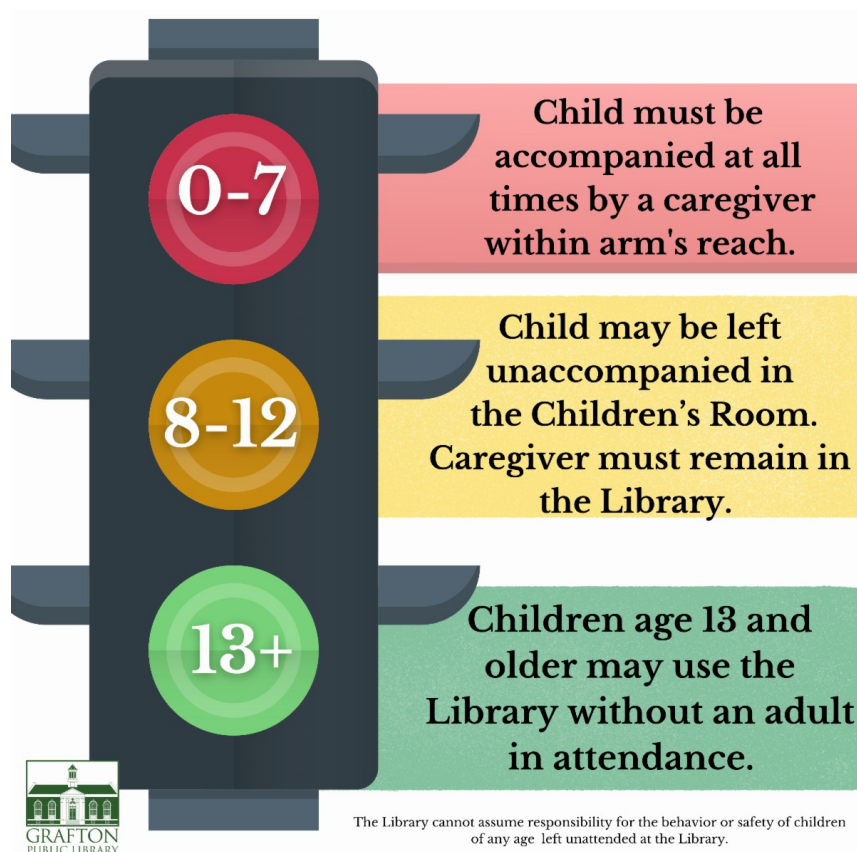
Join STEM Beginnings for a 6-week series for children, ages 3-6. Children will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, story time and simple experiments. Please register with **YFCP directly**. ( Grafton Public Library will not be registering attendees for this class.

- 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.

[Register Here](#)



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**.

See all of our upcoming LIVE and PASSIVE PROGRAM events:

See what's happening around town:

[Grafton Community Calendar](#)



## NEW ITEMS



New children's books are housed in our new bookshelf in the temporary children's space. *Check out what's new!*

*Sign up For Wowbrary to see what's new at GPL every week!*

## 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](mailto:graftonlibrary.ma@gmail.com) if you need your pin reset.

No Library card? No problem! *Sign up for an CW MARS eCard exclusively*





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.



*See more challenges at  
[graftonlibrary.org/beanstack](https://graftonlibrary.org/beanstack)*



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