



GLADYS E. KELLY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring 2024

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SPRING IS HATCHING!

It's my favorite time of year here at the Library: Chicken Season! Since I started here three years ago, (the Ides of March is my work anniversary) I've been bringing my Pandemic Obsession to this Library. I'm hoping you, too, enjoy chickens as much as I do, because this Spring we are once again hatching chickens in the Lobby! Stop by throughout March to watch the eggs progress into fluffy little babies. Of course, we'll be livestreaming the hatch on Facebook.

Other things are hatching, too! We've been applying for several grants that I hope will bring some very exciting projects and programs to our Library. We've already been awarded one grant from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries through the generosity of the Manton Foundation. We will be purchasing 16 laptops and a laptop charging cart with these funds so that we can start teaching technology classes! Watch for classes starting this Summer.

We have so many exciting events coming up- there is something for everyone! Take a look inside this newsletter and don't forget to mark your calendars.

See you soon,

Sondra Murphy, Library Director

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Get ready to see these cute faces
sometime around Easter!

Volunteers Wanted!

The Friends of
The Gladys E.
Kelly Public
Library would
like your help!



Volunteer Opportunities:

- Butter Making Class
- Steam Museum Middle School*
- Steam Museum Open to the Public*
- Herb Scone Making
- Garden Spring Clean Up
- Planting the Garden
- Maintaining the Garden
- Craft Swap
- Spring Egg hunt for littles
- Stuffed Animal Tea Party
- Drive in Movie Night
- Friends Annual Book Sale

* These programs need many volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer please fill out the form at this link or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.gle/sdKDmZdwBuNPvh6k6>



You may also email gladyskfriends@gmail.com directly to get more information on these opportunities



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ONGOING PROGRAMS



SCAVENGER HUNT

Available During Open Hours, Updated Monthly

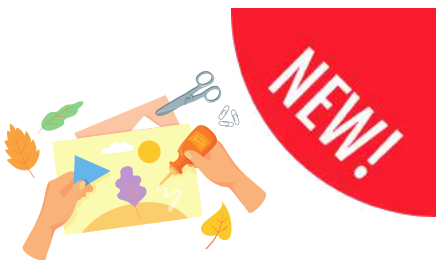
What's more exciting than a scavenger hunt? Come upstairs to the Children's room to pick up a list of things to find all around the library. Once you've completed the scavenger hunt, check in with the Children's Librarian to redeem a prize.

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT

Changes Each Month

While Supplies Last

Take and Make craft kits are now available for pick up upstairs in the Children's Room! Each month will feature a different craft to create and instructions will be provided with the supplies. New Take and Make kits will be available for pick up on the 1st of every month, while supplies last, and are limited to one per patron.



STUFFED ANIMAL STORYTIME



Wednesdays:
March 13th and 27th
April 10th and 24th
May 8th and 22nd
10:00-10:45am

Join Library Director Sondra Murphy for stories, songs, and fun with our plush pals! This storytime is geared toward ages birth to 3, but siblings are always welcome.

STORYTIME

Every Tuesday

10:00-11:00am

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



LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays:

March 5th and 12th

April 2nd, 9th, and 30th

May 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 TUESDAY

Tuesdays:

March 19th and 26th

April 16th and 23rd

May 21st and 28th

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.

EVERY WEEK!

MAKER MONDAYS

3:30-4:30pm

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



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Music Together

Saturdays: April 6th, 13th, 27th

May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

June 1st, 8th, 15th

11am-12pm



A music and movement program available to children from birth to age 6 and their families based upon on-going scientific research, and designed to help nurture children's musical, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. 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.



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

NEW



Sensory Bin Exploration

March 4th, 11th, and 18th

April 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th

May 6th, 13th, and 20th

10:00-11:00am

Join us for open sensory bin exploration. Bins will be filled up with sand, rice, dirt, dry pasta, and more! This program is geared towards ages 2 to 5, but siblings are welcome.



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SPRING EVENTS

March



Saturday, March 2nd: **Chickens Around the World**

11:30 AM -12:30 PM



Learn how to care for chickens in your own backyard or a sustainable farming operation! There will be real, live chickens at this event.

Thursday, March 7th: **Stuffed Animal Tea Party**

3:30-5:00 PM



Wear your fanciest outfits, bring your stuffed animals, do some crafts, and drink some apple juice while listening to a story. This children's program begins promptly at 3:30. **Registration Required**

Saturday, March 9th and 30th: **Child Yoga with Brandy Lefsyk**

11:30 AM-12:30 PM



Brandy Lefsyk, movement muse, Reiki master, Hometownyogi, and owner of Home & Heart Studio in Orange, MA, will be teaching a kids yoga & meditation class at the Library. Participants will move and breathe and enjoy a relaxing mini sound bath meditation. Recommended for ages 4-12 years. No experience necessary. Kids can bring their own yoga mat. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water.

Saturday, March 16th: **Tumblebus All-Stars**

1:00-2:00 PM



Join us on the climate controlled gym on wheels for kids, be they walking toddlers and up to six-years-old! Up to 12 kids can take part at a time.

Saturday, March 23rd: **Peeps Diorama Contest**

12:00-2:00 PM



Design a diorama for marshmallow Peeps! Build a model of a place in town, a scene from a favorite book, or whatever your heart desires! Winners for various categories will be selected through popular vote. Patrons of all ages are welcome to take part!

Monday, March 25th: **Spring Egg Hunt for Littles**

10:00-11:00 AM



Join us for a story, craft, and egg hunt. This program is geared towards children zero to five. All are welcome.

Tuesday, March 26th: **Tie-Dye Storytime**

10:00-11:00 AM



Join us for some springtime stories and fun as we tie dye some eggs with shaving cream. This program is perfect for ages 2-5, but siblings are welcome.

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SPRING EVENTS

April

Thursday, April 4th:

Drive-In Movie

4:00 - 5:30 PM



Decorate your own cardboard box car and take a seat for a family-friendly film. Popcorn included!

Tuesday, April 16th:

National Library Day Party

10:00 - 11:00 AM



Help us celebrate National Library Day by dressing up like a librarian (cardigans and glasses encouraged). We will have a library-themed story time and book craft. Every child will leave with a book.

May

Tuesday, May 7th:

STEAM Museum

3:30-4:15 ; 4:15-5:00 ; 5:00-5:45 PM

A state-of-the-art, hands-on children's museum focused on STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Stations kids can experience include robots, virtual reality, 3D printing, art, engineering, and more! For kids grades K to 6. **Please register for only one session.**

Thursday, May 16th:

Mario Kart Tournament

4:00 - 7:00 PM



Kids ages 8-12 are invited to participate in a Mario-Kart tournament hosted by One-Up Games. While there is no limit to the number of players, participants must be present at the start to be placed on the roster. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Saturday, May 18th:

Touch-a-Truck

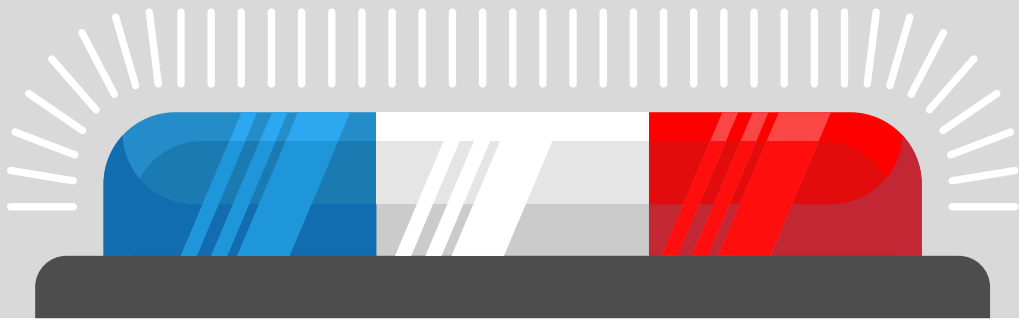
10:00 - 12:00 PM



Find all the action in the **Town Hall parking lot**, we'll have fire trucks, police cars, an ambulance, and more!!



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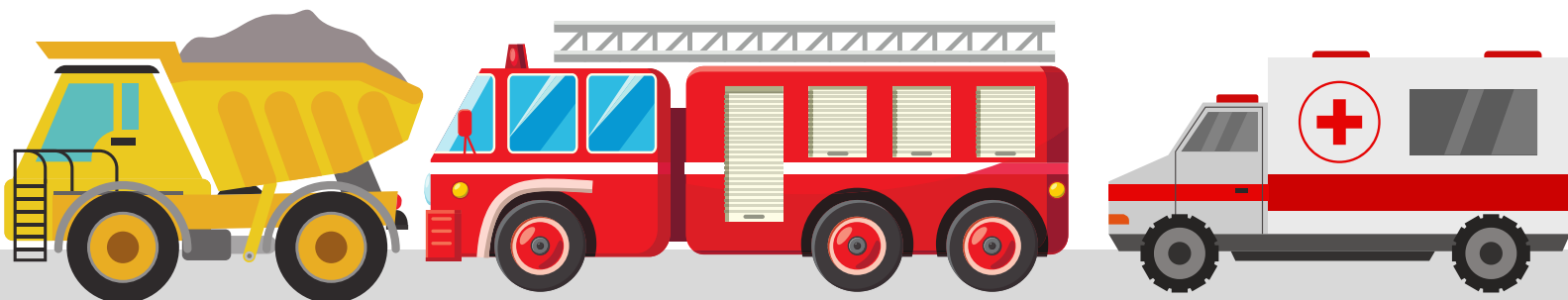
TOWN OF WEBSTER

TOUCH-A-TRUCK



SATURDAY, MAY 18TH
10AM TO 12PM

TOWN HALL PARKING LOT





“YOU CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH
BOOKS
INTO THE HANDS
OF ENOUGH
CHILDREN”
Dolly



INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING

Enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and get a **FREE BOOK** every month until their 5th birthday.

“ Our daughter **LOVES READING** and being read to, and the **VARIETY** she receives from the Imagination Library is a **SIGNIFICANT** part of this ”

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Republic of Ireland.



Sign-ups begin late April!

Check our website or social media for an announcement.



GLADYS E. KELLY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Take-Home Pea Plants

For Earth Day

**Plant your own seeds in
the lobby, or grab a
pre-sprouted plant to
take home!**

**Available
Monday,
April 22nd
Until Supplies
Last**

for adults and children of all ages





NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7–13, 2024

ALA American
Library
Association

Library
Champions
Investing in America's Libraries

Stay tuned...
We're getting silly for
National Library Week!

(Here's a hint:)



If you like horses, don't miss Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks discussing her new novel, *Horse*, on June 6th!

HORSE 101

Lindsay from Winterberry Homestead will
be here teaching us about horses.

Discussion will include safety working
around horses, learn how horses think,
along with their nutrition and shelter
needs. There will be a real mini horse
here for the presentation!

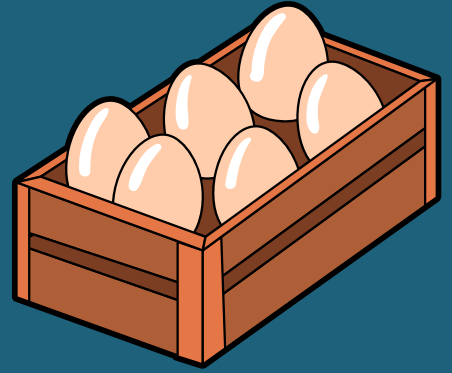


SATURDAY,
APRIL 20TH

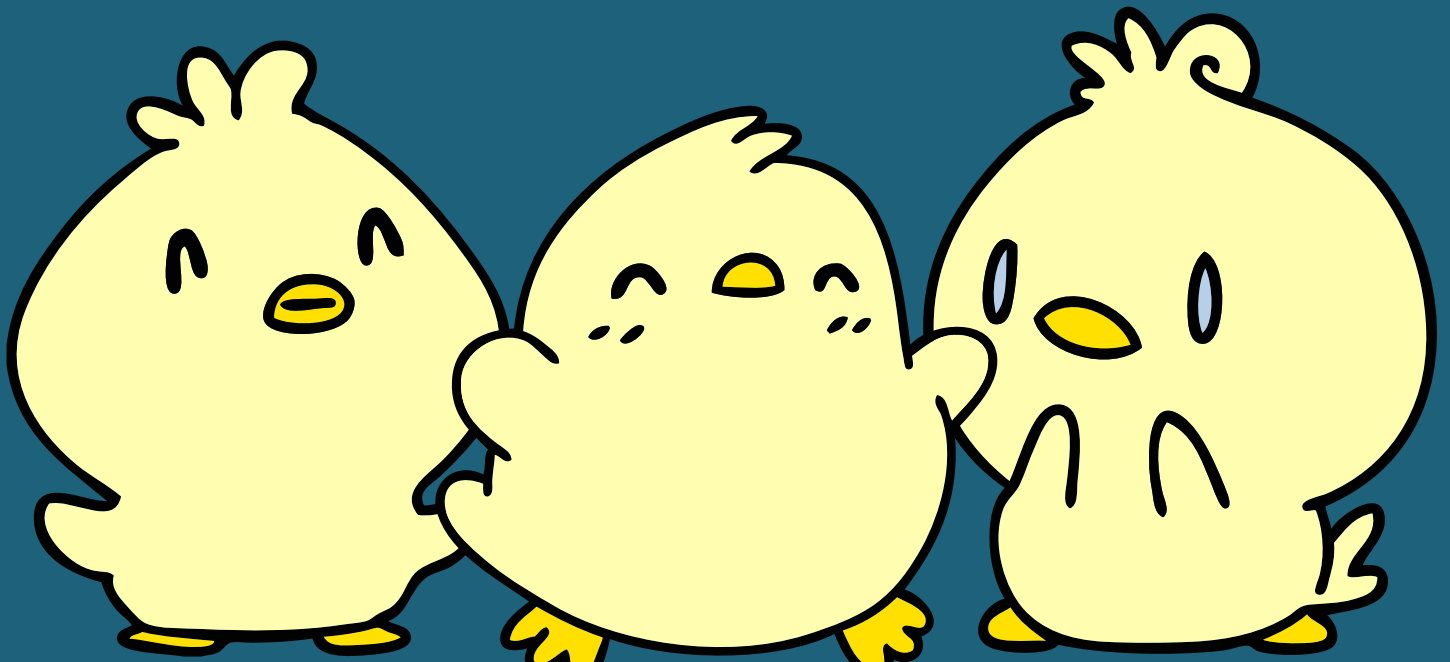
12 PM

All Ages Welcome, Adults & Children
This program may be held outdoors.

HATCH THE CHICKEN



**CHICKEN EGGS HAVE ARRIVED
AT THE LIBRARY!
THEY WILL TAKE 21 DAYS TO
HATCH AND ARE DUE TO HATCH
AROUND MARCH 20TH.**



Events for Adults



YOGA WITH JULIE

Saturdays at **9:30 AM**

March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

April: 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

May: 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

March Meeting: **25th**

April Meeting: **29th**

May Meeting: **No Meeting**

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



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Events for Adults

THE ORIGINAL FLY GIRLS: A HISTORY OF THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS MARCH 21ST 6:00 PM

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.



Sound Bath: March 26th 6:00 PM

Brandy Lefsyk, movement muse, Reiki master, Hometownyogi, and owner of Home & Heart Studio in Orange, MA, will be teaching a class on Sound Baths. During a sound bath, the brainwave state is altered from normal waking state (beta) to relaxed state (alpha), dreamlike state (theta), and even restorative state (delta). As the mind and body relax, the heart rate and blood pressure decrease and our breathing become deeper. It is in this state that deep healing can occur.

No registration required.



Events for Adults

Functional and Fabulous Embroidery for Mending April 18th 6:00 PM

Learn how to blur the lines between the garment and the mending. We will explore the many ways we can combine basic embroidery stitches to achieve an elevated look. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring something from home that you need mended, as well!



Jean Walker's Paint Night May 30th 5:30 PM

Jean Walker will be providing the art supplies to do a paint night! Please register via our website.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Registration opens May 16th

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FREE

THE FRIENDS OF THE GLADYS E.
KELLY LIBRARY PRESENT:



SPRING CONCERT SERIES



HUNGRYTOWN
MARCH 14TH



BLACKSTONE VALLEY MUSIC PRESENTS:
AN EAGLES TRIBUTE
APRIL 11TH



SALLY ROGERS
MAY 9TH

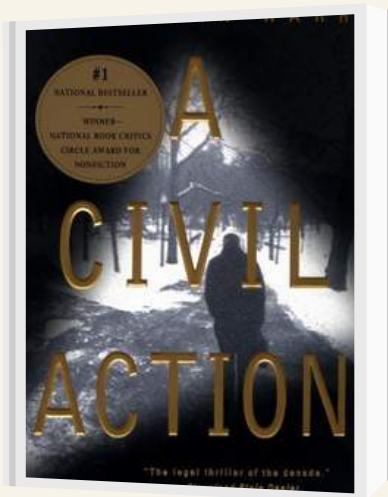


CROCODILE RIVER MUSIC
JUNE 13TH

6:30PM – 7:30 PM

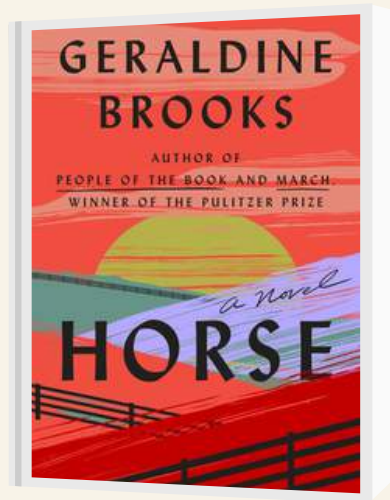
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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.



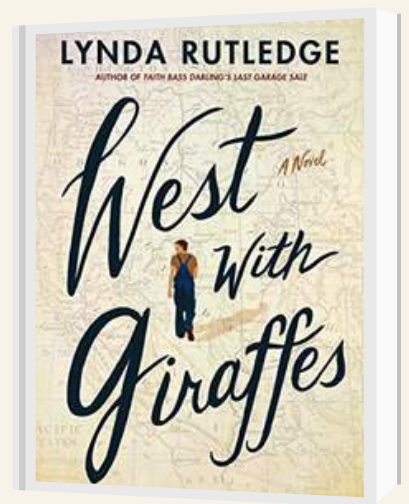
March 18, 2024

A Civil Action is a non-fiction book by Jonathan Harr about a water contamination case in Woburn, Massachusetts, in the 1980s. After finding that her child is diagnosed with leukemia, Anne Anderson notices a high prevalence of leukemia, a relatively rare disease, in her city. Eventually she gathers other families and seeks a lawyer, Jan Schlichtmann, to consider their options.



April 22, 2024

A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington,



May 20, 2024

An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, **West with Giraffes** explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.



Cookbook Club



Monday, March 11th (6 PM)

Monday, April 8th (6 PM)

Tuesday, May 14th (6 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



HERB BUTTER

THIS SHORT TASTING CLASS WILL
SHOW YOU HOW TO SPICE UP
YOUR BUTTER! WE WILL BE
MAKING DIFFERENT TYPES OF
HERB BUTTER BY USING FRESH
HERBS, SPICES, AND GARLIC.

APRIL 23RD 6:00 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTRATION OPENS
APRIL 9TH



HERB SCONES

DURING THIS SHORT TASTING
CLASS WILL BE USING THE
CHARLIE CART TO MAKE HERB
SCONES. WATCH AND LEARN
AS WE MIX INGREDIENTS TO
MAKE THIS SIMPLE RECIPE.

MAY 21ST 6:00 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTRATION OPENS
MAY 7TH





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!

March Spice: **Garlic Powder**



April Spice: **Turmeric**



February Spice: **Dried Coriander**





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
at rcox@cwmar.org**

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TRUSTEES CORNER

FIND A WHOLE NEW COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

*GAIN CONFIDENCE IN ENGLISH AND GAVE ME A PLEASANT LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT WITH CLASSMATES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES*

PRINT FORMS

PLAN OUR WEDDING

SAVE MONEY THROUGH FREE ACCESS TO INTERNET

LEARN ABOUT SPICES

HELPED ME GET A JOB

FIND COMFORT, THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THIS BEAUTIFUL SPACE SAFE

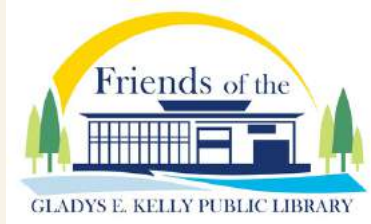
BE A BETTER READER AND DISCOVER NEW AUTHORS

You might wonder, what do all of these quotes have in common? All of these quotes were posted on the library's message board in the lobby in response to the prompt **THE LIBRARY HAS HELPED ME TO....!** While these responses are incredibly diverse, these patrons are all sharing what they love about our library.

It is because of the support of the Friends, the professional Staff and the dedicated members of the Board of Trustees that the library has become our strongest community resource. Here is a little known fact: the Friends, through funding and generous contributions, fund the vast majority of the programs offered by the library. Because of this coordinated support and planning, the library is able to meet the needs of our patrons, bringing members of our community together through a wide range of programming and services.

Come see what the library can do for you!

Sincerely,
Rena Klebart
Chairperson, Library Board of Trustees



The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library

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

Spring is coming! The groundhog didn't see his shadow in Webster so we can hope for an early spring. That means new programs and activities will be happening at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library!

Who are the Friends? What do we do? Why do we need you? We are a nonprofit volunteer group whose purpose is to support the library so it can continue to improve and expand library services for all ages in our greater Webster community. We fund raise and use community grants to financially support much of Library programming. We need YOU! Please join us - go to our website - gladyskellylibrary.org or sign up in person at the library.

Please put the Monday May 6, 2024 **Webster Town Meeting** on your calendar. The Gladys E. Kelly Public Library budget will be presented and voted on. Come to the meeting - become informed - vote!

Our **Annual Book Sale** is Thursday - Saturday, June 20-22, 2024. Mark your calendar! We continue to accept donations - hard cover, paperback, and audio books, puzzles and games, and DVDs and CDs, all in good condition. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, or other reference materials. We need books to sell, we need people to buy, and **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** We will need help with set up (Tuesday 6/18), on sales days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6/20-22), and for clean up (Saturday 6/22). Email us at gladyskfriends@gmail.com to volunteer. Remember to check out the on-going Friends Book Sale in the Library lobby - there's always something new to buy and read!

The Friends are excited to have been invited to participate in **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!** Children living in Webster whose parents register them with the Gladys Kelly Library will receive **one free book every month** from birth to age 5! This will start late Spring. What a wonderful opportunity!

Our **Community Garden** survived the winter and will be ready to be prepped and planted for a new season soon! We need volunteers to be on the Garden Committee and also to prep, plant, water, and weed during the growing season. Vegetables grown last year supported many educational library programs - we hope the crop will be bigger and better this year! Nurture your green thumb!

**** TO BE A FRIEND VOLUNTEER, email us at gladyskfriends@gmail.com. ****

We thank you for your support. See you at the Library!
The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

