



GLADYS E. KELLY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring 2023

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# THE SPRING SEASON

## Warmer days are on their way to the Library!

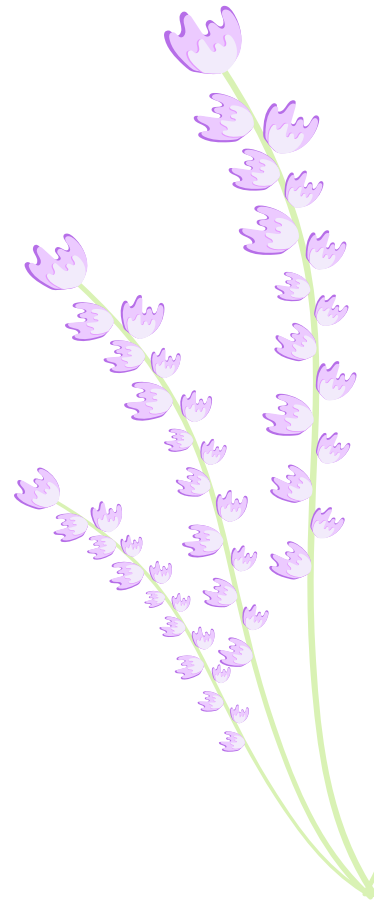
Our Library Director, Sondra, had her second child at the end of February. I will be spending the next 3 months trying my best to fill her shoes. Fortunately we have an excellent staff, and wonderful patrons who make every day at work enjoyable.

We have some really cool stuff in the works for the Spring. First off, keep an eye out next to the parking lot between the Library and Town Hall. We're going to be installing a Community Garden thanks to a generous grant by the Association for Rural & Small Libraries. We will have several raised beds for Adults and Children to help us cultivate. We're also already planning some programs to run near harvest time!

Secondly, The Friends of the Library will be hosting "Bites, Books and Blooms: A Taste of Webster" on the evening of April 27th. This fundraiser will feature local restaurants, as well as floral decorations related to several books chosen by members of the community. Check the flyer later in the newsletter for more information.

Lastly, we're going to be hosting best-selling author, Peter Heller on May 18th. Peter will discuss his novel "The Dog Stars." This program was made possible due to a grant by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust and the Webster Cultural Council.

We're hoping to see you for these events and more!  
Evan Hale, Assistant Director



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# WEEKLY PROGRAMS

## TUESDAYS MOM'S DROP IN GROUP

Tuesdays March 7, 21, 28  
April 4, 18, 25  
May 2, 9, 23, 30  
10-12pm

Moms and caregivers, bring your children, ages 0-5, to our drop-in open play time. In this community-building event, we set out toys for your children to play with as you get to see and know other parents from the area who have children of similar ages. Stop in any time between 10am and 12pm and stay as long or as little as you like.



## MUSIC TOGETHER

**SATURDAYS** March 4, 11, 18, 25  
and April 1st  
11:15- 12:15 PM

Fun, fabulous, uplifting,  
magical early childhood  
music class! Sponsored  
by the Friends of the  
Gladys E. Kelly Public  
Library.



## EVERY WEEK!

### MAKER MONDAYS

3:30-4:30PM

Every month we will  
rotate our craft  
material- check our  
website for more  
information.



### MINI-STEM CHALLENGE

TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30PM

Every month we will have a  
rotating challenge for you to  
complete! This program is self-  
guided with instruction sheets  
provided. Adult supervision  
recommended. Ages 5+.

### STEM THURSDAYS

3/9, 4/27, 5/4, 5/18  
3:30- 4:30 PM

Thursday STEM programs  
will be run by our staff, and  
will alternate with special  
STEM events held on  
Fridays.



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## **Tuesday Early Head-Start Program**



*Tuesdays March 14,  
April 11, and May 16  
10-11am*



The Worcester Community Action Council holds a program with song, activities, and meals for children 0-3 and their caregivers.

## **STEM Beginnings Pre-k Class**

*Thursdays March 9, 16  
10-11am*



With each class, the children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands



## **Pre-K Music and Movement Class**

*Thursday March 30  
10-10:45am*

Sing and dance with Deb as she plays guitar in this interactive music program for ages 1-5

## **Music and Movement Class**

*Saturday April 8, 22  
11-11:30am*

Join us as Caylin Lee leads us in a music class for your children ages 1-5



**Music classes are sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library**

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# **CHARLTON POLICE K9 UNIT DEMONSTRATION**

**JOIN US AS WE WELCOME CHARLTON  
POLICE'S K9 UNIT, OFFICERS  
GAYLORD AND DOZER! OFFICER  
GAYLORD WILL GIVE US A  
DEMONSTRATION AS HE EXPLAINS  
AND SHOWS US WHAT HE AND DOZER  
ARE TRAINED TO DO TOGETHER.**

**THIS PROGRAM IS FOR CHILDREN OF  
ALL AGES AND THEIR CARETAKERS.**

**MARCH 23RD**

**4-4:45 PM**

**NO REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED!**

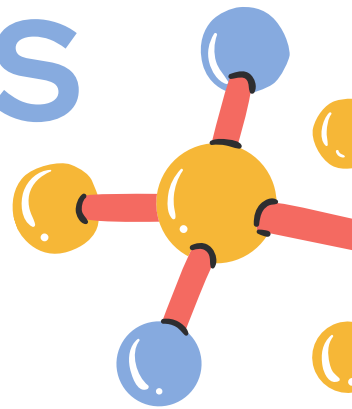
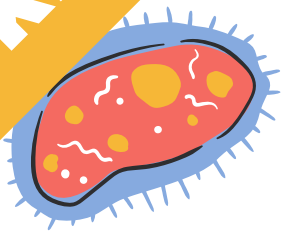




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# STEM EVENTS

## March



**Friday March 3rd:**

### Funtastic Forces

**3:30 - 4:30PM**

In this high energy event, children see Newton's three laws of motion in action. Thrill as we defy logic with the Mad Science "Bed of Nails". Watch as water pressure and the concept of nucleation create a 10 foot Mad Science soda fountain! Kids will have the chance to finish the show with rides on a Hovercraft!

**Monday March 20:**

### Electricity and Magnetism

**3:30 - 4:30PM**

Students will tinker with electricity and magnets in stations as well as see some electrifying demonstrations. Recommended for grades 4 to 8.



**Monday March 27:**

### Ed the Wizard: Alchemy Laboratory

**3:30 - 4:30PM**

Using real science, learn how to defy gravity, move objects with your mind, change the properties of water, look through solid objects, and more! Recommended for grades 1 to 12.



**Friday March 31:**

### Super Structures Workshop

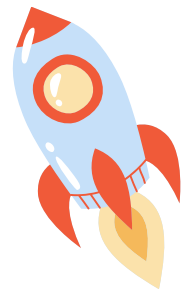
**3:30 - 4:30PM**

Calling all junior engineers! Super Structures is a fantastic introduction to some of the concepts, terms and ideas behind engineering and architecture. Test out the basics of architectural design and structural engineering in this hands-on class about structures. Explore how triangles, arches and bridges shape our structures and apply some engineering to your very own bridge.



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# STEM EVENTS



## April & May

Thursday April 6 and Thursday April 13:

### Buildwave

3:30 - 4:30PM

BUILDWAVE is a creative workshop structured like a video game, with an audiovisual setup featuring animations and music that guide students through the different building waves. Students from grades K through 6 can create with over a dozen different building materials.

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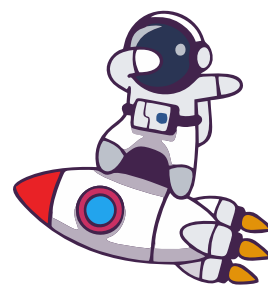
Friday May 12:

### Rocket Building and Launch

3:30 - 5:00PM

Rocket Building introduces children to the parts of a rocket while building their own model rocket to keep and take-home!

**Registration Required.**



Thursday May 25:

### Whalemobile

4:00 - 6:00PM

Come see a life-size whale exhibit you can walk through and learn all about whales from the inside out! **Registration Required.**

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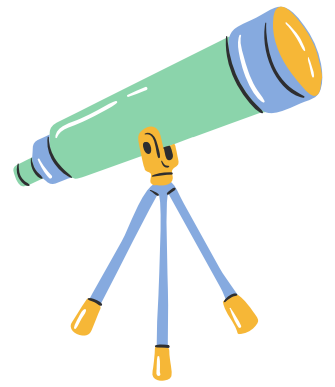
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# STEM

## Thursdays

### 3:30-4:30



**Thursday, March 9: Self Inflating Balloon**

**3:30 - 4:30PM**

Mix chemicals together to cause a reaction that will blow up a balloon!



**Thursday, April 20: Slime Making**

**3:30-4:30 PM**

Make your own slime! We supply all the materials, you make the gooey mess and take it home!



**Thursday, April 27: Elephant Toothpaste**

**3:30 - 4:30PM**

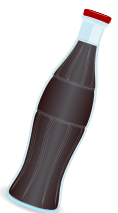
Mix hydrogen peroxide, yeast, and water to create a foamy eruption



**Thursday, May 4: Ice Cream in a Bag**

**3:30 - 4:30PM**

Mix ingredients together to make your very own ice cream in this fun, edible, science experiment!



**Thursday, May 18: Coke and Mentos**

**3:30 - 4:30PM**

See what happens when we drop Mentos mints into bottles of coke!

**This is an outdoor experiment**

# Events for Adults



## **HEDLEY HONEY BEEKEEPING 101**

**Thursday, March 16th**

**6:00 PM**

Hedley Honey will be in to talk about how to start a beehive, the bee colony, collecting honey, the importance of bees in pollination and more.

**No registration required.**

## **THE ORIGINAL FLY GIRLS: A HISTORY OF THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS**

**Thursday, April 6th**

**6:00-7:30PM**

During World War II more than one thousand American women served as Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) in support of the war effort. These pioneering women faced discrimination from the U.S. military and American society, and because their records were sealed after the war, their contributions to aviation were lost to history for decades. This lecture will chronicle the stories of these remarkable pilots who broke barriers and paved the way for future generations of American women to take to the skies.

**No registration required.**





# Events for Adults

## HISTORY OF NINTENDO WITH ONE UP GAMES

Tuesday, April 11th  
5:00-8:00PM



Players will be able to learn about how Nintendo started and see how the iconic console evolved to where it is today. All Nintendo systems from NES to Switch are available to play throughout the exhibit on old-school CRT TVs. There is also a relic table of rare Nintendo equipment on display (non-playable). At the end of the exhibit, players will have the chance to play all the OG Nintendo games on Switch emulators. Drop in anytime between 5-8!

## Adult Board Game Night Every 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM

**First meeting March 21st**

Come in and play games with other board game enthusiasts. Learn a new one, or play one you know and help others learn it!



# Events for Adults



## MRS. G'S INTRO TO FORAGING

Thursday, May 5th  
6:00-7:30PM

an Intro to Foraging presentation that takes us through the seasons, focusing on foraging safety, beginner-friendly herbals and edibles and their uses, how to collect and preserve. I also talk about foraging ethics, invasive and native species, along with species to avoid

## YOGA WITH JULIE Saturdays at 9:30 AM\*



**March:** 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

**April:** 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th

**May:** 5th, 20th, and 27th

Bring your own mat- all levels are welcome! Classes may be cancelled due to illness or inclement weather--please call to confirm prior to attending.

\*Time has changed from 10 to 9:30AM



# CRAFT FOR ADULTS

## Creativebug

We are excited to announce that our Gladys E. Kelly Library patrons now have access to Creativebug!



Creativebug is a site where you can enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes. Watch classes anytime, anywhere. Their classes never expire and you can start and stop projects at your own pace.

Just go to

<https://www.creativebug.com/lib/gladyskellylibrary>  
and enter your library card number to begin exploring!

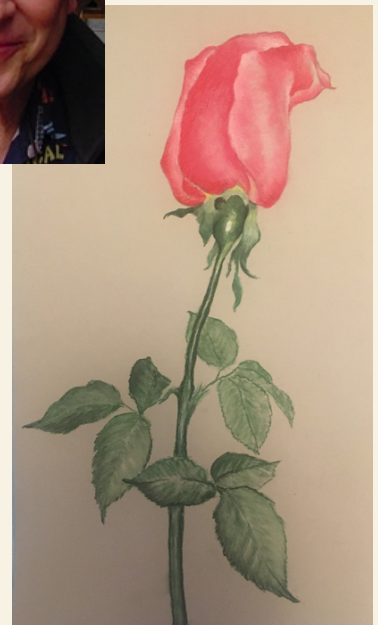
## PAINT NIGHT WITH GREG

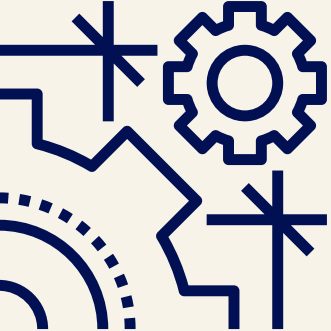
Thursday, April 20th 6:00 PM

Award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack will present "Pink Rose" by Georgia O'Keeffe, a pastel painting workshop for Adults 18+. This is a pastel painting workshop designed for both sheer beginners to advanced participants. Please call or register on the library's website.

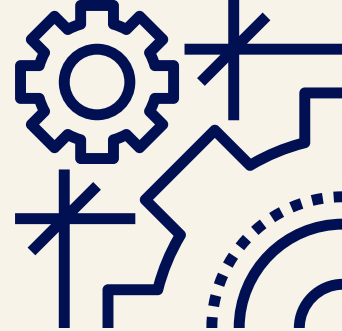
This Program is sponsored by Webster Cultural Council.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
**REGISTRATION OPENS**  
**APRIL 3RD**





# STEM FOR ADULTS



## VHS TO DVD CONVERSION

Thursday, March 9th  
6:30-8:00PM

Do you have old memories on VHS that you would like to preserve? Participants can bring 1 tape per family for DVD conversion starting Monday, March 6th through Thursday the 9th. Conversion will be done by Melodious Zach! Tapes and DVDs will be available to pick up on April 13th, 2023. This program is free thanks to the Friends of the library.



## 1-on-1 Device Help

Book a time with Evan on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to get extra help!

## Future Programs:

- Excel Tips and Tricks
- Internet Security
- Computers for Beginners
- Using Libby

# Cookbook Club



## Spring Meetings:

March 28th, April 25th, and May 23rd  
6:00 PM

Every month, there will be a new cookbook to make a delicious treat out of. You can choose anything out of the cookbook to make & bring. Whether you like to cook or bake, there will always be something for you! At our monthly meeting, we will eat and discuss our favorite parts of the cooking adventure! You can pick up your copy of the cookbooks from behind the desk prior to the meeting.

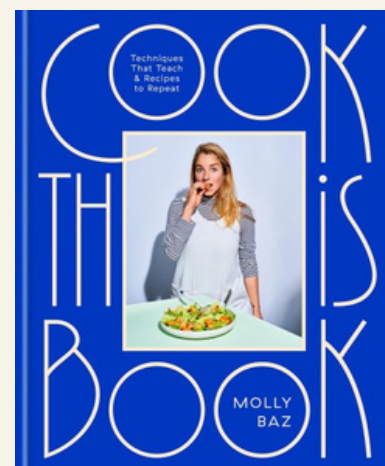
April's Book:



March's Book:



May's Book:







# SPICE CLUB



A five month series, each month will feature a new spice, recipes, and cookbooks.

Stop by the lobby to grab a sample of that month's spice, then take it home and cook!

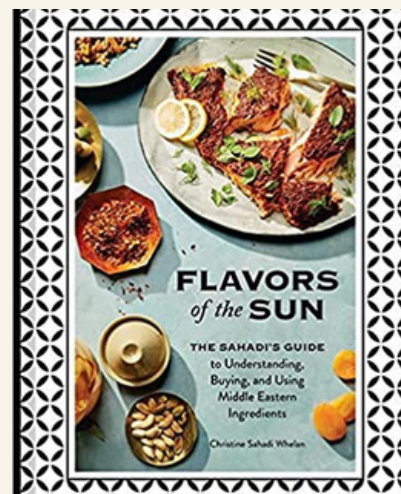
March's Spice:

**Star Anise**



April's Spice:

**Za'atar**



May's Spice:

**Ancho Chile Powder**



THE FRIENDS OF THE GLADYS E. KELLY  
LIBRARY PRESENT:

**FREE!**

# Spring Concert Series



**BLACKSTONE  
VALLEY  
MUSIC**

**THURSDAY  
MARCH 9TH**



**AMY  
KUCHARIK**

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 13TH**



**NORTH  
SEA GAS**

**THURSDAY  
MAY 11TH**

**SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE GLADYS  
E. KELLY PUBLIC LIBRARY!**

**6:30-7:30 PM**



# One Book, One Community

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PROUDLY PRESENTS:

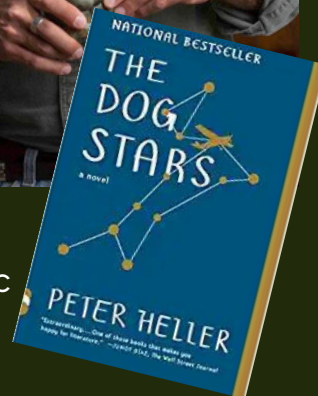
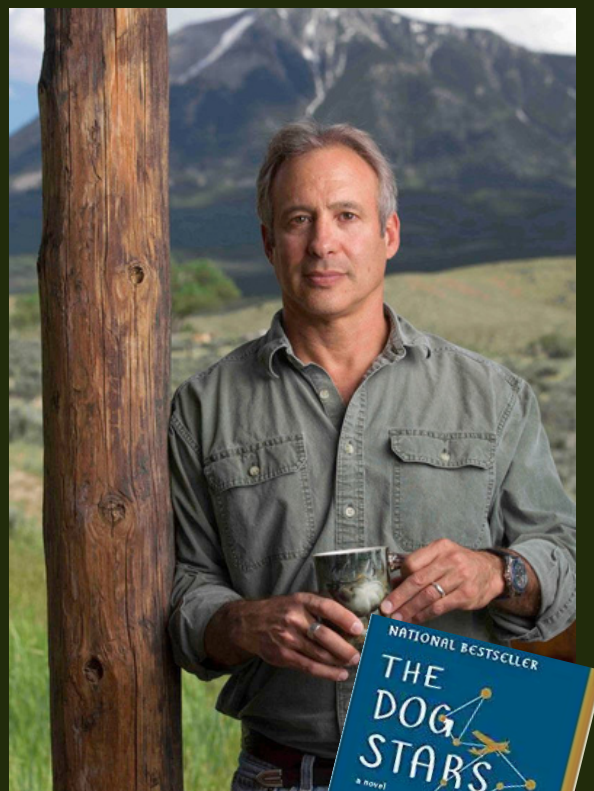
## PETER HELLER

Thursday, May 18th, 2023

6:30–7:30pm Author talk  
at the Gladys E. Kelly  
Public Library Community  
Room

Heller will be highlighting his novel  
The Dog Stars

These events are free and open to the  
public.



This event has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, and the Webster Cultural Council.

Peter Heller is the national best-selling author of *The River*, the story of two college students on a wilderness canoe trip—a gripping tale of a friendship tested by fire, white water, and violence. Heller has also written the novels *Celine*, *The Painter*, and *The Dog Stars*. *The Painter* was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and won the prestigious Reading the West Book Award, shared in the past by Western writers such as Cormac McCarthy and Terry Tempest Williams, and *The Dog Stars*, which was published to critical acclaim and lauded as a breakout bestseller, has been published in twenty-two languages to date. Heller is also the author of four nonfiction books, including *Kook: What Surfing Taught Me About Love, Life, and Catching the Perfect Wave*, which was awarded the National Outdoor Book Award for Literature, *Hell or High Water: Surviving Tibet's Tsango River*, and *The Whale Warriors: The Battle at the Bottom of the World to Save the Planet's Largest Mammal*.

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# SAVE THE DATE!

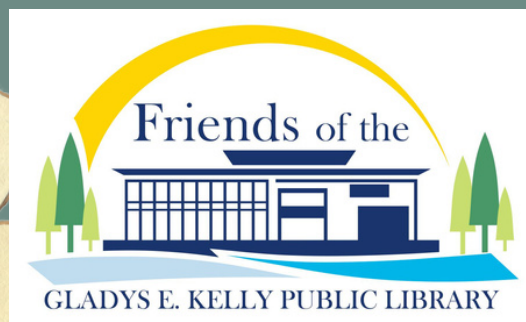


BITES,  
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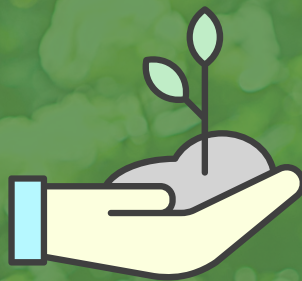
*A Taste of Webster*

April 27th, 2023

Save the date! Come celebrate Earth Day by enjoying the fruits of Webster - delicacies from our local restaurants. Experience our first ever Books in Bloom exhibit - your favorite reads interpreted in Spring blossoms. Check out the display in the library and let us know your favorite book!







**THE GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY IS  
GETTING A COMMUNITY GARDEN  
THANKS TO THE ARSL  
SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT NEW  
ENGLAND LIBRARIES GRANT!**

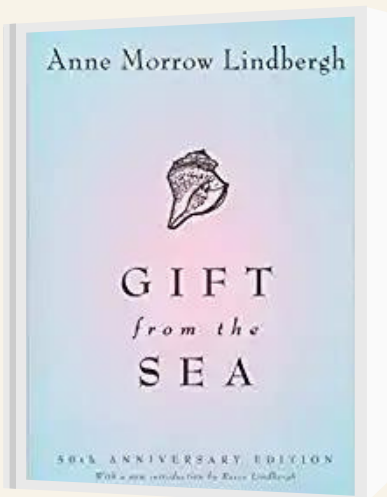


**KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR  
UPCOMING DETAILS ABOUT THIS  
EXCITING NEW GARDEN!**



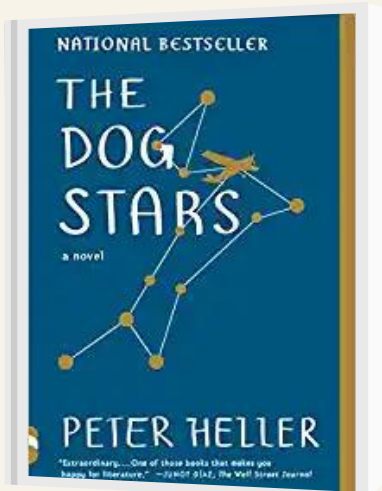
# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the Month (unless otherwise noted) 6:30PM The meetings will be held in the Library Community Room.



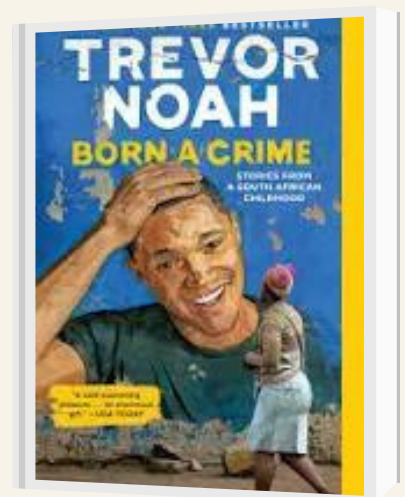
**March 20,  
2023**

In this inimitable, beloved classic—graceful, lucid and lyrical—Anne Morrow Lindbergh shares her meditations on youth and age; love and marriage; peace, solitude and contentment as she set them down during a brief vacation by the sea.



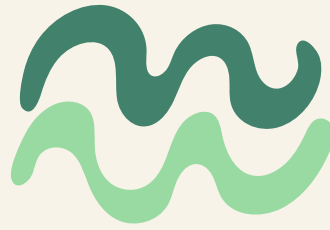
**April 24,  
2023**

Hig somehow survived the flu pandemic that killed everyone he knows. Now his wife is gone, his friends are dead, and he lives in the hangar of a small abandoned airport with his dog, Jasper, and a mercurial, gun-toting misanthrope named Bangley.



**May 15,  
2023**

The memoir of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth



## **TRUSTEES CORNER**

### **On Becoming a Library Trustee**

How do you become a library trustee? What does a trustee do? Two very pressing questions. And while I am sure you are not staying up at night pondering these queries, it is important for the health and well-being of our library for the community to understand the roles and responsibilities of the trustees, this is even more critical because we are coming up on our local elections.

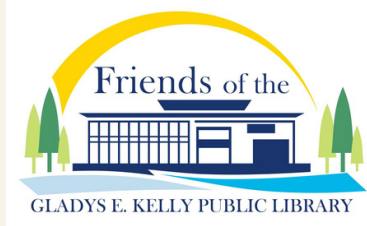
By State Statute and by our Town Charter, library trustees are charged with the care, custody, and management of the Public Library and all property that the Town may receive by gift or bequest for the purpose of library support, development or maintenance shall be administered by the Board of Library Trustees in accordance with the terms of such bequest. Our seven-member Board, meets monthly to review and revise policy, and to review the library's budget and financial reports. We work closely with the library director and the staff to make sure that the library is run efficiently and is responsive to the needs of our community.

Our Board of Library Trustees is an elected Board. Each year two or as many as three members are elected to the Board. The commitment is for a three-year term. To be elected to the Board, a candidate must first submit nomination papers to the Town clerk's office. For the May 2023 election, the last day to take out nomination papers is Friday, March 10, 2023; the last day for candidates to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars is Monday, March 13th, 2023 by 5:00 pm. Nomination papers require a minimum of 50 certified signatures of registered voters of Webster. Once the nomination papers are accepted, the candidates name will appear on the ballot for the May election.

Does this work interest you? Would you like to be more actively involved in the oversight of the Library?

Please do not hesitate to call me at 860-921-7535

Sincerely, Rena Klebart, chair Board of Library Trustees



# The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library

Hello Library Friends,

Spring is here! The Board of the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library wishes you sunny days and flowers as we sit out in the sun with a good book from the library.

Did you know that the Friends is a non-profit volunteer organization whose purpose is to financially support the library? We raise and distribute funds for a large portion of the programming that happens at Gladys E. Kelly. In the upcoming year, we will be supporting the Children's and Summer Reading programs, music, craft, and various other children's events - in addition to other programming.

Speaking of flowers, books and raising funds, on April 27th, 2023, from 6pm-8pm the Friends will be hosting the premier event Bites, Books and Blooms: A Taste of Webster.

Guests will sample Webster's restaurant delicacies while viewing beautiful floral interpretations of books and listening to local music. The floral arrangements are being created by groups throughout the area and promise to capture our senses while teasing us into wanting to read the books! The floral arrangements will be available for viewing Friday and Saturday as well. Tickets will soon be on sale at the library and on the Friends website. Volunteers are needed.


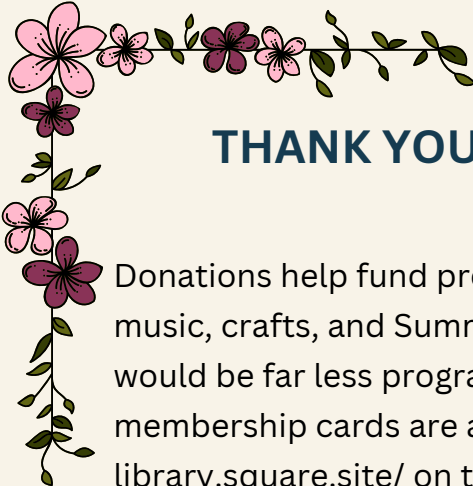
The Friends Annual book sale will be June 8th-10th and we need your help! We need more book donations, volunteers to help sort and setup before the event, and volunteers during the event. Puzzles are also a good seller. Please drop off your donations at the front desk of the library. We accept all types of books except textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, or other reference materials.

If you would like to volunteer for Bites, Books and Blooms or the Book-sale please contact GladysKFriends@gmail.com or give your name to the front desk. Adults and teens are welcome.

Finally, we would not be here without you - we welcome new, former, and renewing members. Becoming a Friend is a great way to help our library and community. Membership cards are available at the front desk or join online at <https://friends-of-gladys-e-kelly-library.square.site/> on our Friends link of the Library page.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting our new Friend,

The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Board



## **THANK YOU 2022 Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library Members!**

Donations help fund programming enjoyed by the entire community. Everything from music, crafts, and Summer Reading is supported by the Friends and without YOU there would be far less programming. We encourage library patrons to become a Friend, membership cards are at the front desk or join online at <https://friends-of-gladys-e-kelly-library.square.site/> on the Friends link off the Library page.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the Fels Family Foundation – your continued support is treasured.



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