

YOUTH SERVICES
NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2024



GRAFTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Grafton Public Library Hours as of May 1st, 2024



Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-8:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm



Library Hours Change on May 1st, 2024

Library hours of operation will be:

Monday - 9am to 8pm

Tuesday - 9am to 8pm.

Wednesday - 9am to 8pm

Thursday - 9am to 8pm

Friday - 9am to 6pm

Saturday - 9am to 2pm

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Welcome Greta!

We are thrilled to announce that Greta Schonberg, a dedicated long-time temporary staff member, is now joining our Children's Room team on a permanent basis. A lifelong resident of Grafton, Greta has been a familiar and friendly face at our library for many years.



Greta's favorite book is *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, a beloved classic that she enjoys reading to her daughter. Her passion for children's literature and her deep connection to our community make her an invaluable addition to our team.

Please join us in welcoming Greta to her new permanent role. We look forward to the continued warmth, enthusiasm, and fun that she brings to our Children's Room.



COLOR PENNY WAR BEGINS

On June 1st, our Rainbow Color Penny War begins.

What's your favorite color? Blue, Red, Yellow, or Green?

Add pennies and dollars to your favorite color's jar to add points.

Nickels, dimes, and quarters take points away. Add them to your least favorite color.

Proceeds will be donated to a local LGBTQ+ organization TBD.

Coming Soon...



SUMMER 2024 GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



**READ TO BEAD IS BACK!
TRACK YOUR READING AND MAKE
A COOL NECKLACE.**

**OPEN PLAY, SCAVENGER
HUNTS AND FUN IN-ROOM
ACTIVITIES.**

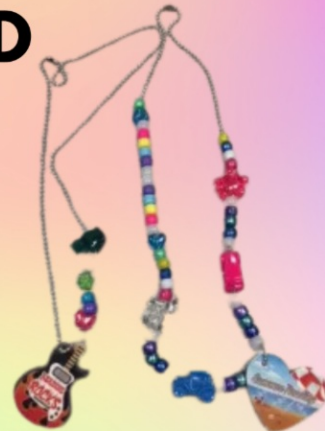
**PROGRAMS FOR ALL
AGES. SOMETHING
DIFFERENT EVERY DAY!**

- STORYTIMES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS
- EVENING STORYTIMES
- DANCE IN THE PARK
- BRICK MINI BUILDS

- EVENING AND DAYTIME CRAFTS
- SUPER SATURDAYS
- AND MORE!

READ, RENEW, REPEAT

READ TO BEAD IS BACK!



Read to Bead begins on June 17th.

Download a tracking form [here](#), or pick one up at the Library.

When choosing a reading goal for your family, remember, you know your child best!

Tip: When choosing a goal, try to have it be enough of a stretch to create a real sense of accomplishment.

Track pages, chapters, books read or time spent- minutes or hours. For reluctant readers, start simple by aiming to read every day. Remember you can always adjust your goals as the summer progresses.

Once a row is filled, bring it to the library to redeem a token for our gumball machine! Our gumball machines give out beads so your child can create a unique summer reading necklace.

Keep filling rows for more tokens and beads. Earn special charms by attending Library Programs.



Borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music everywhere you have a screen-your computer, your phone, your car, even your TV. All you need is a library card. Hoopla syncs across all your devices, so you can stream titles immediately or whenever you're in the mood. Most titles can also be downloaded to your phone or tablet. Hoopla offers more content, in more places, than any other digital library platform and it's all FREE thanks to your public library! Titles may vary based on library catalog. You are allowed to check out 6 items each month on your library card.

If you had a Hoopla account previously through the Grafton Public Library your old login will not be valid.

Register for your new account [HERE](#).

If you have any questions feel free to call the Grafton Public Library 508-839-4649.

A photograph of three children sitting on a colorful play mat, engaged in play with toys. The image is framed by green decorative shapes on the left and right sides.

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 Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

Friday 9:00am- 5:00 pm and

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Open Play may be unavailable due to storytime or other special library programs. [Please check our event calendar before coming in to play.](#)

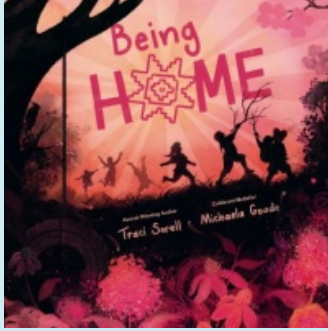
In the temporary location in the Community Room, children can enjoy various activities, including playing with toys, games, and AWE computers. There is ample space to play, meet friends, or read a story in our cozy seating and dedicated play areas.

There is a small selection of books in the Friends corner. Thank you to the Friends for their continued hospitality!

If you are looking for a specific title we can order it from another library.

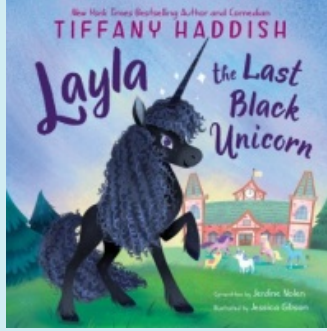
Unfortunately, Library staff still do not have a timeline or any new information about the reopening of the Children's Room, **but we do now know that the Children's Room will not be available in the summer, and we likely will not be able to move back into the room until fall.** We're heartbroken that we will not be back in our space or able to access our full collection of books for Summer Reading. We're hoping to have more information in the coming weeks. Please address any questions or concerns to the Town Administrator's office or the [Board of Library Trustees.](#)

NEW BOOKS



[Being home by Traci Sorell](#)

From Sibert Honor–winning author Traci Sorell and Caldecott Medal–winning artist Michaela Goade comes a heartwarming picture book about a Native American family and the joy of moving back to their ancestral land. Today is a day of excitement—it’s time to move! As a young Cherokee girl says goodbye to the swing, the house, and the city she’s called home her whole life, she readies herself for the upcoming road trip. While her mother drives, the girl draws the changing landscape outside her window. She looks forward to the end of the journey, where she’ll eat the feast her family has prepared, play in the creek with her cousins, and settle into the new rhythm of home. With warm, expressive artwork and spare, lyrical prose, the story of a young girl’s move toward rather than away from home unfolds.

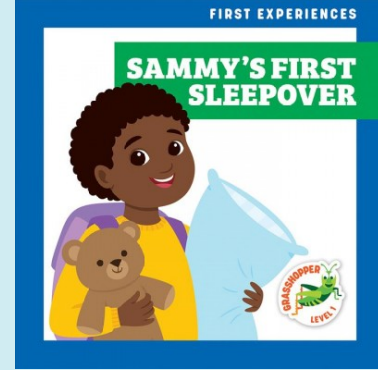


[Layla the last black unicorn by Tiffany Haddish](#)

From beloved comedian, actress, and New York Times bestselling author Tiffany Haddish comes Layla, the Last Black Unicorn, a hilarious, original picture book tale about a lovable but awkward unicorn who learns why her uniqueness is her biggest strength.

It’s not easy to fit in when you stand out. When Layla arrives for her first day of school at Unicornia, the school for unicorns, she realizes that she’s not like the other kids there. They’re all pastel colors and know the rules to Horn Ball and none of them come from the Woods like Layla does. Try as she might to make friends, Layla’s just . . . different. But when her class gets lost during a field trip to the Fiddle Dee Deep Forest, it’s up to Layla to step up and save the day.

Layla, the Last Black Unicorn is a hilariously heartwarming picture book about self-acceptance, self-esteem, and standing up for standing out by New York Times bestselling author, Grammy Award-winning comedian, and actress Tiffany Haddish and Jerdine Nolen, author of the Coretta Scott King Honor Book Thunder Rose.



[Sammy's first sleepover by Mari Schuh](#)

Follow along as Sammy experiences his first sleepover and the new, fun, and sometimes scary feelings that come with it. Illustrations and leveled text will engage young readers in a supportive educational fiction reading experience about a new situation. Includes quiz, picture glossary, and reading tips for teachers and parents.

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

MAKER
MONDAY

THERE WILL BE A PROJECT
TO DO IN THE MAKER SPACE

TASTING TUESDAY

FUN WITH FOOD

WEDNESDAY WATCH PARTY

TV TIME WITH SHAWN

ANIME THURSDAY

...AND GAMING
...AND MANGA
...AND GRAPHIC NOVELS
...AND LIGHT NOVELS
WITH SARAH

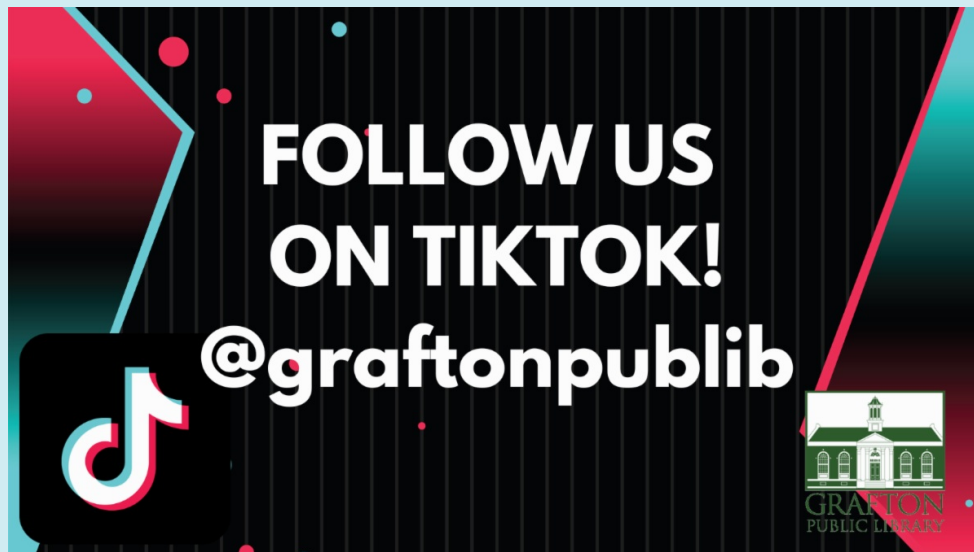
FRIDAY* FRI-YAY

COME HANG OUT WITH US TO
BRING IN THE WEEKEND.

SURPRISE!
ACTIVITIES WILL CHANGE
WEEK TO WEEK.

OPEN 2-3 P.M. IN APRIL - OPEN UNTIL 6 P.M. STARTING MAY 1

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



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

JUNE EVENTS-TEENS (Grade 6+)



DIY Rainbow Nail Art



Saturday, June 1
Drop in 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

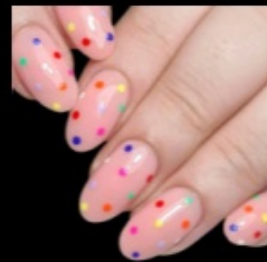


**Celebrate Pride Month in the
Teen Maker Space**



Ages 10-18*

***10-12 year-olds must have
an adult in the building**



DIY Rainbow Nail Art
Saturday, June 1st @ 10:00am-1:00pm

Come celebrate the beginning of Pride Month in the Tween and Teen Maker Space with DIY Rainbow Nail Art. Choose from a variety of colors and design your own rainbow creations on your fingertips. Nail polish, remover, and detail brushes will be provided.

Ages 10-18; 10-12 year olds must have an adult in the building.



Pride Month:

Button Making

Monday June 3rd 4:30-6

Saturday June 8th 11-1

Grades 6-12



PRIDE MONTH: BUTTON MAKING

Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 4:30PM

Saturday, June 8th @ 11:00AM

Pride Month is here and join us in the teen room for a button making workshop! With button makers of varying sizes tweens and teens will learn how to make their own buttons using premade pride themed designs or create their own! Tweens ages 10-12 should have an parent/guardian in the building. Grades 6-12

Anime Movie Night and Ghibli Diamond Art

Thursday

June 6th

5:30-7pm

Grades 6-12



Anime Movie Night and Ghibli Diamond Art
Thursday, June 6th @ 5:30pm

Join us in the teen room to watch the movie Liz and the Blue Bird and make some Studio Ghibli themed diamond art while eating some tasty Japanese snacks. Grades 6-12. Tweens ages 10-12 should have a parent/guardian in the building .

Pride Month: Macramé Craft



Thursday June 20th

3-5pm

Grades 6-12



PRIDE MONTH: MACRAME CRAFT

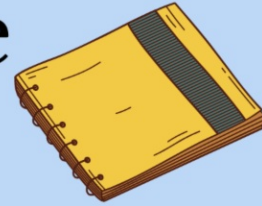
Thursday, June 20, 2024 @ 3:00PM

Join us in the teen room to get crafty with some macramé. Choose from a variety of colored yarn and ribbon to hang from a dowel and bring home something colorful for pride month. Grades 6-12, tweens ages 10-12 need to have a parent/guardian in the library.

Make your Own Tiny Book: Book Binding Craft



Monday June
24th 3-5pm



Make your Own Tiny Book: Book Binding Craft
Monday, June 24th @3:00pm

Tweens and Teens will learn how to make, fold, and sew mini books using various types and colors of paper. Doodling and writing stories or poems in the finished products is strongly encouraged. Grades 6-12. Tweens 10-12 should have a parent/guardian in the library.



Pride Month: Movie
Night and Diamond Art

Thursday June 27th

5-7pm

Grades 6-12

Pride Month: Movie Night and Diamond Art
Thursday, June 27th @5:00pm

Join us for a pride month movie night in the teen room. Come enjoy some snacks and make diamond art as you watch. Grades 6-12. Tweens ages 10-12 should have an parent/guardian in the building.

JUNE PROGRAMS KIDS

(Birth-Grade 5)



Saturday Storytime: Love is Love
Saturday, June 1st @ 10:30am

Join us for a special Saturday Storytime: Love is Love. We'll read books that celebrate the beautiful diversity of families. Bring someone special. After, we'll create a colorful craft.

Evening Story Time
Monday, June 17th
6-6:30 PM
All Ages Welcome



Evening Storytime
Monday, June 17th @6:00pm

Join Ms. Kristin for a special evening storytime. We'll be reading cozy, seasonal favorites.

Dads and Donuts
Storytime
Saturday, June 15th
10:30am
All ages. Drop-in.

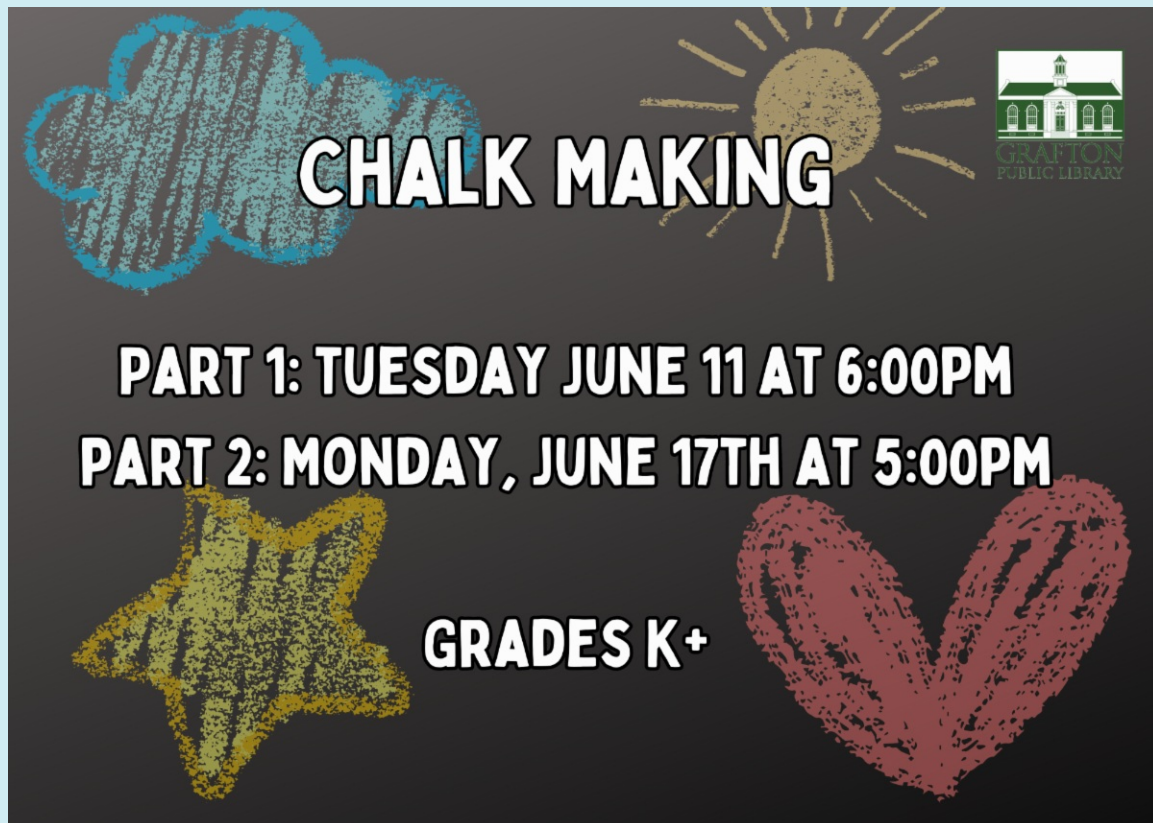


Saturday Storytime: Dads and Donuts

Saturday, June 15th @ 10:30am

This special storytime is designed to celebrate the unique relationships between children and the special adults in their lives. Whether it's dads, moms, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or any other significant person, everyone is welcome to share in the joy of reading together. Come make storytime a sweet tradition for your family!

Small snacks will be available, while supplies last. Feel free to bring your own!

A dark grey poster for a chalk-making event. At the top left is a blue cloud with vertical chalk strokes. At the top right is a yellow sun with radiating lines. In the top right corner is the Grafton Public Library logo, which features a green building icon and the text "GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY". The main title "CHALK MAKING" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a black outline. Below the title, the event details are listed in the same style: "PART 1: TUESDAY JUNE 11 AT 6:00PM" and "PART 2: MONDAY, JUNE 17TH AT 5:00PM". At the bottom left is a yellow star with vertical chalk strokes, and at the bottom right is a red heart with vertical chalk strokes. The text "GRADES K+" is centered at the bottom in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a black outline.

CHALK MAKING

PART 1: TUESDAY JUNE 11 AT 6:00PM

PART 2: MONDAY, JUNE 17TH AT 5:00PM

GRADES K+

Chalk Making
Tuesday, June 11th at 6:00pm
Monday, June 17th @ 5:00pm

Learn how to make colorful sidewalk chalk! This hands-on activity encourages creativity and outdoor play.



TINKER BAG

TUESDAYS

JUNE 4TH, 11TH, 18TH AND 25TH

DROP-IN. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



We're cleaning out the craft closet again! Drop into the library to pick up a bag of miscellaneous materials. It's up to you what you make! Take a picture of your creation and send it to gplkids@graftonlibrary.org.

Tuesdays in June.

Arts & Crafts

**Thursdays
5:30-7:00pm
June 6th, 13th, 20th and
27th
Grades K-5
Drop-in.**



**THURSDAYS @ 5:30-7:00PM
June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th**

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.

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.

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

GRAFTON PUBLIC 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!

COMICS PLUS



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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