

EVENTS CALENDAR

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9-9; Friday 9-5:30; Saturday 9-5; Sunday 1-5



Groton Public Library BUMPERS & BOOKS



SAT., OCT. 19, 11 AM-1 PM
Rain Date: SAT., OCT. 26

Join the Junior Friends for their ninth annual Bumpers & Books trunk-or-treat event in the Library's back parking lot. Vehicles will be decorated to celebrate a beloved book or author. From *The Lorax* and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* to Mo Willems and Stephen King, don't miss our book-tacular display of trunks! There will be crafts, face painting, balloons, tattoos, and free lunch for children. Be sure to visit the Book Patch—attendees can wander through and pick a free book. Costumes encouraged!



PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

You Are Not Alone with Sydney Sherman

SUN., OCT. 6, 1:30-3:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon with acclaimed metaphysical author and registered nurse, Sydney Sherman. In her recent book, *You Are Not Alone: Our Loved Ones Are Here...You're Just Not Listening*, Sydney looks at what we believe about the afterlife, distinguishing between myths and the paranormal, and recounts her own experiences with energies and auras. *Sponsored by the Circle of Friends.*

Paranormal Tales with Joe Franke

TUES., OCT. 29, 6:30 PM

Joe Franke has been an esteemed figure in the paranormal community for over 38 years, beginning as an apprentice to the renowned psychic researchers Ed and Lorraine Warren. He will share cases of hauntings, poltergeist activity, and demonic infestations, and will educate the audience about the serious dangers and misconceptions associated with the paranormal realm.

HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED

- SUN., OCT. 13
- MON., OCT. 14



Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats

WED., OCT. 2, 2 PM

In this virtual author talk, three Smithsonian-affiliated scientists will teach us about the remarkable world of tropical bats featured in the book, *Bat Island*.



Barn Owls

TUES., OCT. 22, 6-8 PM

Learn all about the elusive barn owl in this presentation by local raptor specialist Joseph Zbyrowski. He will also discuss restoration methods to encourage these owls to nest and reproduce.

Book Covers—Reimagined!

Members of Artreach in Norwich have reimagined book covers inspired by fond memories and imagination. Their art will be on display in the community room through the month of October.

ADULTS

Virtual Author Talks

Register for past and present events at libraryvc.org/grotonlibrary.

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- **OCT. 9:** Latin American Fiction with Silvia Moreno-Garcia
- **OCT. 22:** Maybe You Should Talk to Someone with Lori Gottlieb

Don't Be Haunted— Be Hydrated!

Purchase one of the Library's ghostly glass water bottles to help fund fantastic events, such as our Bumpers & Books trunk-or-treat. Bottles cost \$10 each or 2/\$18.



Spice Club

Pick Up: TUES., OCT. 1
Meet Up: THURS., OCT. 17, 6 PM

Pick up the featured spice, available while supplies last. Bring a dish that includes the spice to our Meet & Eat.

Open Hours Book Sale

MON., OCT. 7, 9:30 AM-7 PM

All items are "name your own price."
Proceeds benefit the Library.

LWV/GPL Book Discussion

MON., OCT. 7, 5:30 PM

The Library and the League of Women Voters will host a book discussion of *Oath and Honor* by Liz Cheney. Copies are available at the library; registration encouraged.



GPL Book Group

TUES., OCT. 8, 6:30 PM

See What I Have Done
by Sarah Schmidt

Copies are available at the Library.

Author Talk:

A Fireman in the Making

TUES., OCT. 15, 6:30-8:30 PM

Local firefighter and author Rob Palmer will chat about his book, *A Fireman in the Making*, narrated by a new firefighter in Manhattan at the turn of the 20th century.

Tai Chi Series

- **TUES., OCT. 22 & 29, 2 PM**
- **THURS., OCT. 24 & 31, 2 PM**

In this 4-session class, students will learn how to practice T'ai Chi Chih®, a series of gentle, flowing movements. Led by certified instructor Sue Weintraub. **Space is limited; registration required.**

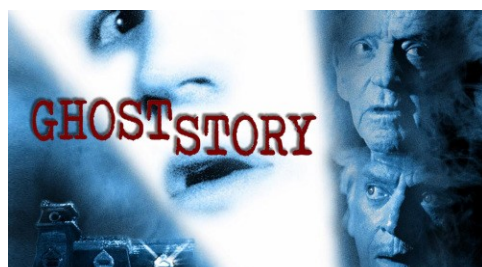
Not Your Mother's Book Group

WED., OCT. 30, 6:30 PM

Theme: *"I Want to Believe"*

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

FRIGHTENING FLICKS



Morning Matinee

TUES., OCT. 1, 9:30 AM

Ghost Story (1981, Rated R)



Thursday Theater

THURS., OCT. 24, 6:30 PM

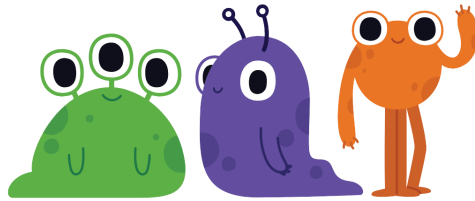
Practical Magic (PG-13)

TEENS & TWEENS

Anime Club: Monsters

WED., OCT. 9, 3:45 PM

Let's talk about anime with monsters! Design your own playing card, play trivia, and watch an anime. Ages 8-13.



DIY Bracelets & Keychains

TUES., OCT. 8, 2-4 PM

Drop by the teen room for an afternoon of bracelet making! All supplies will be provided. Ages 12+

STEM in a Bag

THURS., OCT. 10, 3 PM

Each bag has a hands-on experiment. Complete the STEM challenge at the Library or take a bag to go. Ages 12+

Teen Art

WED., OCT. 16, 4-6 PM

Drop by the teen room to create a unique piece of art! This month's project is a haunted birdhouse; all supplies will be provided. Ages 12+

Tween Take & Make

THURS., OCT. 17, 3-9 PM

Pick up a spooky-themed book and craft, while supplies last. Ages 9-12.

Tween & Teen Craft Night

MON. OCT. 21, 5:30 PM

Drop by the teen room to make your own spooky hand puppet, while supplies last. Ages 10-15.

Teen Take & Make

MON. OCT. 28, 3-9 PM

Pick up a bag of supplies to complete the mystery craft, while supplies last. Ages 12+

Jr. Friends' Craft Time

THURS., OCT. 10, 4:15 PM

Join the Junior Friends as they upcycle old, damaged books into crafts to be sold at their Holiday Craft Sale in November.



Jr. Friends' Outdoor Cleanup

THURS., OCT. 24, 4:15 PM

Help the Junior Friends clean up the grounds outside the Library. Bags and grabbers will be provided, but please bring your own gloves.

Teen Reading Challenges

Grades 6-12, sign up online at grotonpl.readsquared.com.

- 50 Books Before High School
- 100 Books Before Graduation

Participants can only complete each program and earn prizes one time.



Coming Soon to the Teen Room—Nintendo Switch!

The Library has installed a new TV and a cabinet to house Xbox and Switch consoles in the gaming area. Both systems should be ready to play by the end of the month!

In the meantime, check out a Switch Lite or any of the Xbox, PlayStation, or Switch games to play at home.



TEENtober

What will you discover at the library?
www.ala.org/yalsa/teentober



Teen Book Box

FRI., OCT. 25, 9 AM-5:30 PM

Celebrate TeenTober with a spooky-themed book box filled with a library book, craft, and additional goodies, while supplies last. **Registration required, beginning October 1.** Must have a valid library card.



CHILDREN



Pressed for Time?

Request a children's book bundle and have up to 10 books picked out for you! Participants must have an active library card; call or [reserve online](#). Take a look in the bins in our Children's room for premade, themed book bags, with everything from dinosaurs to superheroes!

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**Calling All Kids—
Let's VOTE!**

OCT. 28—NOV. 5

Cast your vote for your favorite character at the ballot box in the Children's Room. Stop in to see who is on the ballot!

The winner will be announced on Nov. 6. One vote per person.

Babies & Books

TUES., OCT. 1, 8, 22 & 29, 10 AM

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

Fall Craft

TUES., OCT. 8, 3 PM

Create a seasonal craft, while supplies last. Ages 5+

Anime Club: Monsters

WED., OCT. 9, 3:45 PM

Let's talk about anime with monsters! Design your own playing card, play trivia, and watch an anime. Ages 8-13.

Sleepy Storytime

THURS., OCT. 10, 6:15 PM

Settle down for bed with stories, gentle songs, and a quiet activity. Feel free to wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed toy. Ages birth-4.

Tween Take & Make

THURS., OCT. 17, 3-9 PM

Pick up a spooky-themed book and craft, while supplies last. Ages 9-12.

Learn & Play

WED., OCT. 23 & 30, 10 AM

Young children and their caregivers will have the opportunity to interact with others and learn by playing in a literacy-enriched environment.

Little Explorers

THURS., OCT. 24 & 31, 10 AM

Stories, sensory play, and art for preschoolers ages 3+. *Registration opens Oct. 17 for this 4-wk. session.*

Children's Grab & Go

MON., OCT. 28, 3-9 PM

Pick up a bag full of fun! Includes instructions and most of the supplies you need, while supplies last. Ages 5+



The Haunted Halloween Magic Show

SAT., OCT. 5, 11 AM

Let's kick off the spooky season with award-winning magician Tommy James. This family-friendly show is choreographed with safety tips to help keep children safe on Halloween.

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Songs of the Season with Joy Blooms

WED., OCT. 16, 10 AM

Get ready for a fun-filled morning of music, movement, and magical Halloween-themed songs that are perfect for preschoolers.

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