

# EVENTS CALENDAR

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9-9; Friday 9-5:30; Saturday 9-5



## Assistant Director Announces Retirement

Michael Spellmon, Assistant Director, is retiring after 22 years of service. As he prepares to move into his much deserved retirement, we asked Michael to reflect on his two decades at the Groton Public Library.

**Q: You have been at GPL since 2002. How has it changed in that time?**

**A:** *The biggest changes are with technology and building design. The patron interface was much improved. We added Wi-Fi access for our patrons, Zenbooths for single users, and print-from-home availability. The building had modifications that created Teenscape, a new Local History Room, a new computer lab, and an improved public computer area. The one constant has been the dedicated staff who provide excellent patron service.*

**Q: What has been the most enjoyable part of working at GPL?**

**A:** *Interacting with the public. I chose this occupation because it was service-orientated, similar to my previous career in retail sales management. The public has been supportive of the Library, and genuinely appreciates everything the staff does for them.*

**Q: What are your hopes for the Library's future?**

**A:** *Completing the STEPs program to better develop the Local History Room and obtain grants. Having GPL designated as a FamilySearch affiliate library.*

**Q: What are your favorite accomplishments?**

**A:** *To continue to provide excellent service to the public. To be able to evolve to meet the needs of the community.*

**Q: What plans do you have for retirement?**

**A:** *I'll return to one of my loves, professional genealogy. I plan on taking a certificate course in Genealogical Studies at Boston University. The work for the course will provide material I need for a portfolio required to earn designation as a Certified Genealogist.*

We wish Michael all the best in the next exciting chapter of his life!

## Adult Art Program

**TUES., JULY 2, 6:30 PM**

Join us for a relaxing and creative evening at the Library as we explore with recycled, mixed media art.

## Out of the Basement: A Journey of Mental Health

**MON., JULY 8, 6:30 PM**

Local authors James Rourke and Dennis Vanasse will lead a discussion designed to illuminate and destigmatize issues connected to mental health. Copies of their books will be available for purchase.

## Recycled Baskets

**TUES., JULY 16 & 23, 6:30 PM**

Learn how to create a woven bowl from plastic bags in this two-part series. **Space is limited; [registration required](#).** Ages 13+

## CT Author Trail: Rick Koster

**TUES., JULY 30, 6:30 PM**

Meet local author and journalist Rick Koster as he speaks about his latest novel, *[Gris-Gris Gumbo](#)*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

**CLOSED**

**Thursday, July 4**



## Summer Reading Program THROUGH AUG. 9

The Library has activities for all ages, all summer long! Read books for a chance to win prizes. Stop by or [visit our website](#) for details.

## Reading is a Family Event!

### Virtual Author Talks

This July, the Library is featuring a series of virtual author talks with four amazing K-12 authors!

- **July 9:** Kate DiCamillo
- **July 16:** Max Brallier
- **July 23:** Elizabeth Acevedo
- **July 30:** Dan Santat

Register for past and present events at [libraryc.org/grotonlibrary](http://libraryc.org/grotonlibrary).

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## Scholastic Book Fair: Shop from July 1-22

Shop from a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for all reading levels. Proceeds benefit the Summer Reading program.



## Vote for Your Favorite Book Bag

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our walls by participating in our Family Grab & Go Book Bag event. Come see the display and vote for your favorite bag. One vote per person, please! The decorator with the most votes will receive a Library swag bag.

# CHILDREN

## Summer Storytime

TUES., JULY 2-AUG. 6, 10 AM

Drop-in storytime for ages birth-5.

## Summer Crafts

WED., JULY 3-AUG. 7, 10 AM

Craft at the Library or to go! Ages 4+

## Crafty Kids

SAT., JULY 6, 10 AM

Make a fun craft, while supplies last.

## Read with Major

SAT., JULY 6, 10 AM

Read to our local therapy dog, Major, on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Babies & Books

THURS., JULY 11-AUG. 8, 10 AM

Storytime for ages birth-2. *Register by phone or online starting at 12 p.m. one week prior to the class.*

## LEGO® at the Library

FRI., JULY 12, 10 AM

We supply the LEGO® bricks, and you supply the imagination. Ages 3+

## Habitats are Homes

FRI., JULY 19, 10 AM

Learn about our local habitats, meet some of the animal residents, and make seed bombs! *Presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and funded by the Circle of Friends.* Registration required. Ages 5+

## Learn & Play

FRI., JULY 26, 10 AM

Celebrate healthy eating and dental health with UCONN's Healthy Family CT in this child-focused playgroup.

## Book Buddies

WED., JULY 3-AUG. 7, 10 AM

Children ages 3+ can practice reading independently or with a Teen Volunteer! Available on a first-come, first-served basis. *Caregivers must be present.*

# TWEENS

## Anime Crafts

WED., JULY 10, 3:45 PM

Make anime-related crafts! Ages 8-13.

## STEM for Tweens

THURS., JULY 11-AUG. 8, 11 AM

Explore science and conservation while developing problem solving skills. Complete at the Library or to go, while supplies last! Ages 9-14. *Funded by the Circle of Friends.*

## Tweens Cook!

FRI., JULY 26, 11 AM

Learn to prepare a tasty treat with Community Nutrition Educator, Erica Benvenuti, RD in this fun cooking class! **Registration required.** Ages 9-14. *Funded by the Circle of Friends.*

# TEENS

## Teen Art

TUES., JULY 2-30, 11 AM

All supplies provided. Ages 12+

- July 2: Bottle Cap Magnets
- July 9: Jar Lantern
- July 16: Leaf Printing
- July 23: Sand Art Terrarium
- July 30: CD Wind Spinner

## Teen Take & Make

FRI., JULY 12 & 26, 9 AM-5:30 PM

Pick up a bag of supplies to complete the mystery craft, while supplies last.



# ADULTS

## Summer Supper Club



Pick Up: MON., JULY 1

Meet Up: THURS., JULY 25, 6 PM

Choose a cookbook from our display, then bring a dish to our Meet & Eat.

## Get Started with Streaming

MON., JULY 1, 6 PM

This course is designed to help you navigate the world of streaming services efficiently and economically.

**Registration required.**

## Morning Matinee

TUES., JULY 2, 9:30 AM

*Arthur the King* (PG-13)

Join us for popcorn and a movie.

## GPL Book Group

TUES., JULY 9, 6:30 PM

*Dear Life: Stories*  
by Alice Munro

Copies are available at the Library.

## Saturday Cinema

SAT., JULY 13, 2 PM

*One Life* (PG)

Join us for popcorn and a movie.

## Staying Safe Online

SAT., JULY 20, 2 PM

This course will provide you with the tools you need to safeguard your personal information and privacy online. **Registration required.**

## Read & Tell

WED., JULY 24, 6:30 PM

Share a favorite book with the group and hear what others are reading.

## Not Your Mother's Book Group

WED., JULY 31, 6:30 PM

Theme: **"I Saw It on..."**

Socialize with other Millennials and Gen Z-ers! Ages 21-40.