



GLADYS E. KELLY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall 2023

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## FALL ALREADY?

Wow, we had an incredible Summer here at the Library! Not only did we get our grant-funded Library Garden up and running just in time to harvest herbs, flowers, and veggies, but we also hosted a ton of amazing programs for children and adults. Our programming statistics are through the roof this year, going from 4,000 people attending all of our programs last year to 6,000 attending our programs this year!

We couldn't do all these fun events without the support from the Friends of the Library. If you are someone who has a skill or talent you'd like to share with the community, please take a minute to fill out a survey from the Friends. We are looking for folks interested in hosting programs like knitting groups, foreign language conversation circles, musicians, and more! Please share this survey with the talented people you know.

See you soon,  
Sondra Murphy, Library Director



Point your phone's camera at the QR code and tap the link to fill out a Survey from the Library Friends!

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# WEEKLY PROGRAMS



## SCAVENGER HUNT

Everyday During

September

During Open Hours

What's more exciting than a scavenger hunt? Come upstairs to the Children's room to pick up a list of things to find all around the library. Once you've completed the scavenger hunt, check in with the Children's Librarian to redeem a prize.

## STEM BEGINNINGS

Tuesdays:

September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

October 3rd

10:00-10:45am (Sept. 19th will be 10:30-11:15)

With each class, children ages 3-6, or preschool/kindergarten, will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands. **Registration Required**



## LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays:

September 5th and 12th

October 3rd and 10th

November 7th and 14th

3:30-4:30pm

Come play with the library's Legos. If you like, we can put your work on display!

Please do not bring in your own Legos or leave with the library's Legos.

## BUILD TUESDAYS

Tuesdays:

September 19th, 26th

October 17th, 24th, 31st

November 21st, 29th

3:30-4:30pm

Put your creative caps on and come build with wooden blocks, magnet tiles, or other neat building materials! Materials will change monthly. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

## STORYTIME

Every Monday starting

October 9th

10:00-11:00am

We are happy to be bringing back Toddler Storytime!

Monday mornings will now be filled with fun stories, songs, and activities perfect for ages 2-5. Siblings are welcome to join.



## EVERY WEEK!

## MAKER MONDAYS

3:30-4:30pm

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



# Kids

## Story Hour with Melonie

*Tuesdays: September 19th ; October 17th ; November 21st*

**9:30-10:30am**

Please join "Miss Melonie" for a monthly fun and educational time exploring thematic stories, songs and games. Melonie Washburn, MA Early Childhood Education. For 3-4 year olds with accompanying adult. **Registration Required**



## Baby Bounce

*Wednesdays: September 13th, October 11th, November 8th*

**9-9:45am**

Join Library Director Sondra Murphy for stories, songs, and rhymes just for babies! Ideal for pre-walkers, but siblings are welcome.



## Music Together

*Saturdays: September 30, October 7, 14, 21, November 4, 18.*

**11:15am-12:15pm**

A music and movement program available to children birth to age 6 and their families based upon on-going scientific research. Classes include singing and dancing. The program brings families together by providing a rich musical environment in the classroom and by promoting and facilitating adult participation.

## Little Wiggles & Giggles

*Thursdays September 14, 21, 28 ; October 5, 12, 19*

**9:45-10:15am**

Your little one will enjoy this 30-minute music enrichment class facilitated by music teacher, Laine Hanlon. Created for children, with a parent/caregiver, ages 6 months - 23 months: Organized by the YFCP. **Registration Required via YFCP Website, space fills quickly (registration ends Sep. 6th)**



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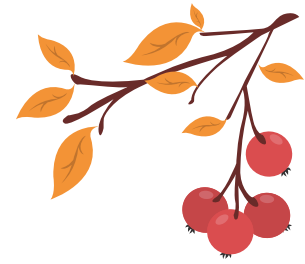
Children ages 2-5, with a parent/ caregiver, will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm and listen to stories with music teacher, Laine Hanlon. Organized by the YFCP. **Registration Required via the YFCP Website, space fills quickly (registration ends Sep. 6th)**



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

**Kids**

# FALL EVENTS



## September

**Thursday, September 7th:**

**Tasting Class: Quickles for Kids**

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



This short tasting class will have you chopping up cukes, onions and herbs to make quickles. We will be using what we've grown in the library's garden, and supplementing from local farms. Containers will be provided so you can take your creation home.

**Saturday, September 23rd:**

**Drum Circle with Mike Leo**

**12:30-2:00 PM**



Local musician Mike Leo will be facilitating a session of rhythm, drumming, and interactive live music for all ages. Be both the audience and the performer as we connect deeper with rhythm, interact with Musical and rhythmic games, and become the Rhythm Section of an interactive live concert. All Instruments provided, all ages welcome. Families and caregivers of individuals with special needs are encouraged to attend.

**Monday, September 25th:**

**Tasting Class: Naan Pizza for Kids**

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**



This short tasting class will have you slicing fresh tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and other fresh ingredients to make your own margherita pizza. We will be using what we've grown in the library's garden, and supplementing from local farms. Please note no gluten free option will be available.

**Everyday During September**

**Halloween Costume Drop-Off**

**During Open Hours**



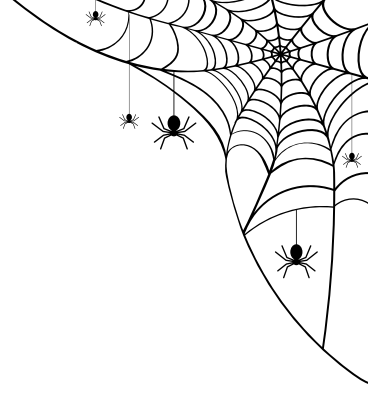
Drop off your gently used costumes and items. Receive tickets for the items you bring, and you can use those to get new items on the swap. The swap will be on **Thursday October 5th from 3:30-6:00pm**



**Kids**

# FALL EVENTS

## October



**Thursday October 5th:**

**Halloween Costume Swap**

**3:30 - 6:00 PM**



If you dropped off costumes in September, bring your tickets to the Costume Swap Event to find a new costume! Anything not claimed at the event will be made available in the Children's Room on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Thursday October 26th:**

**Pumpkin Carving Contest**

**3:30 - 6:00 PM**



We will be hosting a pumpkin carving event and contest-- kids will carve their pumpkins and they will be placed on display on the Library's porch. We will have a few "celebrity judges" who will award ribbons to the top pumpkins. These will be displayed during the Main Street Trick or Treat!

**Saturday October 28th:**

**Talewise Presents Science Heroes: "Break the Ice"**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**



Join Professor Noble and the Science Heroes, as science and stories collide in this interactive S.T.E.M. program featuring the 'coolest' thing in science – DRY ICE! The audience helps the performer act out the tale as we use the events in the story to discover and explore dry ice and the changing states of matter

**Monday October 30th:**

**Maker Monday Halloween Special: Monster Slime**

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



What is a better way to celebrate Halloween than by bringing home some Monster slime! Meet us in the Children's Program Room, on October 30, to make some fun colored and spooky slime to bring home and show off to your family and friends.



**Kids**

# FALL EVENTS

## November



**Thursday November 16th:**

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**



We are inviting you and your favorite stuffed animal for an evening Storytime in the Community Room. We will read some stories, make name tags for your stuffed animals, and then you will say goodbye to your friends as they get ready to spend the night at the library! Pick up will be the following day. Check out your fluffy friends' adventures on our Facebook page.

**Saturday November 11th:**

**Musical Petting Zoo**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**



The Musical Petting Zoo is a fun and informative hands-on traveling exhibit of musical instruments. After an introduction to the instruments, participants get a chance to bow a violin, blow a horn or tap out a rhythm on a drum. Here's your chance to try an instrument in a judgment-free zone that encourages exploration and excitement!



# Events for Adults



## YOGA WITH JULIE

Saturdays at **9:30 AM**

**September:** 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

**October:** 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

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

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

## ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT 6PM

September Meeting: 12th

October Meetings: 2nd and 23rd

November Meetings: 6th and 27th

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



## Canning/Freezing/Dehydrating

*Tuesday September 19th at 6:00 PM*

Got way too much production from your garden this year? No problem! Blackstone Valley Veggies will show you the easiest and best ways to preserve it!

## Closing Up the Garden

*Thursday September 28th at 6:00 PM*

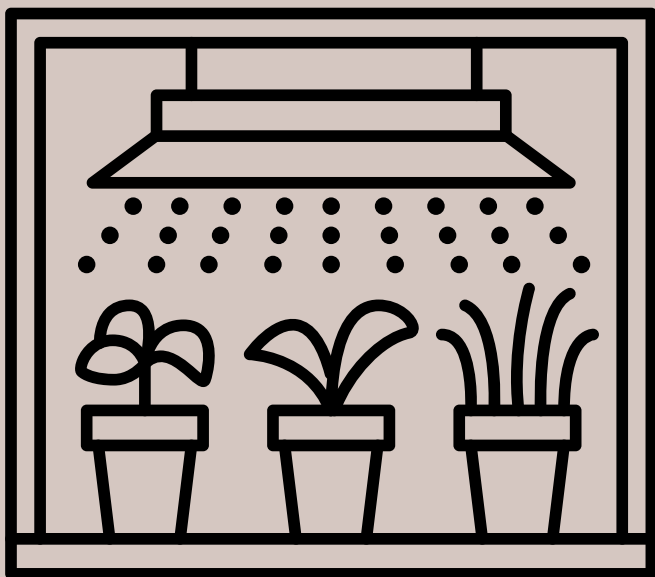
While the end of the season can be depressing, it's also the best time to get a jump start on the following year. Blackstone Valley Veggies will explore pruning, seed saving, mulching, and composting



## Indoor Growing

*Thursday November 12th at 6:00 PM*

Grow all kinds of plants, from ornamentals to edibles from the comfort of your own home. Grow hydroponically or with LED lights. Blackstone Valley Veggies will teach you all about self-watering plants and soil created especially for indoor growing





# Events for Adults



## **Dustin Pari: Searching Shadows**

*Tuesday October 24th at 6:30 PM*

Shadow People – Hat Man – Men In Black – Call them what you will, they remain one of the most intriguing anomalies in the paranormal. Are they spirits? Aliens? A figment of our imagination? Or perhaps they are something else entirely. A visit from one of these shadow figures is what started Dustin upon his road into the supernatural.

## **Jeff Belanger:**

## **Ghost and Legends**

*Monday October 30th at 6:30 PM*



This ghostly multi-media program will take you on a journey through the haunts in your backyard, and around the world. Pulling from Jeff's 25 years of research for his books, podcasts, adventures, and the various television shows he's worked on, join one of the nation's premiere storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained. This program changes every time it's given.



Tuesday  
Nov. 7th  
6 pm

# CANDLE MAKING

Join us in welcoming Kitchen Sink Candle Company. They will be bringing all the materials for you to make your own candle! You choose the scents you want and they will show you how to choose and make the best candle suited for you!

Registration is required. There are only 15 spots available.

This is an adult only event.

**\*\* Registration is required as there are 15 spots available for this event. Registration opens October 24th \*\***

You can register by going to the calendar of events on our website!

# FALL CONCERT SERIES



**CROWES PASTURE**

**September 14th  
6:30 PM**



**GUMBO**

**October 12th  
6:30 PM**



**THE HIP SWAYERS**

**November 9th  
6:30 PM**



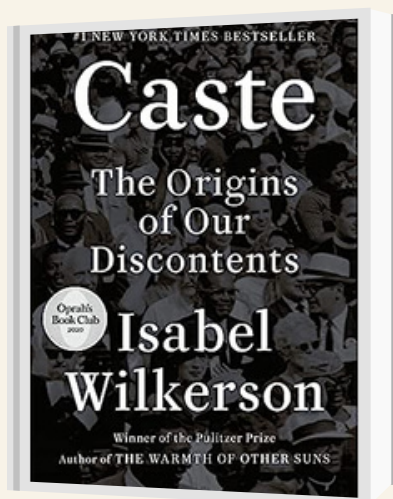
**THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY  
STRING QUARTET & ENSEMBLES**

**December 14th  
6:30 PM**

These concerts have been generously sponsored by the  
Janet Malser Humanities Trust.

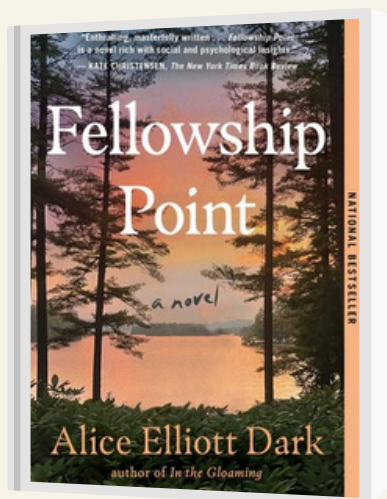
# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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.



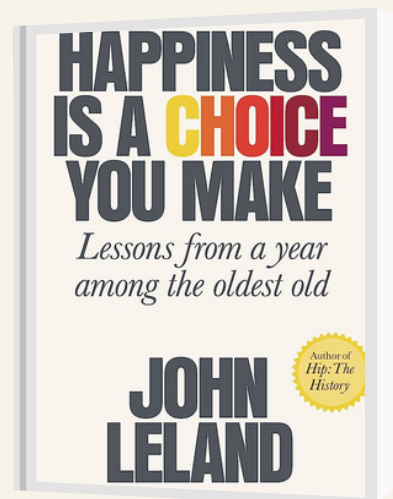
September 18th, October 16th,  
2023

Isabel Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. "As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theater, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about power—which groups have it and which do not."



2023

Celebrated children's book author Agnes Lee is determined to secure her legacy—to complete what she knows will be the final volume of her pseudonymously written Franklin Square novels; and even more consuming, to permanently protect the peninsula of majestic coast in Maine known as Fellowship Point



November 20th,  
2023

Happiness Is a Choice You Make is an enduring collection of lessons that emphasizes, above all, the extraordinary influence we wield over the quality of our lives. With humility, heart, and wit, Leland has crafted a sophisticated and necessary reflection on how to "live better"



# Cookbook Club



***TUESDAY, September 26th***  
***THURSDAY, October 19th***  
***No Cookbook Club in November***  
***6–8 PM***

Every month there will be a new cookbook and you will choose a delicious recipe to make! You can choose anything out of the cookbook to bring and share. Whether you like to cook or bake there will always be something for you! We will eat and discuss our favorite and our least favorite things of the cooking adventure. You can pick up your copy from behind the circulation desk.



# Tasting Classes for Adults



## QUICKLES

THIS SHORT TASTING CLASS WILL HAVE YOU CHOPPING UP CUKES, ONIONS AND HERBS TO MAKE "QUICKLES." WE WILL BE USING WHAT WE'VE GROWN IN THE LIBRARY'S GARDEN, AND SUPPLEMENTING FROM LOCAL FARMS. SMALL JARS WILL BE PROVIDED SO YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CREATION HOME.



SEPTEMBER 7TH 6:00 PM

## NAAN PIZZA



THIS SHORT TASTING CLASS WILL HAVE YOU SLICING FRESH TOMATOS, FRESH MOZERALLA, AND OTHER FRESH INGREDIENTS TO MAKE YOUR OWN MARGHERITA PIZZA. WE WILL BE USING WHAT WE'VE GROWN IN THE LIBRARY'S GARDEN, AND SUPPLEMENTING FROM LOCAL FARMS. PLEASE NOTE NO GLUTEN FREE OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE.

SEPTEMBER 25TH 6:00 PM

# SPICE CLUB



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!

October Spice:  
**All Spice**



September Spice:  
**Cayenne**



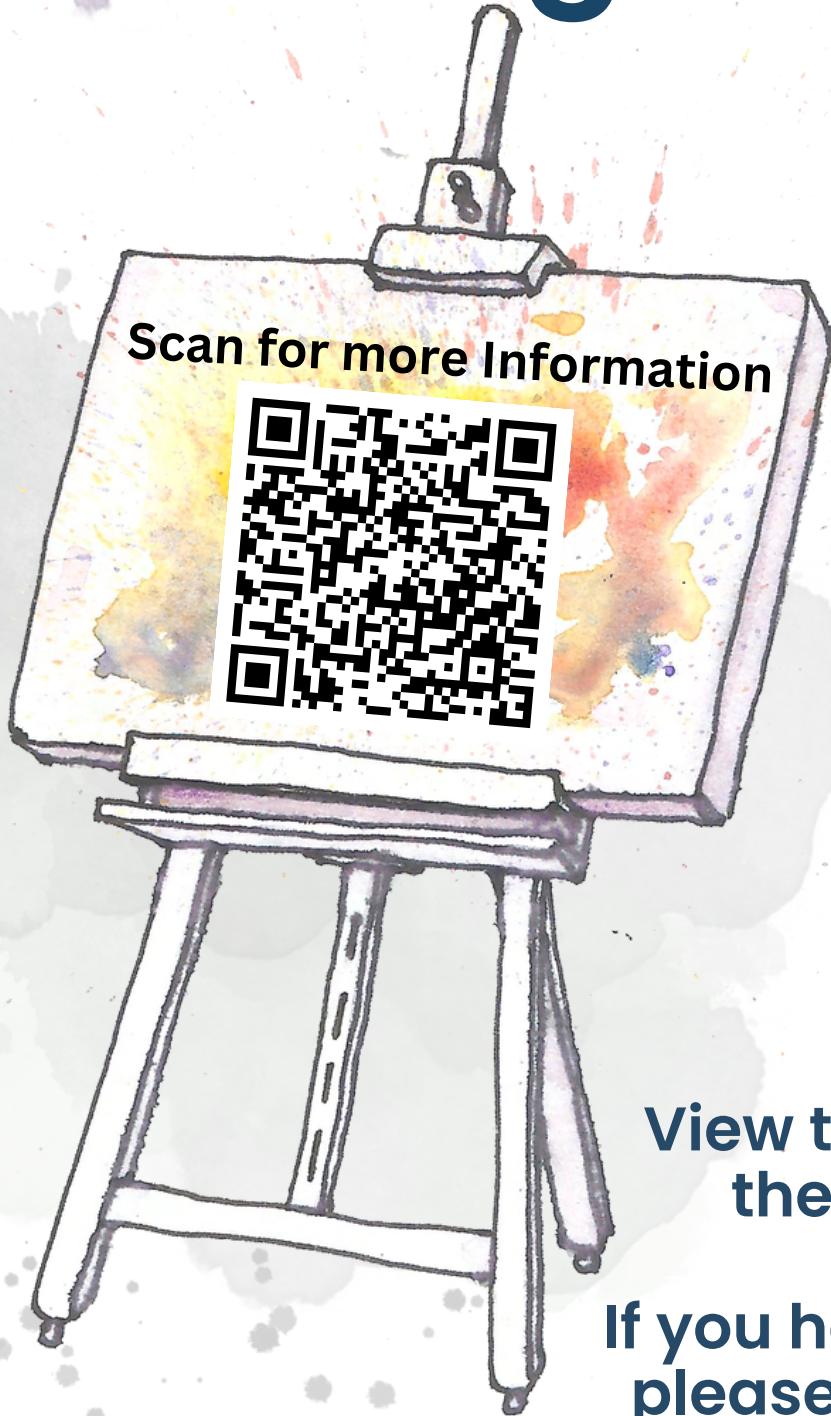
November Spice:  
**Cinnamon**





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# Calling all Artists!



**WE WANT  
TO DISPLAY  
YOUR  
WORK IN  
OUR  
EXHIBIT  
SPACE!**

**View the Exhibit Policy and  
the Application [Here](#)**

**If you have further questions  
please contact: Randa Cox  
at [rcox@cwmars.org](mailto:rcox@cwmars.org)**

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# DO YOU COLLECT OLD BOOKS?

COME SHOP OUR RARE BOOK  
COLLECTION UPSTAIRS!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FRIENDS  
OF THE LIBRARY.



# TRUSTEES CORNER



## Collaboration and Cooperation

**The Town of Webster is extremely fortunate to have a vibrant thriving library, a library that is truly the hub of the community offering a wide variety of program options designed to meet the needs of all of our townspeople.**

**This community hub didn't happen by accident; it was the result of collaboration and cooperation between several important groups.**

**First of all, we are so fortunate to have an extremely dedicated staff. Led by a very competent Director, the library staff not only has a keen understanding of library science, but even more importantly, the staff understands our Town and the people in our Town. They are able to use their expertise to guide patrons and to develop appropriate programming that demonstrates their understanding of our community and helps us all to stretch and grow.**

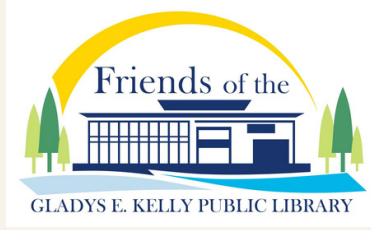
**In addition to the professional staff, the library has an active and engaged Friends group. Numbering well over one hundred members, the Friends group is able to draw on that membership pool to provide financial and volunteer resources in support of the library programs and staff. Without the ongoing support from the Friends, the library would not be able to offer the level of programming that presently exists and that the Town has come to expect.**

**And finally, the library is governed by an elected seven member Board of Trustees. These dedicated individuals volunteer their time and knowledge to develop library policies and to formulate the library budget. Through policy creation and budget advocacy, the Trustees ensure that the library staff will have the resources to meet the needs of Webster.**

**It is because of the close collaboration and cooperation of each of these entities and their positive working relationship that the Library is able to support existing programming and to plan for the future.**

**Rena Klebart**

**Chairperson, Board of Trustees for the Gladys E. Kelly Library**



# The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library

Hello from the Board of the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library!

Happy Fall! We hope you have had a good summer. So much has been happening at our Library. We have seen many of you, either at activities or while volunteering, or both! Did you participate in the summer reading program? Have you seen our bountiful community garden? We hope to see you this fall as more exciting programming happens.

Who are the Friends? What do we do? Why do we need you? We are a non-profit volunteer group whose purpose is to support the library so it can continue to improve and expand library services, facilities, equipment, and activities for all ages in our greater Webster community. We fundraise and use community grants to financially support library programming. Please reply to the recent Friends Volunteer Survey - we need your ideas and your skills, your time and your energy.

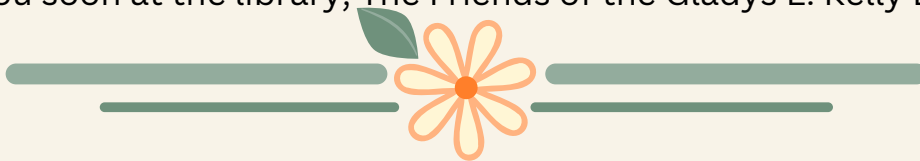
Volunteers are currently needed for our Fall Halloween Costume Swap, Pumpkin Carving, and the Yarn De-Stash Swap. Our Community Garden needs continuing care through the fall and into the new year. For more information or to volunteer, contact [friendsofthegladyskellylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthegladyskellylibrary@gmail.com).

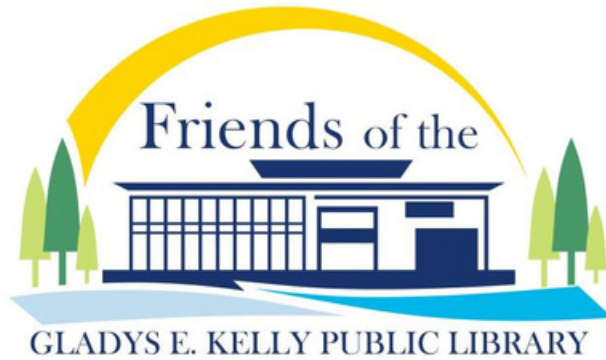
Our June 2023 Book Sale was financially successful and we are now looking ahead to the 2024 Book Sale. Donations are welcome! We accept hard cover and paperback books, puzzles and games, and DVDs and CDs, all in good condition, please. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, or other reference materials. Remember, there is also an on-going Friends book sale in the Library lobby.

Our Friends Annual Meeting is Thursday September 21, 6:00-8:00, in the Library Community Room. All are welcome. Our guest will be Joseph Iamartino, speaking on Native American Nipmuc Lithic Artifacts in Central New England. A short business meeting will follow the program, including election of officers. We'll be saying a huge thank you to Cindy Nagle and Elaine Davies who are leaving the Board, and we will be welcoming new Board members. We hope you will join us.

Becoming a Friends member is easy. Membership cards are at the front desk, or you can join online at [gladyskellylibrary.org](http://gladyskellylibrary.org). Sign up today!

We hope to see you soon at the library, The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Board





# **The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**

Announce

## **The Annual Meeting**

September 21, 2023

6:00 PM

At the Community Room of the Gladys E. Kelly Library

Featuring **Joseph Iamartino**

Speaking on

### ***Native American Nipmuc Lithic Artifacts in Central New England***

The presentation will be followed by the business portion of the meeting.

Joseph Iamartino began his career as a teenage volunteer at the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Ct. He has traveled and researched historic sites in North & South America, Europe, Japan, China, Israel, and Morocco for over 40 years. He is currently the President of the Thompson Historical Society which operates four museums and is a member of the New England Antiquities Research Association. His academic credentials include a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island and a M.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.