

YOUTH SERVICES
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2024



GRAFTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY



WINTER HOURS

Winter hours have been extended until April 30, 2024.

Our temporary hours of operation will be:

- Monday - 10am to 8pm
- Tuesday - 10am to 8pm.
- Wednesday - 10am to 8pm
- Thursday - 10am to 8pm
- Friday - 10am to 3pm
- Saturday - 10am to 3pm

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

CHILDREN'S PLAYSPACE NOW OPEN IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

COMPUTERS, TOYS, SEATING & ARTS & CRAFTS!

CHILDREN'S MATERIALS TO CHECK OUT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.

Open play will be from 11:30am-7:00pm Monday through Thursday, and 11:30-2:00pm on Friday and Saturdays.

In the temporary location in the Community Room, children can enjoy various activities, including playing with toys, games, and AWE computers. There is ample space to play, meet friends, or read a story in our cozy seating and dedicated play areas.

The temporary Children's collection is still being housed in the Friend's Corner. Thank you to the Friends for their continued hospitality!

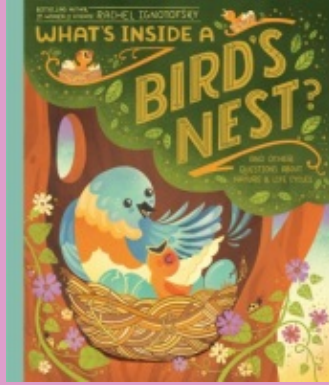


NEW BOOKS



[Bears love hugs by Lara Bryan](#)

Share the love with this heart-warming board book, perfect for snuggly storytimes together. Bears LOVE hugs, but what about all the other animals? Little Bear sets off to find out. Turn the ingeniously shaped pages to make Otter, Mouse and Squirrel leap into their loved ones' arms. Whether it's the start of the day, quiet time or bed time - this is the perfect book for sharing a cuddly reading moment with your little one.



[What's inside a bird's nest? : and other questions about nature & life cycles by Rachel Ignotofsky](#)

Discover the next nonfiction picture book about eggs, nests, and birds from the creator of the New York Times bestseller Women in Science, Rachel Ignotofsky! Want to learn more about the bird that chirps outside your window? Ignotofsky crafts a perfect read out loud with a touch of humor and compassion for our friends with wings in the sky!



[The cozy home : three-and-a-half stories by Ame Dyckman](#)

Join Bat, Cat, and Rat on their three-and-a-half sweet and silly roommate adventures in this hilarious picture book, the first of a series, from New York Times bestsellers Ame Dyckman and Mark Teague. What happens when three friends—a bat, a cat, and a rat—move in together? In “Sharing,” Bat, Cat, and Rat find a cozy home to share. But will choosing rooms put their sharing skills to the test?

TEEN ROOM NEWS

Hey there, Grafton Gators! Looking for the ultimate hangout spot after school? Look no further than the Teen Room at Grafton Public Library! Librarians Debby, Shawn, and Sarah are ready to welcome you with open arms and a ton of fun activities.

Dive into the world of manga with our extensive collection, challenge your friends to Mario Kart in our dedicated gaming space, or let your creativity soar in our maker space. Need to catch up on homework or just chill out? We've got you covered with cozy seating and computers for all your needs.

Whether you're a bookworm, a gamer, a creator, or just looking for a cool place to kick back, the Teen Room at Grafton Public Library is where it's at. Swing by and see for yourself why it's the hottest spot in town!



WEEKDAY
DAILY
DROP-IN
ACTIVITIES



IN THE
TEEN
ROOM

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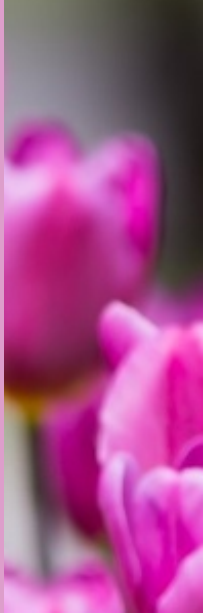

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Check out our [Event Calendar](#) for Teen Room programs, or follow us on [TikTok](#) to hear about special pop-up events and daily activities.




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What's your favorite part of the teen room? The game room, the Manga, the librarians?
[Let us know!](#)

APRIL VACATION EVENTS-KIDS (Birth-Grade 5)

The poster for the "Garden Mosaics" event features a vibrant green background. On the left, there are five colorful mosaic illustrations of garden creatures: a dragonfly, a lizard, a snake, a snail, and a ladybug. On the right, the text "GARDEN MOSAICS" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, the date and time "TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH 2:30PM" and the grade levels "GRADES K-5" are listed in bold black text. The Grafton Public Library logo is in the top right corner of the poster area.

**GARDEN
MOSAICS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH
2:30PM
GRADES K-5**

**GARDEN MOSAICS
TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH AT 2:30PM**

Think Spring this April Vacation Week by making one of these adorable garden mosaics!

Grades K-5

Registration is required.

[Register Here!](#)



RAIN POETRY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH
2:30PM
AGES 5-9

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The Grafton Library and the [Worcester County Poetry Association](#) present Rain Poetry 2024, a poetry workshop for ages 5-9!

Confused by, bemused by, disabused about poetry? In honor of April Showers and National Poetry Month, come join us as we explore free verse! We'll read and write poetry together and work on poems about rain in your neighborhood! All abilities and interests welcome; if you can't yet wield a pen, please bring a companion who can!

Ages 5-9. Registration is required.

[Register Here!](#)



**Board Game
Tasting**



**MOVIE & NEEDLEPOINT
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH
10:30AM**

Join us for Needlepoint Fun during this Craft & Movie Day. Children in grades K-5 can register for this event where they'll watch a movie and create needlepoint designs. With easy-to-follow instructions and pre-printed patterns, participants will learn the basics of needlepoint embroidery while crafting their own charming piece. This activity is suitable for beginners and experienced crafters alike. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stitch up some fun – register now!

[Register Here!](#)



**SPRING TOTES
SATURDAY APRIL 20TH
10:30AM**

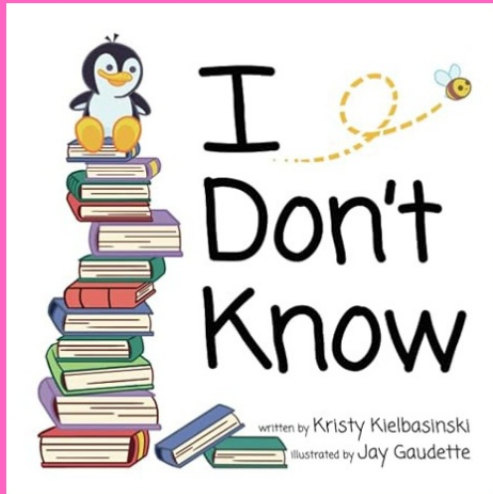
Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

**APRIL EVENTS-KIDS
(Birth-Grade 5)**

STORYTIME & CRAFT

WITH LOCAL AUTHOR KRISTY KIELBASINSKI



EVERY FAMILY RECEIVES A FREE SIGNED BOOK!

FRIDAY APRIL 26TH
10:30AM

Join local author Kristy Kielbasinski for a special reading of her children's book, [I DON'T KNOW.](#)

Join a mischievous bee on a hilarious journey to discover a little penguin's favorite book. Will it be a fairy tale, a classic, or maybe a silly new story? I Don't Know! By the end of this playful rhyming read-aloud adventure the room will be filled with laughter and your hearts filled with love.

After storytime, Kristy will lead the children through a simple craft. Every family that attends will receive a free signed copy of the book!



RAIN POETRY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH
3:00PM
AGES 10-14

RAIN POETRY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
3:00PM

The Grafton Library and the Worcester County Poetry Association present Rain Poetry 2024, a poetry workshop for ages 10-14.!

Confused by, bemused by, disabused about poetry? In honor of April Showers and National Poetry Month, come join us as we explore free verse! We'll read and write poetry together and work on poems about rain in your neighborhood! All abilities and interests welcome; if you can't yet wield a pen, please bring a companion who can!

Ages 10-14. Registration is required.

[Register Here!](#)

Community Helper Storytime Dr. Diab, Pediatric Dental of Grafton



Tuesday, April 23rd
10:30am



Community Helper Storytime: Dr. Diab, Pediatric Dental of Grafton

Join us for a special storytime featuring one of Grafton's community helpers! Dentist Dr. Diab will be here to share her mission to promote dental health and hygiene among children through the BrushFloss program. The program will involve direct engagement with children by dental professionals, including dentists, hygienists, and office staff. The core objectives include:

1. **Educating Children on Proper Brushing Techniques:** The team will demonstrate the correct way to brush teeth, emphasizing the importance of brushing twice daily and the techniques that ensure effective cleaning of all tooth surfaces.
2. **Promoting Good Oral Hygiene Practices:** Beyond brushing, the program will cover the full spectrum of oral care, including flossing. It will teach the importance of regular flossing to remove plaque and food particles between teeth, where a toothbrush might not reach.
3. **Guiding Healthier Dietary Choices:** A crucial part of oral health is nutrition. The program will provide guidance on making healthier food and drink choices that support dental health, such as reducing sugar intake and choosing foods that strengthen teeth.
4. **Interactive Learning Experience:** To engage children effectively, the program will utilize interactive methods such as demonstrations, hands-on practice sessions, and Q&A segments. This approach aims to foster a fun learning environment that encourages children to adopt these practices.
5. **Resources for Ongoing Support:** The program will also offer take-home materials, such as brochures or small kits, to remind children of what they learned and encourage them to apply these practices daily. The overarching goal of the BrushFloss program is to instill lifelong habits of good oral hygiene and healthy dietary choices in children, contributing to their overall well-being and preventing dental problems in the future.

[Pediatric Dental of Grafton offers free oral exams to children 24 months and younger.](#)

APRIL PROGRAMS KIDS (Birth-Grade 5)

Library Babies

**Mondays at
10:30am**



**MONDAYS
APRIL 1ST, 7TH AND 29TH**

Library Babies is 20-minute program tailored for our tiniest visitors, ages birth to walking. Every Monday at 10:30 am, join us for an engaging experience where we read stories, sing songs, recite familiar nursery rhymes, and interact with the little ones through bounces and finger plays. Parents and caregivers are not just spectators – they play a crucial role in creating a community of support and friendship. This drop-in program provides a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parents, forge lifelong friendships, and witness the joy of early literacy together. No registration is required.

Toddler Time

**Wednesdays
at 10:30am**



**WEDNESDAYS
APRIL 2ND, 7TH, 30TH**

Toddler Time is a lively 30-minute program designed for our little ones aged walking to 3 years! Join us on Wednesdays at 10:30 as we share stories, sing and dance, and engage in fun movement activities. Beyond the enriching activities, Toddler Time is an opportunity for toddlers, parents, and caregivers to come together, fostering first friendships and creating a warm community.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays
at 10:30am



THURSDAYS
APRIL 3RD, 8TH

Tailored for children aged 3-5, this 45-minute program offers a structured and engaging storytime experience. Join Ms. Sarah, and dive into a world of stories, catchy songs, interactive felt board fun, and movement activities. It's not just a storytime – it's a stepping stone to school readiness. Secure your spot by registering below.

[Register Here](#)

Once Upon a Storytime at Willard House



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH @ 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 Here](#)



TUESDAYS @ 5:30-7:00PM
APRIL 2ND, 9TH, 16TH AND 30TH

THURSDAYS @ 5:30-7:00PM
APRIL 4TH, 11TH AND 18TH

Drop in and unleash your creativity with seasonal art in this engaging program designed for Grades K-5! Craft materials will be at your fingertips from 5:30-7:00 pm, allowing you to explore your artistic talents and make something special.

Join us for a night of artistic expression and seasonal fun!

While creating masterpieces, please keep in mind the Library's Unattended Child Policy: children aged 0-7 must always be accompanied by a parent/guardian; those aged 8-12 should have a parent/guardian in the Library; and those 13 and older may enjoy the program unaccompanied, provided they can use the Library independently and adhere to the Library's Code of Conduct.

Card

Games

**Wednesdays
5:30-7:00pm**



**WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30-7:00PM
APRIL 3RD AND 10TH**

Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of mathematics through the fun and engaging medium of card games! In this STEM program tailored for kids, we'll delve into various mathematical concepts while enjoying classic and modern card games. From arithmetic to probability, participants will sharpen their critical thinking skills, develop strategic reasoning, and explore mathematical principles in action. Don't miss out on this hands-on STEM adventure where learning meets fun with every shuffle and deal!

A COMIC CREATORS CLUB JUST FOR KIDS?!



COMIC CREATORS CLUB
TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD @ 4:30pm

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

This program is for school aged children in grades 2-5.

[Register Here](#)



**BOOKWORMS GRADES K-1
TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD @ 5:30pm**

Join Ms. Kristin for a fun book discussion aimed at kids in kindergarten to first grade! Don't forget to pick up your copy of the [GUESS WHAT by Mo Willems, at the library.](#)

When Zoomy and his pals get to the beach, chaos ensues, in this funny, furry adventure that includes bonus jokes, quirky quizzes, nutty facts and so, so many Squirrels.

[Register Here](#)

BOOKWORMS
GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB
FOR GRADES 2-3
TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD 6:15-6:45 PM



BOOKWORMS GRADES 2-3
TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD @6:15pm

Explore books with Ms. Kristin in a discussion just for second and third graders. This month, we're reading [INVESTIGATORS by John Green](#).

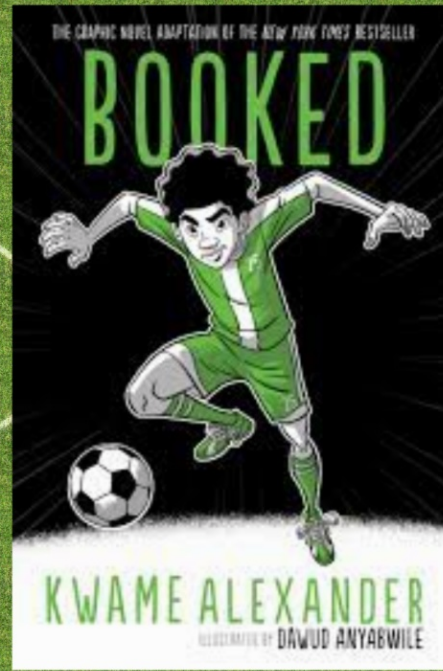
With their very exciting spy technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! And on their first mission together, they have not one but two mysteries to solve! Can Mango and Brash uncover the clues, crack their cases, and corral the crooks - or will the criminals wriggle out of their grasp?

Get your own book at the library and help your child enjoy reading. Register now.

[Register Here](#)

**BOOKWORMS
GRAPHIC NOVEL
BOOK CLUB
FOR
GRADES 4-5**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD
7:00-7:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD @ 7:00pm

Join Ms. Kristin for a fun book chat designed for young readers in fourth and fifth grade. Grab your copy of [BOOKED by Kwame Alexander](#) at the library and secure your spot below to encourage your child's reading journey.

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

[Register Here](#)

APRIL EVENTS-TEENS (Grade 6-12)

Stop by the teen room every day after school for special drop-in events. Debby, Sarah and Shawn always have something going on!

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See all of our upcoming LIVE and
PASSIVE PROGRAM events:


[GPL Event Calendar](#)

See what's happening around town:

[Grafton Community Calendar](#)

A graphic of a traffic light with three colored circles (red, yellow, green) indicating age groups. To the right of each circle is a text box explaining the supervision rules for that age group.

Age Group	Supervision Rule
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.

 **GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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](#).

TEEN ROOM RULES

Teen Room Behavior Contract

Beginning 10/11/22, all teens requesting use of the teen room will be asked to sign the Teen Room Behavior Contract, which outlines the rules of the Teen Room and consequences for not following them. This will only need to be completed once and a note will be added on your library card account. Name, grades, address, and phone/email are required to sign in.

Teen Room Sign In Procedure (updated Friday October 14)

In order to ensure a safe, positive and inclusive space for all tween and teens we are limiting the number of patrons visiting the Teen Room to 22 people. Rooms further are limited by number of chairs (no more than 16 in the gaming room, 16 in the maker space, or 19 in perimeter seating at any one time). There is no congregating in ways that block doors or emergency exits, access to stacks, or life/safety equipment.

Teen Room Rules:

- Earbuds or headphones must be used. No sound coming from electronic devices.
- Respectful language only. No profanity, disrespectful, or unsafe language.
- Noise must be kept at a conversational level.
- Clean up your area before leaving, throwing trash away.

Three Strike Rule:

1. Verbal warning/strike
2. Repeated warning — may be non-verbal
3. At Third Strike, you will be asked to leave library property within 2 minutes*

*Groups may be asked to leave if individual members of the group are not following the rules.

If you are asked to leave for a minor violation, you may return the next day with a clean slate.

Repeated violations may result in a longer suspension from the library.

You will be asked to leave IMMEDIATELY if any of the following occurs:

- Picking up, hitting, kicking, chasing another person or taking another person's property
- Entering a staff area, cabinets, or drawers without permission; misuse of supplies
- Unsafe or destructive behaviors such as vandalism or damage to equipment, furniture, walls, or other library property
- Disrespect to library staff

When You Can Return

If you are asked to leave immediately for unsafe or disrespectful behavior, you may return:

- 1st removal — the next day
- 2nd removal — one week
- 3rd removal — one month

A meeting with the Library Director or manager, and/or a parent meeting may be required to return.

If you return and are on Library property, the Grafton Police Department will be notified and you will be served with a No Trespass Order.

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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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](#)

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.



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