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Summer 2024

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SUMMER IS HERE!

We've planned *maybe too many* events for this summer...the calendar is PACKED with fun things to do for all ages! For kids and families, we have a program **almost every day** in July and August! For adults, we have 6 musical programs planned this summer, including some musical history and popular covers.

This summer we're bringing back Summer Eats, in partnership with Webster Public Schools and Project Bread. Mondays through Thursdays from July 8th to August 15th we'll have free lunch for kids and teens. Adults will be able to purchase a meal for only \$5! Along with your lunch we'll have games and crafts on the lawn- how fun!

Speaking of the lawn, this summer we'll have everything from alpacas, to frisbee-catching dogs, to laser tag happening outside. It's going to be a wild summer! Hope to see you at all of our amazing events!

See you soon,
Sondra Murphy, Library Director

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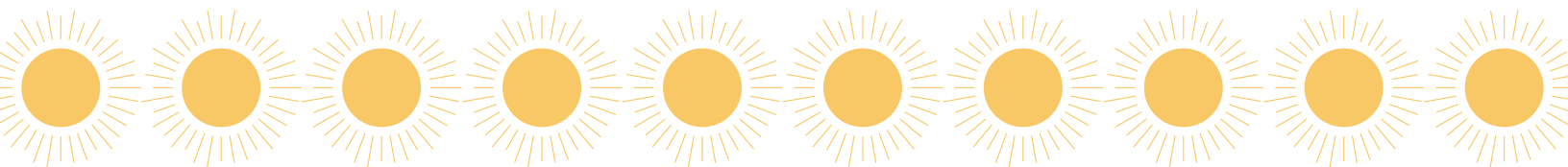
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ONGOING PROGRAMS



WEDNESDAY STORYTIME FUN



Wednesdays:
July 3rd, 17th, 31st
August 14th
10:00-10:45am

Join Andrew the Children's Librarian or Library Director Sondra Murphy for a few of their favorite stories, felt story fun, and some free play. For ages 0-3



OPEN PLAYTIME ADVENTURE

Fridays:
June 28th
July 5th, 19th, 26th
August 9th and 16th
9:30-11:00am

Kids 0 to 6 are invited to get their wiggles out with weekly obstacle course and fun.

SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION

Every Monday,
June 3rd-August 26th
(Except June 24th)
10-11am

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



SUMMER EATS

Mondays-Thursdays:
July 8th-August 15th
12:00-1:00pm

A totally free-of-charge program that provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under. Meals for adults will be available for \$5.00.



OUTDOOR MESSY PLAY

Thursdays:
July 11th, 18th, 25th
August 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th
3:30-4:30pm

Outdoor Messy Play is back! We supply the messy materials for your children to play with, along with a hose for washing off outside afterwards! This program is extremely messy, please dress in something you don't mind getting dirty or stained.



LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays:
June 4th and 11th
July 2nd, 9th, and 30th
August 6th and 13th
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:
June 18th and 25th
July 16th and 23rd
August 20th and 27th
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!



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.



ONGOING CRAFT PROGRAMS



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.

MAKER MONDAYS

3:30-4:30pm

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

Bring your own rocks to paint for Mondays in July!



(No Maker Monday
July 22nd)

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.



Kids



Music Together

Saturdays:

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**

Wiggles and Giggles

Thursdays:

*July 11th and 25th
August 8th and 22nd*

10:30am-11:30am



Come sing, dance, and make music with Lainey Hanlon!
Geared towards children ages 2-5 and their caregivers,
but all ages welcome!



SUMMER EVENTS

June



Wednesday, June 5th: Stuffed Animal Storytime

10:00-10:45 AM



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.

Monday, June 24th: Summer Reading Program Kickoff:

Animal Adventures

10:00-11:00 AM



Join us for this exciting outdoor event marking the kickoff of summer reading! There will be animals of all shapes and sizes.

Tuesday, June 25th: Summer Eats Kickoff Party

12:00-1:00 PM



Join us to kickoff our annual summer eats program! Pizza, games, music, and fun! Everyone eats free, adults included! **Rain date Monday July 1st.** Summer Eats begins July 8th.

Part of Project Bread, the Massachusetts' Department of Education, and local school and community meal providers

Tuesday, June 25th: Storytime:

Flowerpot Painting

10:00-11:00 AM



Please join us for stories and fun as we paint flower pots to bring home. This program is perfect of ages 2-5, but siblings are welcome.

Tuesday, June 25th:

One Up Games:

Open Game Play with VR

2:00-5:00 PM



One Up Games brings a variety of next-gen consoles and gaming monitors to the library, along with popular games, classic games and retro games. Up to 30 teens can play what they wish, with the freedom to move to any system and play any game. **Teens Only**

Thursday, June 27th:

Henna at the Library

10:00 AM-12:00 PM



ICNHA Certified and Insured Henna Artist Mandy Roberge will offer henna to **kids, teens, and tweens.**

Wednesday, June 26th:

Tom Knight Puppet Show

10:00-11:00 AM



YFCP is celebrating children, ages 3 - 6, who are "Movin' On Up" to preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade in Fall 2024. Families will enjoy songs, movement and laughs with Tom Knight and his puppet pals. Every registered child will receive a book to take home. **Registration is required.**

Register through the YFCP website.

Wednesday, June 26th:

Friendship Bracelets

11:00 AM-12:00 PM



Grab your bestie and come make beaded bracelets in the children's program room. This is a self-guided program, all materials are provided. **Ages 8 and up.**

Saturday, June 29th:

Ed the Wizard

1:00-2:00 PM



In this program library patrons will build their own airplane as they learn about aerodynamics and the forces that affect flight

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July



Tuesday, July 9th:

All Ages Tie-Dye

3:30 PM-4:30 PM



Stop by and tie-dye your own shirt or bring your own article of clothing!

**Wednesday,
July 10th and 24th:**

Let's Dance A Story

10:00-10:45 AM



We read a story and create creative movement and choreography that goes along with the story in the book. The ideal age for this class is 3-6 (grown-ups must stay but can observe).

Wednesday, July 10th and 24th:

Friendship Bracelets

11:00 AM-12:00 PM



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Friday, July 12th:

Wildkat Hula Hoops

10:00-11:00 AM



Learn basic hula hoop moves and tricks. Play games, engage in free play, and show off what you can do.

Monday, July 15th:

Laser Tag for Kids

6:00-8:00 PM



Up to 20 participants grades 3 to 5 may take part in an outdoor laser tag match. Sneakers and shoes are required. No flip flops. **Registration Required**

Tuesday, July 16th:

Teddy Bear Picnic

3:30-5:00 PM



We are inviting you and your stuffed animal friend(s) to a picnic out on the yard! We will read some stories, have a snack, and then enjoy free play in the sun. Blankets are encouraged. Bubbles will be included.

Monday, July 22nd:

Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy

4:00-5:00 PM

Using giant bubble wands he designed and constructed by the Bubble Guy himself, will gather kids for an hour long game of watch, chase, and pop the bubbles!



Monday, July 29th:

Flying High Dogs

10:00-11:00 AM

Watch these amazing canines fly through the air doing frisbee tricks in an interactive show!



Monday, July 29th:

Laser Tag for Teens

6:00-8:00 PM



Up to 20 participants grades 12-18 may take part in an outdoor laser tag match.

Sneakers and shoes are required. No flip flops. As a lot of running is required, participants with conditions such as asthma must have proper medication at all times.

Registration Required

Tuesday, July 30th:

Drum Circle with Mike Leo

10:30 AM-12:00 PM



Local musician Mike Leo will be facilitating a session of rhythm, drumming, and interactive live music for all ages. All Instruments provided, all ages welcome. Families and caregivers of individuals with special needs are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, July 30th:

Drippy Sky Painting

4:00-5:30 PM



Paint a pastel sunset with a star-filled sky oozing over top. Learn how to paint colorful and fluffy clouds, and a dark celestial sky with Pop up Art School. **Ages 13 and up.**

Registration Required

SUMMER EVENTS

August



Friday, August 2nd: Eyes on Owls



10:00-11:00 AM

This program introduces children of all ages to the owls of New England and beyond. They will meet six live owls (from small to huge) up close. Everyone participates in a hooting lesson and learns tips on how to attract and protect owls.

Tuesday, August 6th: All Ages Tie-Dye



3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Stop by and tie-dye your own shirt or bring your own article of clothing!

Monday, August 5th: Angel Hair Alpacas



10:00-11:30 AM

Angel Hair Alpacas will bring two of their alpacas for you to meet with and even feed (they are very gentle and don't have top teeth)! Bring your curiosity and some questions as they can share information about alpacas, fleece characteristics, their history or alpaca care and ownership!

Wednesday, August 7th and 21st: Let's Dance A Story



10:00-10:45 AM

We read a story and create creative movement and choreography that goes along with the story in the book. The ideal age for this class is 3-6 (grown-ups must stay but can observe).

Wednesday, August 7th and 21st: Friendship Bracelets



11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Grab your bestie and come make beaded bracelets in the children's program room. This is a self-guided program, all materials are provided. **Ages 8 and up.**

Monday, August 12th: Stuffed Animal Sleepover



4:00-5:30 PM

We are inviting you and your favorite stuffed animal for an evening Storytime in the Community Room. We will read stories, watch some family-friendly shorts with our pals, and then you will say goodnight to your friends as they get ready to spend the night at the library! Pick up will be the following morning, and you can see your friends' adventures on our social media pages.

Monday, August 19th: Post-Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Truck Event



4:00-5:00 PM

Come buy some ice cream provided by Jerry's Famous Soft Serve. Summer Reading Program participants who have earned an ice cream ticket can turn theirs in for a free ice cream, Cones may also be purchased.



Webster



Meals for adults
available for
\$5 throughout the
summer!

**HELD ON THE
LIBRARY LAWN:
MONDAYS THROUGH
THURSDAYS
JULY 8-AUGUST 15TH
12PM-1PM**



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SOUTHWICK'S ZOO TICKETS



Enter to win free passes to Southwick's Zoo!
You must have a library card
and be a Webster resident to enter! Adults only, please.

Registration opens on June 3rd. Sign up via the June 14th raffle event on the website event calendar, or use the above QR code. 130 names will be randomly selected on June 14th!

Raffle winners will get 2 free passes per family.

BOOK SALE



**FRIENDS OF THE
LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

**JUNE
20TH-22ND**

**During open Hours in the Community Room.
All Proceeds Benefit Library Programming!**

Events for Adults



YOGA WITH JULIE

Saturdays at **9:30 AM**

Starting in July Yoga will be on Tuesday Night at 6:00 PM

June: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

July: 2nd, 16th, and 23rd

August: 13th, 20th and 27th

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

June Meeting: **24th**

July Meeting: **No Meeting**

August Meeting: **12th**

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



COMPUTER BASICS

THURSDAY AT 3:30 PM

July Meeting: **18th**

August Meeting: **29th**

Come learn some computer basics with Assistant Director Evan Hale
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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Events for Adults



HEDLEY HONEY: BEEKEEPING 101 **Monday July 8th** **6:00 PM**

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

No registration required.

Motown Hits and History: **July 22nd at 6:30 PM**

In this one hour concert, Melodious Zach will perform Motown favorites, and entertain you with Motown trivia. Featuring songs from artists such as: Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Jackson 5, Four Tops, and many more. Zach will also discuss the cultural significance of Motown and how it changed over the years, he will also touch on Motown's relaunch in 2011. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Events for Adults

Matt York Presents Willie Nelson July 29th 6:30 PM

Longtime New England singer/songwriter Matt York will perform songs and tell stories about the great Willie Nelson. York will focus on Willie's long and illustrious music career that has spanned over seven decades. In both 2022 and 2023, York was nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and last year, his album, *Gently Used*, was named one of the top albums by Worcester Magazine. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council.



Fran Hart: The Beat Generation, A Cultural Review of the 1950s Through Music August 5th 6:00 PM

The "Beat Generation" - A Cultural Review of the 1950s Through Music is a multimedia presentation that highlights the cultural nuances of the 1950s. This presentation features live acoustic music and audience sing-alongs, coupled with audio and video clips highlighting the best (and sometimes the worst) of the 1950s.



Kusudama Flowers August 6th 6:00 PM

Learn how to fold origami and create stunning origami Kusudama flowers out of old book pages. Personalize your flowers with a selection of beads and sequins. Bring them to life with a stem that delicately balances the flowers. Kusudama flowers, a modular type of origami, are crafted from individually folded pieces of paper, before being assembled together. Get to know a bit about the history of this origami style and explore a slideshow showcasing various ways to use them.

Registration is Required
Registration opens July 23rd



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Events for Adults



A JOURNEY THROUGH THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN POPULAR MUSIC

Monday August 15th 6:30 PM

A Journey through the Roots of American Popular Music is a program of songs and stories about characters and events at the origins of the blues, rock and country music. The show is entertaining and informative and is relevant to our story as a people.

MUSIC OF THE BEATLES

August 22nd at 6:30 PM

In this one hour concert, Melodious Zach will perform Beatles songs written jointly by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, and entertain you with Beatles trivia. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



FREE

THE FRIENDS OF THE GLADYS E.
KELLY LIBRARY PRESENT:



SPRING CONCERT SERIES

CROCODILE RIVER
THURSDAY,
JUNE 13TH



AFRICAN RHYTHMS, HISTORY, AND CULTURE MERGE INTO AN EVENING OF MOVEMENT, CULTURAL EXPLORATION, AND JOY. INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, THE GROUP CONSISTS OF MEMBERS FROM MALI, SENEGAL, BURKINA FASO, GUINEA, AND THE US. CROCODILE RIVER MUSIC'S MISSION IS TO CONNECT AUDIENCES WITH AFRICAN ARTISTS AND CULTURES THROUGH PERFORMANCE AND EDUCATION. THEY ARE A DIVERSE GROUP OF PEOPLE COMMITTED TO PRESENTING AFRICAN ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURE TO AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES, BACKGROUNDS, AND CAPABILITIES.

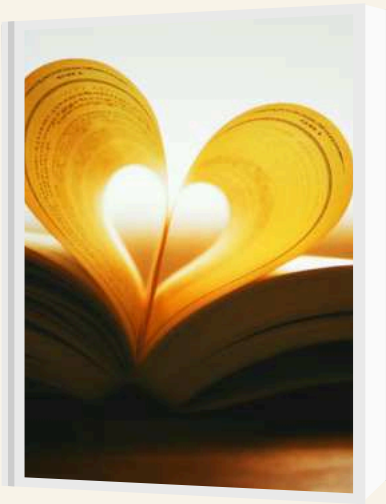
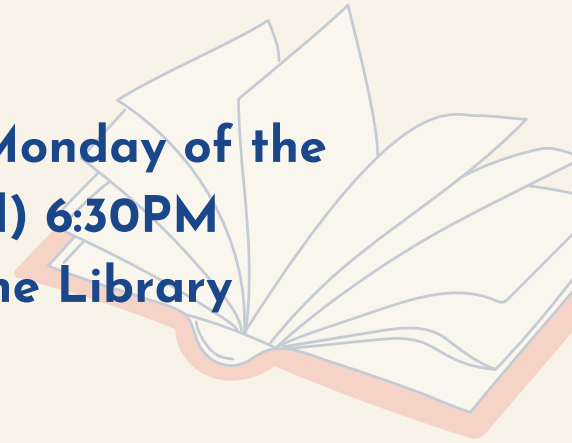
6:30PM – 7:30 PM

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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.



June 17, 2024

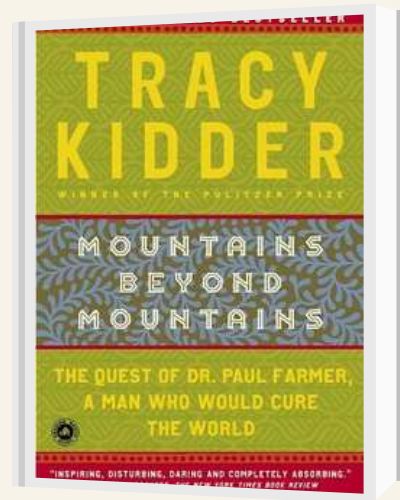
This meeting will be all about sharing our favorite books.

Whether they be our favorite books now, treasured adult reads, or favorite books from our childhood.



July 15th, 2024

When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. She feels she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change.



August 19th, 2024

At the center of Mountains Beyond Mountains stands Paul Farmer. Doctor, Harvard professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, world-class Robin Hood, Farmer was brought up in a bus and on a boat, and in medical school found his life's calling: to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most.



Cookbook Club



***June will be the only Summer meeting.
We are not using a Cookbook; just bring in your
favorite dish to cook and tell us about it!***

***Meeting: Tuesday, June 11th
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.





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!

June Spice: **Dried Coriander**



July Spice: **Pick from Past Spices**



August Spice: **Celery Salt**





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Calling all Artists!

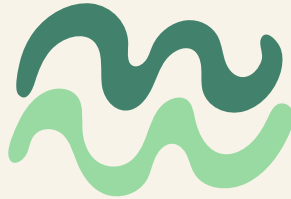


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Slate of Officers

The Annual Election of Officers for the Town of Webster is held on the first Monday of May each year. At these local elections, at least one and often two slots for the Library Board of Trustees are open. This year, two members of our community were voted into office. Jeanne Mikels won re-election to the Board of Library Trustees and Susan Veshi won her first term to the Board.

Susan has lived in Webster since 1987. She and her husband raised their two children in town and Susan has served on various boards and committees. She has been employed at Nichols College for twenty-five years and is currently serving as the vice president for advancement at the college.

In addition to welcoming Susan and Jeanne to the Board, the Trustees elected their slate of officers at their May 2024 meeting. Elected to serve as chairperson of the Board of Trustees was Rich Franas. Rich has lived in Webster for 18 years. Prior to his retirement, Rich had a distinguished career in banking, serving as a director of banking operations at several financial institutions. In addition to his tenure at the library, Rich has served as chairperson of the Conservation Commission and a previous term as a Library Trustee.

At the May meeting, the Trustees re-elected Martina Koziak as their treasurer, Jeanne Mikels as secretary and Rena Klebart as vice-chairperson; also serving on the Board are Susan Buehler and Mary Chabot.

We are grateful to all of the volunteers who continue to support our library and help by sharing their time and expertise.

As Rich has stated “we all want to ensure the future growth of the library and guarantee that the community is considered in all that we do.”

Rena Klebart

Vice-chairperson, Board of Trustees for the Gladys E. Kelly Library

THANK YOU

2023 - 2024 FRIENDS OF THE GLADYS E. KELLY LIBRARY

So much has happened at GEK. We could not have done all we did without you! The Friends supported library programming with more than \$60,000 this past year. Friends' memberships, donations, and community grants are all huge parts of that revenue. Donations help fund everything from music, crafts, STEAM Museum, Library Garden, One Book One Community, Summer Reading and the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. We could not have done it without you.

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