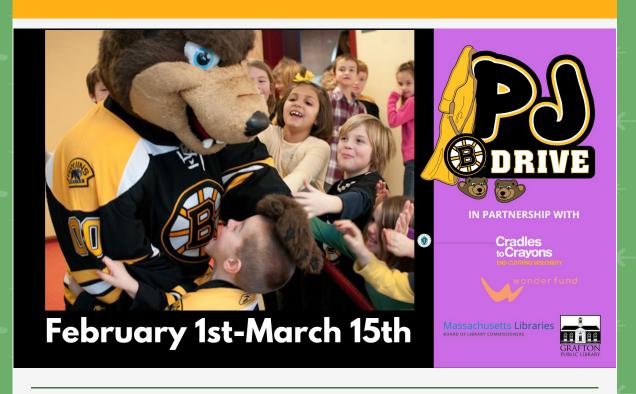


# **MARCH NEWSLETTER**





# SPRING EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the Friends of the Grafton Public Library



Saturday April 1, 2023 10:00am & 11:00am Grafton Common, Rain or Shine



Visit with the Easter Bunny
Bring your basket to collect 10 pre-filled eggs
Search for the golden egg to win a special prize
Each ticket includes a raffle entry for a gift basket
Springtime stories and crafts in the Children's Room

Tickets are \$5 per child and must be purchased at the library.

Cash, check or PayPal accepted.



Due to unanticipated staff shortages, the Grafton Public Library is not able to offer any staff-led programs in March.

The Young Scientists and Music and Movement programs will continue as scheduled.

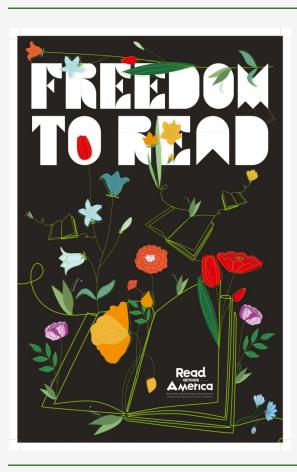
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staffing shortage.

Due to this staffing shortage, the Library is not able to offer any staff-led programming in March. We still have a lot to offer! The Farmer's Market returns Wednesday March 8, and programs from an outside provider, including Young Scientists, Music & Movement, GUM Jam, Farmer's Market, Beekeeping, and Johnny Cash: Stories and Songs will proceed as planned. We hope to resume programming in April. *Please visit our online events calendar to see what's happening!* 

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If you are interested in working at the Library, we anticipate posting two temporary vacancies for on call temp hours in youth services. For more information or to apply, please visit the *town of Grafton's website*.



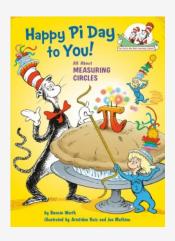
March 2nd is Read Across America Day! Celebrate with your children by visiting the library, dressing like your favorite book character, or rereading your favorite book.

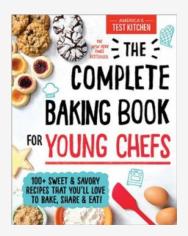
Have an elementary student You may see some of our staff reading in your child's classroom.

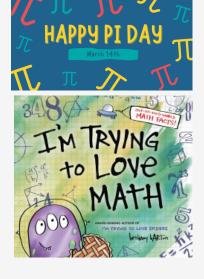
Here's some tips to help parents and caregivers raise enthusiastic readers.

Celebrate women's history all month long with us by checking out a biography of some *fabulous women* or downloading a women's history *lesson plan from Teachables.* Just log in using your library card and pin.

Happy Pi Day! Whether you hate math, love math, or love baking pies, celebrate March 14th with these great books!







#### **SAFETY CORNER**





We love our toadtools and log seats. Please remember that these chairs for sitting, not stepping!

#### **UNATTENDED CHILDREN**

Heading to the Grafton Public Library to pick up some new books? To ensure the safety and well-being of all our visitors, we ask that:

- Children ages 0-7 be accompanied by a parent/caregiver at all times.
- Children ages 8-12 have a parent/caregiver in the library building at all times
- Caregivers must be age 14 and up

The Library cannot assume responsibility for the behavior or safety of children of any age left unattended at the Library. Staff members are unable to watch children for parents/caregivers. *The Unattended child policy can be reviewed online.* 

Adults are free to browse for materials in the children's room without accompanying a child, however adults who are unaccompanied by youth in the various Youth Services Areas of the Library (Children's areas, Teen and Tween areas) may be questioned by staff, and may be asked to move to another area of the Library. *The Unaccompanied Adult policy can be reviewed online.* 

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**



#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE**



If there is NO SCHOOL in Grafton due to inclement weather, all programs are CANCELED.

If there is a DELAYED opening, MORNING programs are CANCELED.

If Grafton Public Schools DISMISSES EARLY due to inclement weather, AFTERNOON programs are CANCELED.

All Library policies are online.





A reminder that should school be delayed due to inclement weather, morning programs will be canceled and the Library will also delay opening; should school be canceled, the Library is likely to delay or cancel opening, and programs may be canceled. Facebook and our website are the best places to check for this information. *Our Inclement Weather Policy can be reviewed online*.

## **MARCH EVENTS**

Music & Movement with Apple Tree Arts

Monday, April 6th at 10:30am

Music and Movement with Apple Tree Arts

Join Apple Tree Arts for a funfilled music and movement program for preschoolers ages 2 and up. Siblings are welcome! Parental participation is encouraged.



Fridays at 10:30am March 3rd, 10th, and 17th

REGISTER NOW



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

#### **Young Scientists**

Join STEM Beginnings for a 6week 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.

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.

Thank you for your support of YFCP and STEM Beginnings Program!

See all of our upcoming LIVE and PASSIVE PROGRAM events:

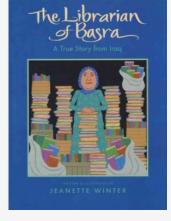
See what's happening around town:

**GPL Event Calendar** 

**Grafton Community Calendar** 

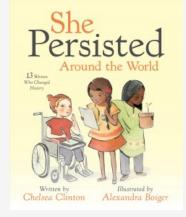


**WOMENS HISTORY MONTH** 



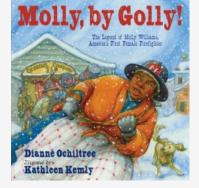
The librarian of Basra : a true story from Iraq by Jeanette Winter

In a war-stricken country where civilians--especially women--have little power, this true story about a librarian's struggle to save her community's priceless collection of books reminds us all how, throughout the world, the love of literature and the respect for knowledge know no boundaries.



She persisted around the world : 13 women who changed history by Chelsea Clinton

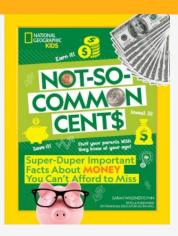
Profiles the lives of thirteen women who have left their mark on world history, including Caroline Herschel, Marie Curie, Mary Verghese, and Malala Yousafzai.



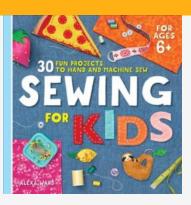
Molly, by golly! : the legend of Molly Williams, America's first female firefighter by Dianne Ochiltre

Set in New York City, the story chronicles how Molly Williams, an African American cook, jumped in to help a skeleton crew of firefighters put out a house fire during the 1818 blizzard.

#### **NEW TITLES**

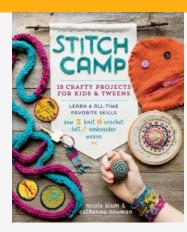


Not-so-common cents
: super-duper facts
about money you can't
afford to miss by
Sarah Wassner Flynn



Sewing for kids : 30 fun projects to hand and machine sew by Alexa Ward

From an adorable Needle House to an awesome Pizza Pencil



Stitch camp: 18 crafty projects for kids & tweens by Nicole Blum & Catherine Newman

Provides step-by-step

Covering a wealth of information about the dollar, this guide discusses the basics of saving, investing and interest; what "credit" really means; the ins and outs of cryptocurrency and other "new money"; and much more.

Case, there are so many awesome things that can be sewn with just a needle and thread. Packed with beginner techniques for hand and machine sewing

instructions for completing six textile crafts, offering three projects for each task, including an art pillow, phone sweater, cordslung backpack, and beaded key fob or necklace.

#### **POPULAR COMICS PLUS TITLES**

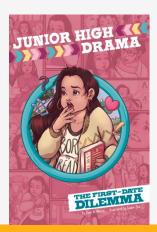


With Comics Plus, you have unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and magna from a variety of publishers.

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

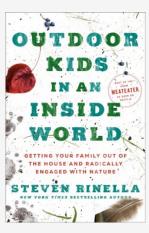


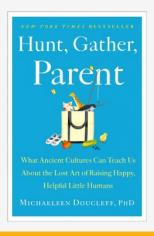


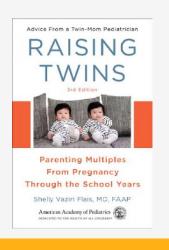


## PARENTING COLLECTION

Our parenting collection is available in the Adult Non-fiction collection on the second floor of the library.



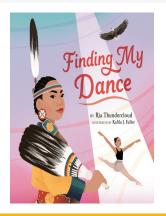


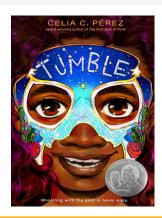


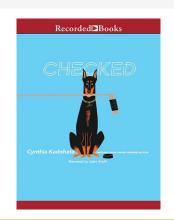
# **NEW DIGITAL ITEMS**



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!







# **DIY AT HOME**



In this craft, your child will learn to make a four-leaf clover out of strips of construction paper.

# **BEANSTACK CHALLENGES**



See more challanges at graftonlibrary.org/beanstack

# **DIGITAL RESOURCE OF THE MONTH:**





