



GRAFTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S ROOM SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM



Jen, Mare, Cyndi, Kristin, Sarah and Stacie hope you're all having a great start to the school year!



Come in and see our back to school decorations.



It's a blast from the past! Can you guess the librarian from their school pictures? Check out our bulletin board the next time you're in the library and see if you can guess which embarrassing pictures belongs to each librarian.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

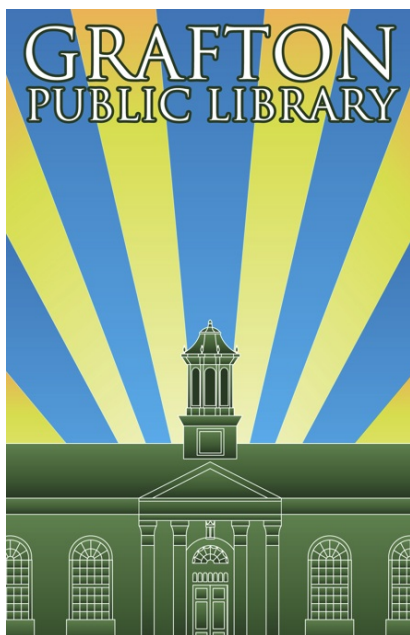
Let your imagination
sing at the library.



September is Library Card Sign-up Month, when libraries nationwide join the American Library Association (ALA) to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, offering a variety of programs to spark creativity and stimulate an interest in reading and learning. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their voice.

Why not display a window or yard sign that proclaims your support for libraries? Use our templates or get creative and make your own.



Did you know:

- Library cards are FREE to Grafton residents, students and property owners, and to any MA resident.
- Did you lose your card?
September is the BEST time to replace the card, because the replacement cost is WAIVED every September.
- It takes only minute to set up a library card.
- Anyone can get a library card- even babies!
- The Grafton Public Library continues to be FINE FREE for the duration of the Pandemic.

Sign Up for a Library Card

Online!

- Every two years, your card must be updated so we can confirm we have current contact information for you. September is a great time to update your card!

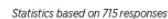
Help us plan future programs!

Take *this survey* to help us plan future programs for adults, teens, and kids.

September 18th-24th is Banned Books Week.



Books unite us. They reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Censorship, on the other hand, divides us and creates barriers. In 2021, 1,597 books were affected by censorship attempts. **Learn more at ala.org/bbooks.**



Academic/Other

**CENSORSHIP
STATISTICS
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Each word and phrase in this graphic is cited from 2021 censorship reports.

- 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.

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.

MONTHLY MISSION

Our Alphabet Has Escaped!

Our A B C Letters are hiding through out our room
Can you help us find all our Letters From A-Z?



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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



own.

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

[Register Now](#)

Monday, September 12th
5:30pm

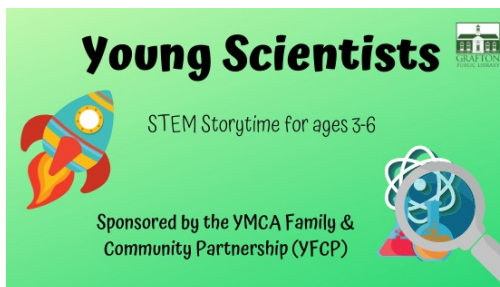


Join us for a special storytime, fun activities, and see a highlighted feature of the Willard House & Clock Museum.

This program is for preschoolers ages 3-5 and registration is required.

Wednesday, September 14th
3:30pm

[Register Now](#)



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.

Friday, September 30th
10:30am

[Register Now](#)

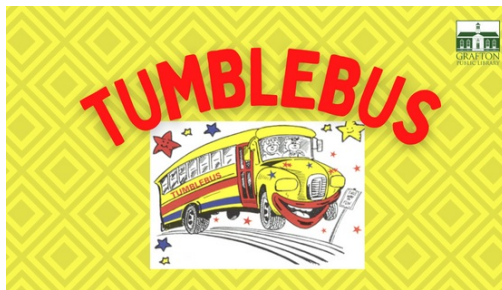
The "Young Scientists" series is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant program funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

Join Ms. Kayla for a fun-filled music and movement program for preschoolers ages 2 and up. Siblings are welcome! Parental participation is encouraged.



Register Now

Monday, October 3rd
at 10:30am



Saturday, October 1st
at 10:30am

TUMBLEBUS is a fully padded converted school bus that is filled with gymnastics equipment to provide a safe and fun environment for children ages 2-7. TUMBLEBUS is filled with equipment such as Monkey Bars, Balance Beams, Trampoline, Slide, Zip Line, Bars, Rings, Springboard, Mountain, & Rock Wall and more!!



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.

September 20th and 27th

October 4th, 11th, 18th and
25th

This is a drop-in program;
registration is not required.



Toddler Time is a 30-minute 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.

September 21st and 28th
October 5th, 12th, 19th and
26th

This is a drop-in program;
registration is not required.



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

September 22nd and 29th
October 6th, 13th, 20th and
27th

As a reminder, our storytime program always includes an activity that may be a bit messy! Please be sure to dress your child in clothes that are appropriate for art activities. Registration is required.

[Register Now](#)

COMING IN OCTOBER

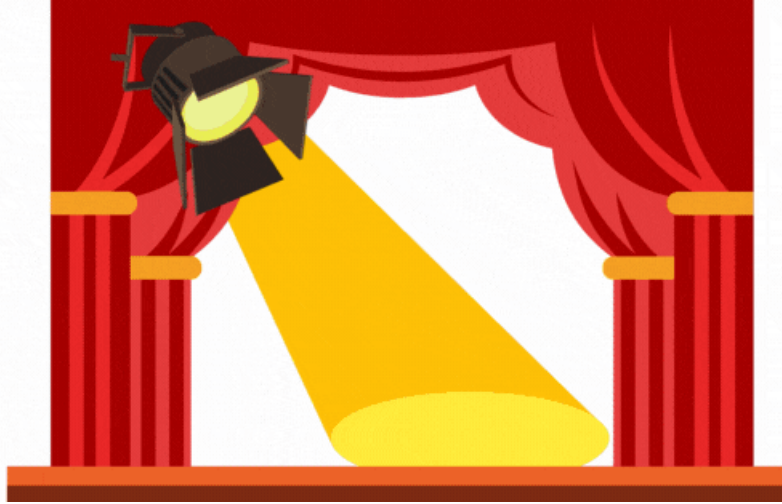


See all of our upcoming LIVE and
PASSIVE PROGRAM events:

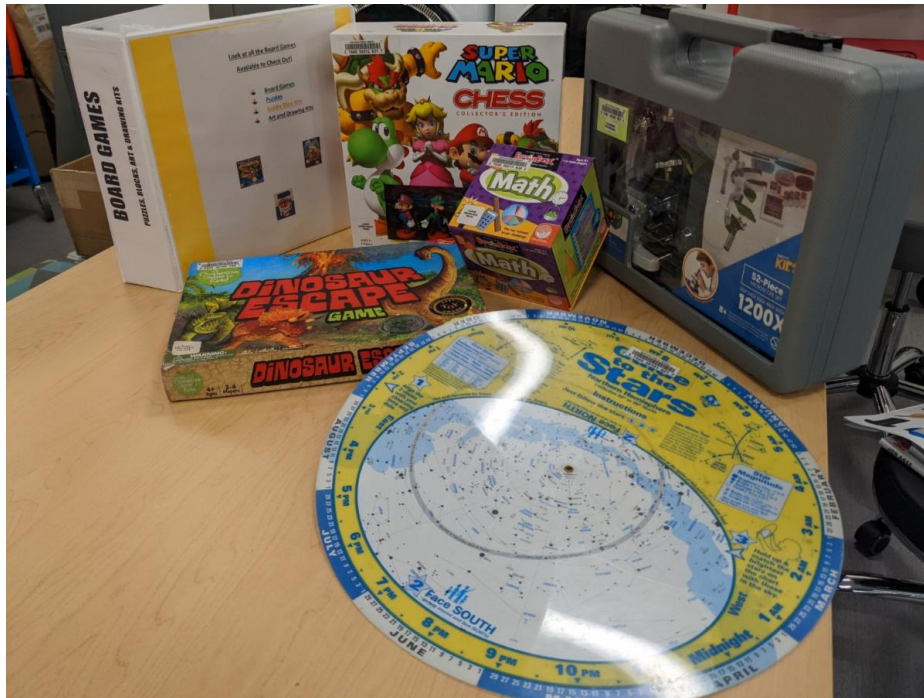
[GPL Event Calendar](#)

See what's happening around town:

[Grafton Community Calendar](#)



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 equipment, 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.

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 griftonlibrary.ma@gmail.com if you need your pin reset.

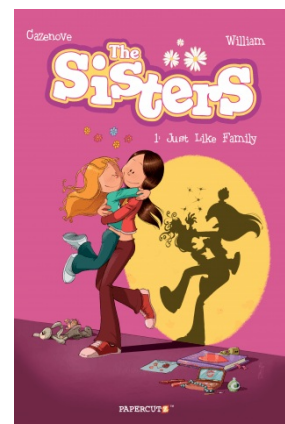
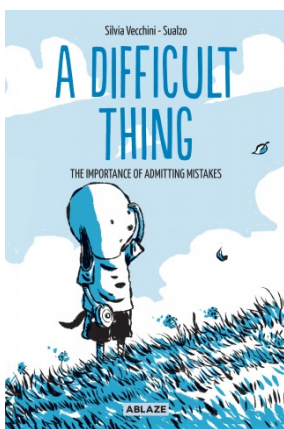
No Library card? No problem! *Sign up for an CW MARS eCard exclusively for online content.*

POPULAR COMICS PLUS TITLES



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**

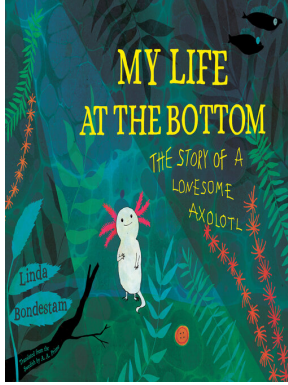


NEW DIGITAL ITEMS



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!



NEW  **beanstack**
Reading Challenges

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BACK TO SCHOOL



BANNED BOOKS

Reading Challenge



FALL INTO READING



NASA's Artemis Project:
TO THE MOON, MARS, AND BEYOND!

Reading Challenge

Visit
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to learn more!



ON THIS DAY
in September

Articles Included

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