



GLADYS E. KELLY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring 2026

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SPRING HAPPENINGS

It's finally, FINALLY, Spring! I can tell that everyone is excited because our total patron count for this month hit over 7,000 people- which is 2,000 people more than last month, and higher than July, our busiest month of the year! We're happy you're here, whether you've just discovered us or you remember coming to the Chester C. Corbin Library years ago.

Over the next few months we're bringing in New York Times Bestselling authors (yes, more than one!), Elvis, live reptiles, a dunk tank, a Chinese Acrobat, and a giant inflatable whale. Yes, really. This isn't the Library you remember growing up!

See you soon,
Sondra Murphy,
Library Director

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

What a winter we've had in Webster! Spring can't come soon enough. That means new programs and activities at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library for everyone! 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, all free to everyone. We fundraise and use community grants to financially support library programming. Community grant awards decreased again over the last year, so Friends' support continues to be so important - both financially and through your volunteering. Our Friends volunteers are very important for the success of our library programs - watch for emails!

*****BE A FRIENDS MEMBER** - Membership cards are at the front desk, or you can email us at gladyskellylibrary.org.

*****BE A FRIENDS VOLUNTEER** - email us - gladyskfriends@gmail.com.

It's fun! It's rewarding! Welcome!

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS*** ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY** - Wednesday 4/29 - Award winning author R.F. Kuang will be here! **ANNUAL BOOK SALE** - Thursday - Saturday, May 13-16. We continue to accept donations - hard cover and paperbacks, puzzles and games, DVDs and CDs, all in good condition. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, or other reference materials. We need books to sell and we need people to buy. We will need help with set up (Wednesday 5/13), on sales days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday 5/14-16), and for clean up (Saturday 5/16). 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! **BITES, BOOKS, AND BLOOMS** - September 23 - Challenge your creativity! Our Community Garden 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, Nurture your green thumb!

Thank you for your support. See you at the Library!

The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

ADULT PROGRAMS

SPRING 2026

Ayurveda 101: Spring Session	APRIL 2ND 6:30 PM
The Final Frontier Sci-Fi Book Club	APRIL 2ND 6:00 PM
The Art of Respectful Dialogue	APRIL 6TH 6:30 PM
Something from Nothing Cooking Series	APRIL 6TH 6:00 PM
Friends Concert Series: The Doors	APRIL 9TH 6:30 PM
Make A Mini-Bookshelf	APRIL 16TH 5:00 PM
Sashiko Workshop with KieuLy	APRIL 22ND AT 6:00 PM
Belton Hearing Screening	APRIL 24TH AT 10:00 AM
One Book One Community: R.F. Kuang	APRIL 29TH AT 6:00 PM
Threaded Together: Film Screening	MAY 5TH 6:00 PM
Friends Concert Series: Miss Maybell	MAY 14TH 6:30 PM
Book Sale	MAY 14TH 9:00 AM
Flower Therapy with Ashley	MAY 21ST 6:30 PM
Gel Printing with Happy Arts Events	JUNE 2ND 6:00 PM
Friends Concert Series: Elvis Tribute	JUNE 11TH 6:30 PM
Davis Bates presents: Sea Songs & Stories	JUNE 25TH 6:30 PM

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Music At The Blissful
Ed Popielarczyk Magic Show
Music with Matt Heaton
Laser Tag for Teens
Meet the Author: Jerry Craft
Comedy and Music Show: Reading Rocks!
Whale-Mobile
Spring Festival
Tradition of Chinese Acrobatics with Li Liu
Summer Eats Kick-Off
Play-Doh Storytime
Creators Club
Tiny Groovers

APRIL 11TH AT 11:00 AM
APRIL 18TH AT 11:15 PM
APRIL 24TH AT 10:30 AM
APRIL 24TH AT 5:00 PM
APRIL 28TH AT 5:30 PM
MAY 2ND AT 10:45
MAY 21ST 3:30 PM
MAY 30TH 11:00 AM
JUNE 22ND 11:00 AM
JUNE 27TH 12:00 PM
MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM
MONDAYS AT 4:00 PM
TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM

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SPRING BREAK



CHILDREN'S EVENTS



APRIL 21ST – APRIL 25TH :

- 3/21 - Read to a Therapy Dog**
- 3/21 - Joys of Nature: Turtles**
- 3/22 - Earth Day Fingerpaint Trees**
- 3/24 - Music with Matt Heaton**
- 3/25 - Bob Bloom's Drumming About You**



GLADYS E. KELLY

PRINCIPAL

FAMILY PROGRAMING

The Gladys Kelly Library has been expanding its intergenerational programming as part of our regular schedule! Fun and engaging activities for children and the adults help strengthen bonds, encourage learning, and support meaningful connections across generations. These shared experiences allow knowledge and traditions to be passed down while promoting creativity and well-being. We look forward to continuing to offer welcoming activities that engage people of all ages.



Make Your Own Mini Bookshelf

April 16th at 5:00 PM

Joys of Nature: Terrific Turtles

April 21st 5:30 & 6:30 PM

Grow Together: A Garden for Kids and Adults

April 27th at 6:00 PM

Paint Party with Emmerly Lane

May 7th at 6:00 pm

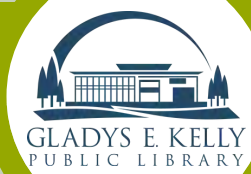
Bead Therapy with Zangar

May 9th at 11:00 AM

Reptiles Rock

June 27th at 10:30 AM





One Book, One Community

Author

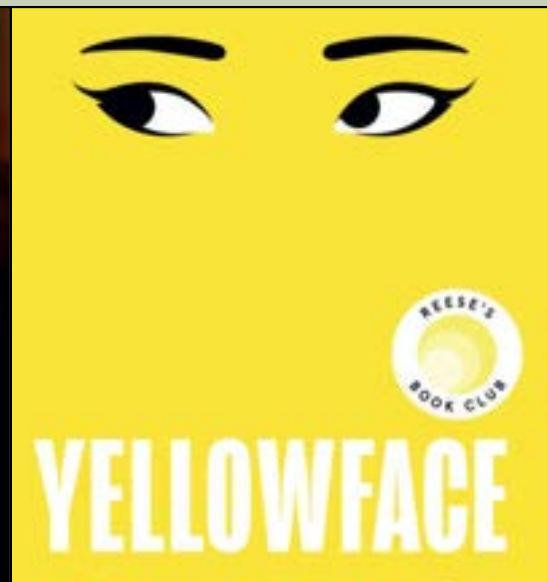
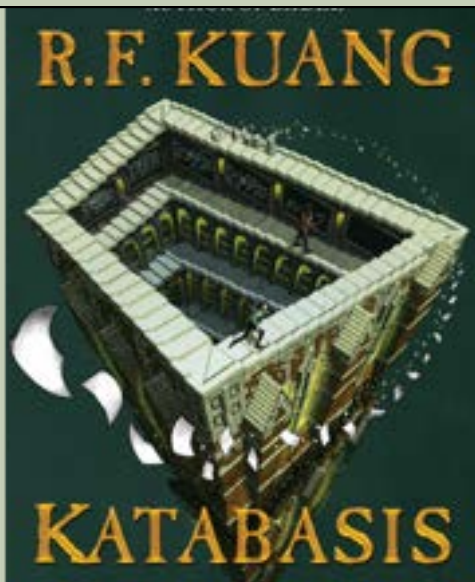
R.F. Kuang

APRIL 29TH, 6:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us in welcoming award-winning author, R. F. Kuang, as part of our One Book One Community series. Kuang will be speaking about her writing process, and discussing some of her work, including *Yellowface*.

Rebecca F. Kuang is the award-winning, #1 New York Times and #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of the *Poppy War* trilogy, *Babel: An Arcane History*, *Yellowface*, and *Katabasis*. She has an MPhil in Chinese Studies from Cambridge and an MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies from Oxford; she is now pursuing a PhD in East Asian Languages and Literatures at Yale.

This event will take place at the newly renovated Bartlett High School auditorium. The event begins at 6:30 and the doors open at 6:00pm.



April 28th
at 5:30 PM

MEET JERRY CRAFT

Jerry Craft will share his journey to becoming a *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of the graphic novels *New Kid*, *Class Act*, and *School Trip*. In his latest book, *J vs. K*, he teamed up with fellow Newbery winner Kwame Alexander.

New Kid made history as the first graphic novel to win the John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature in 2020. It also won the Coretta Scott King Author Award for the most outstanding work by an African American writer that same year.

Award-Winning Author
JERRY CRAFT



A book signing will follow the talk; books will be available for purchase from Booklovers' Gourmet.

★ **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** ★

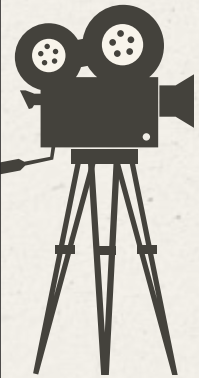
→ **Location: Gladys E. Kelly
Public Library
Doors open at 5:00 PM**

THREADED TOGETHER: MILL WORK AND LIFE IN WEBSTER, MA

Join us for an original 40-minute film featuring stories and memories of working in the Webster Mills from 1950-1975. A collaboration between the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library, Nichols College, Karen Warinsky, and the Webster Senior Center. There will be a Q & A and meet and greet following the May 5th screening.

DATES FOR SCREENINGS

- April 15th | 3:30 PM at Conant Library, Nichols College
- April 18th | 11:00 AM at Samuel Slater Experience
- May 5th | 6:00 PM at Gladys E. Kelly Library
- May 21st | 11:45 AM at Webster Senior Center



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Nichols College
Learn. Lead. Succeed.



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LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

MAY 14TH – 16TH

Save the Date!

Do your shopping at the library!
For sale: large print, paperback and hard copy
books, DVDs, CDs and more!


Paperbacks: \$0.50

Hardcovers: \$1.00

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Gladys E
Kelly Library



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**Strive for
one book a
day!**



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that invites children to blast off into a lifelong love of reading! Through this program, children and their caregivers share 1,000 books before Kindergarten, building early literacy skills and enjoying stories together along the way.




Getting started is easy!

Register at the Children's desk to receive your child's rocket ship for our wall display, pick up their first reading log, and begin their reading journey.

Each time your child reaches 100 books, return the completed log to receive a new one and collect fun prizes along the way!

★ Children can join at any time - from birth through their first day of Kindergarten ★



**Every child gets a
free book when
they sign up!**



**Books can be
repeated!**



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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



APRIL 19TH-25TH



Join us in celebrating by
dressing up with us all week!

tuesday

Tie-Dye Day

wednesday

Anime Day

thursday

College Spirit Day

friday

Twin Day

saturday

Pajama Day

We'll also be celebrating by
having our Trivia Palooza 7 at a
special location: The Rose
Room Cafe! April 25th at 1:00 PM

TRIVIA

PALOOZA






SPRING FESTIVAL

OUT ON THE LAWN!

JOIN US FOR A JAM-PACKED

DAY OF EXCITEMENT!

FUN FOR ALL AGES

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- Dunk Tank
 - Ice cream sundae station
 - 9 Hole Mini Golf
 - Soccer darts
 - Henna
 - And More!
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May 30th
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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THE FRIENDS OF THE GLADYS E.
HELLY LIBRARY PRESENT:

FREE

SPRING CONCERT SERIES



**TJ AND THE
CAMPERS**
MARCH 12TH



THE DOORS
APRIL 9TH



**MISS MAYBELL & HER
RAGTIME ROMEOS**
MAY 14TH



**DAN FONTAINE'S
ELVIS TRIBUTE**
JUNE 11TH

6:30PM – 8 PM

Enroll your child for free monthly books!



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



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

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- 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.

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