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
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 #)

3. Search for your item:

4. Find your item:

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:
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.
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 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.
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

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

Wednesdays, December 13th
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

STEM Storytime for ages 3-6

Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP)

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 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 if you need your pin reset.

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

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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.

See more challenges at graftonlibrary.org/beanstack