



GLADYS E. KELLY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall 2024

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FALL IS HERE!

This season we have exciting events, new initiatives,, and new Staff to show off.

The Friends of the Library are hosting their annual fundraiser on October 17th. You won't want to miss floral interpretations of novels at the Bites, Books, and Blooms event!

We will soon be having a grand opening for our new space, The Nest. This grant funded project will turn the former periodicals reading room on the second floor into a co-working space and Small Business Incubator. If you are an entrepreneur, you will want to keep an eye out for monthly small business support workshops in this space!

For families, we are hosting two swaps to help you unclutter your house. In October we are having another Halloween Costume Swap, and in November (gearing up for the holidays!), we will be having a Toy Swap! Drop off your costumes or toys anytime, then stop by on the swap days to score some free gear!

Finally, we've have a few Staff changes in this season of transitions, and we look forward to you meeting some new and smiling faces.

See you soon,

Sondra Murphy, Library Director

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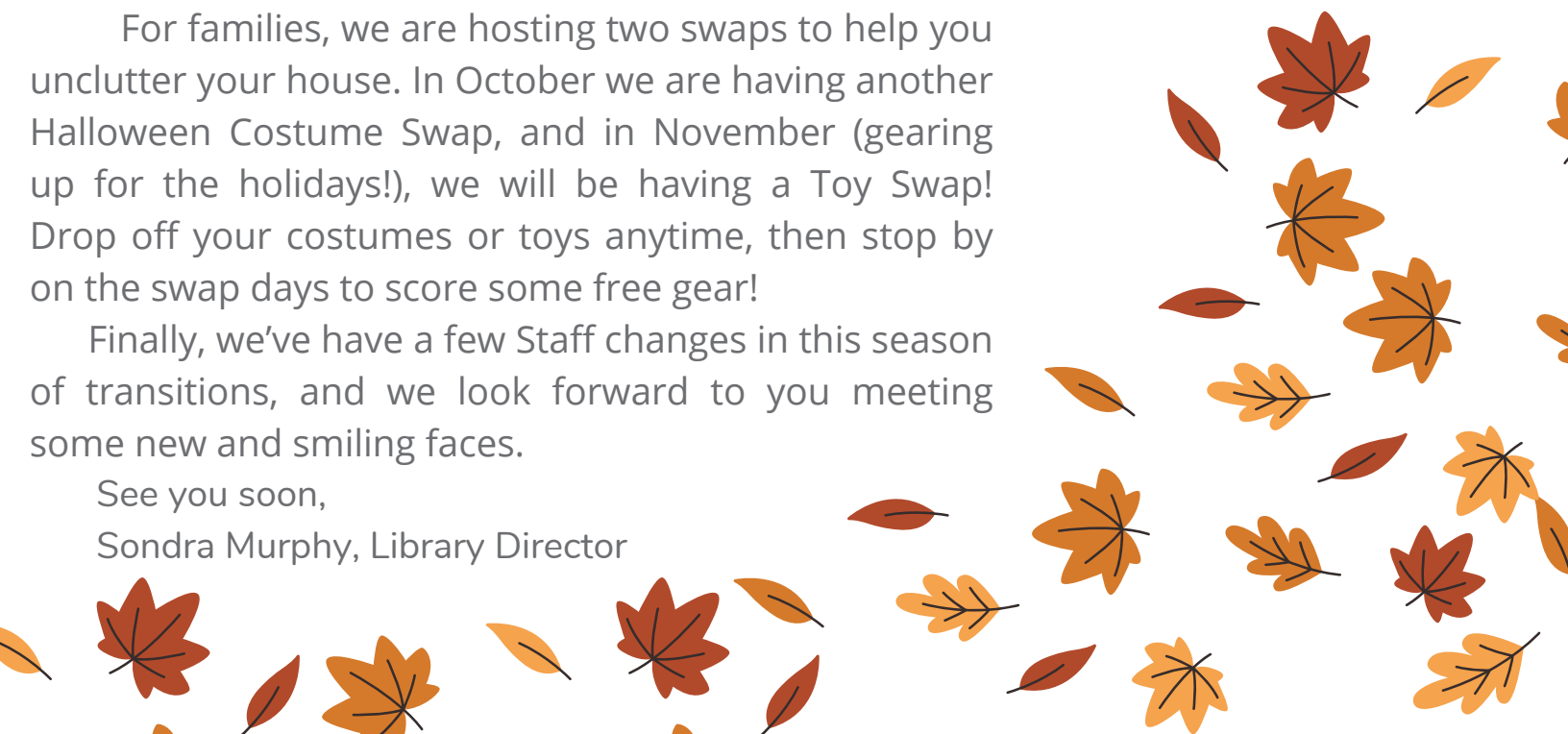
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Join us for our 2nd Annual Fundraiser!

October 17th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Gladys E. Kelly Public Library
2 Lake St. Webster, MA, 01570**

**\$35
Per
Ticket**

**Enjoy local
hors d'oeuvres,
beverages, music,
and books in bloom!**



*Scan the QR code or visit the
Library to order tickets:*



Food provided by Bistro Eighty Ates, Live Music by Carlos Odria Trio

Enroll your child for free monthly books!



Inspire your child's love of reading with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS!

If you have a child from 0-5 years old, register them today for free monthly books.

How It Works:

- Enroll your child online at www.imaginationlibrary.com or visit the Library in person.
- In 6-8 weeks, your child will receive their first book in the mail, 'The Little Engine That Could'.
- Books arrive in the mail monthly until your child's 5th birthday.

Easy to Enroll!



Scan this code to enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. It's easy! Just search for our Library and sign up. Or, visit the Library to sign up in person!



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HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Don't buy new!

Trade your gently used costumes
and accessories for a new costume.



**Drop off your items anytime
during open hours from
September 3rd-30th.**



**SWAP EVENT:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

ANY LEFTOVER COSTUMES WILL BE
MADE AVAILABLE IN THE
CHILDREN'S ROOM ON A FIRST
COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.



TOY SWAP

Don't buy new!

Trade your gently used toys and
games for new ones!

**Drop off your items anytime
during open hours from
November 4th-30th.**

SWAP EVENT:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

9 AM - 2 PM



GLADYS E. KELLY
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**The Friends of the
Gladys E. Kelly Library Present:**

Fall Concert Series



The Secret Chord

**Thursday,
September 12th
6:30 PM**



Counterfeit Cash

**Thursday,
October 10th
6:30 PM**



Eduardo Ortiz

**Thursday,
November 14th
6:30 PM**



Hot Flashes

**Thursday,
December 12th
6:30 PM**



GLADYS E. KELLY
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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
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**ANNUAL
CIRCULATION:
44,354**

Gladys E. Kelly Library Statistics

2024

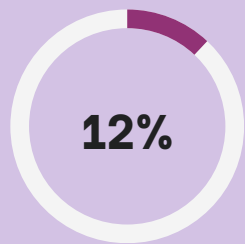
REGISTERED BORROWERS: 10,330 (7.6% INCREASE)

Study Room Usage



**1,808
(58% Increase)**

Circulation Increase



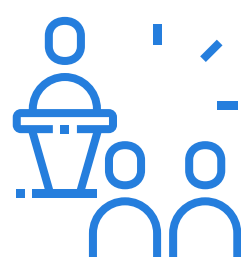
From FY2023

Annual Visits



**56,553 People
(20% Increase)**

One Book, One Community: Geraldine Brooks



**124 In-house Attendees
134 Livestream Attendees**

Program Attendance: 10,955



(78% Increase)

Circulation of e-Materials



**Items Borrowed: 11,969
(31% increase)**

Grants Awarded

\$15,000



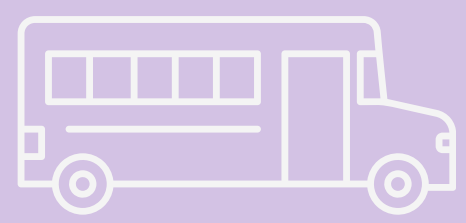
**Association for Rural
and Small Libraries**

\$27,000



**Janet Malser
Humanities Trust/LSTA**

Field Trip Hosted: “STEAM Museum”



198 Total Attendees



TRUSTEES CORNER

Greetings and welcome to the patrons of the Gladys E Kelly Library and other Community Members. This is my first contribution the Newsletter, so I will try to keep it short and to the point.

First, I would like to thank Rena Klebart for her many positive contributions to the Library. She is a dedicated and hard-working individual who helped make the Library to what it is today. She continues to serve as the Vice-Chairperson and provides helpful advice.

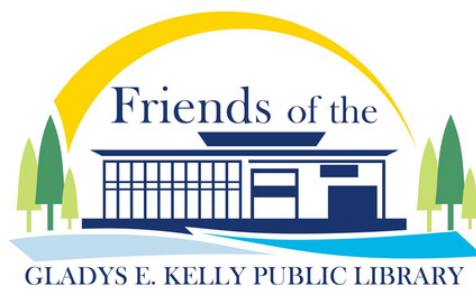
Over the past fiscal year, the Library has continued to grow both in terms of the number of Patrons served as well as the programs provided to the community. We are projecting that we will continue to see huge increases in number of patrons using the library and its services on a year-over-year basis. While this is great news and requires a high level of commitment and effort from the Library management and staff it also puts a strain on resources. We ask for your continuing patience during these busy times. Additionally, many patrons have indicated interest in more Library hours. Unfortunately, with current staff levels that may not be possible. We are monitoring the attendance now more directly, by day and hour, to help determine our community's needs more accurately.

We anticipate continuing growth over the next year and are doing our best to plan for it. That includes additional staff meetings for their input as well as the Director's input. Of course, we could not provide all of our programs without the financial support of the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library. I encourage all of our community to support the Friends organization however you can. Joining is one example of doing this, but you can also help by attending their Fund Raisers, or volunteering for their functions. Of course, donating to the Library is always a help. You can do that through the Friends to support programs, volunteering time to assist Library staff, donating to the Library Gift Fund for discretionary spending, or by establishing a Trust or endowment for the future of the Library.

Thank you for your continued use of the Library and its resources as we anticipate another busy Fall Season.

Best Regards

Rich Franas, Chair of the Trustees Board



🎵 It's summertime, summertime, sum-sum summertime 🎵...

The Friends hope you had a good summer. It was very busy at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library! There were activities every day - something for everyone.

Our June Book Sale was very successful financially, but more importantly, we got wonderful 'new' books into your hands. Thank you, thank you to our book sale volunteers and also to the friends and neighbors who came. We are accepting donations for next year's sale - no encyclopedias, dictionaries, reference books, or textbooks. Remember, there are on-going book sales in the lobby - carts, tables and towers full of bargains!

The Summer Reading Programs were very popular again, with patrons of all ages actively participating. The August Book-a-Cruise and Ice Cream Truck events ended the Children's program with fun on the lake and tasty treats! Our Community Garden flourished with produce, thanks to our garden volunteers. The garden needs continual care through the fall and winter, so don't put your garden gloves away! And our summer music concerts entertained us with memories of Motown, the Beatles, the Beat Generation, and Willie Nelson!

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. Friends volunteers are also very important for the success of our library programs. Volunteers will be needed for upcoming Fall activities - watch for emails!

*****BE A FRIENDS MEMBER** - Membership cards are at the front desk, or you can email us at gladyskellylibrary.org. *****TO BE A FRIENDS VOLUNTEER** - email us at gladyskfriends@gmail.com.
******. It's fun! It's rewarding! And we need you!

*****Mark your calendar** - The Friends Annual Meeting is Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 6:00 in the Community Room. A talk, presented by Richard Donahue entitled Town of the Iron Toys, will feature mechanical banks from the 19th century that were made by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, CT. The Friends annual business meeting will follow the presentation. And Bites, Books, and Blooms returns on Thursday October 17! See the BBB Save the Date!

Thank you again for your support! We hope to see you at the library soon!
The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library