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Summer 2026

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SUMMER IS HERE!

This is going to be a Summer to remember! Our new Children's Librarian, Paige, has designed a Summer Reading Program your children are going to LOVE! We have a program or event almost every. single. day. Bring your kids to Summer Eats (free lunch for them- \$5 for you!) and stay & play. The Library is a great place to beat the heat.

June marks the annual Friends Membership Drive- your membership gets you perks such as early access to our annual One Book, One Community author event, and you get to shop the Book Sale before it opens to the public! We hope you'll consider joining the Friends.

See you soon,
Sondra Murphy,
Library Director

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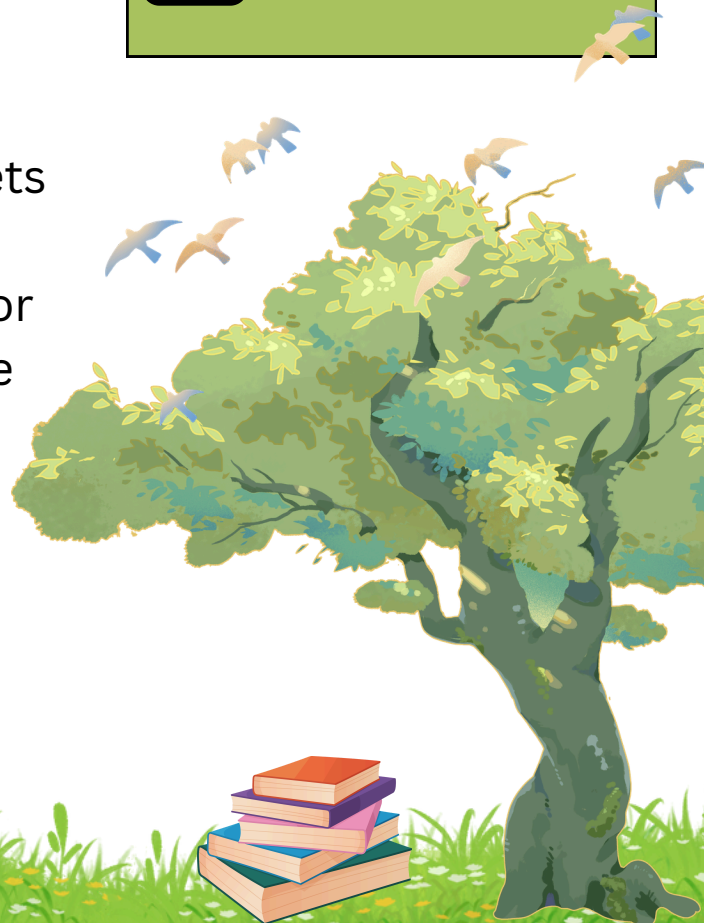
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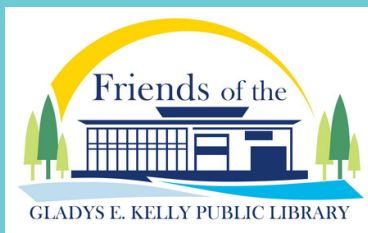


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June is Friends Membership month!

Become a Friend - give back to the community.

Friends Perks:

- **Early registration for One Book, One Community**
- **Discounted tickets for Bites, Books, and Blooms**
- **Exclusive access to the Annual Book Sale**

Thank you for your support!

See you at the library soon!

- The Friends of The Gladys E. Kelly Library



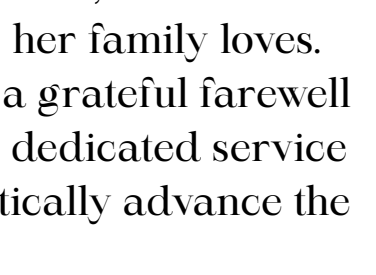
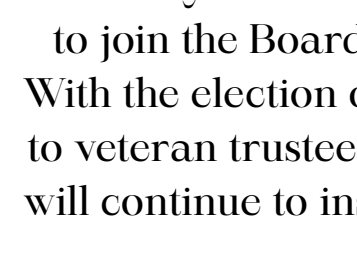


Message from The Trustees of Gladys Kelly Library

This spring, the Board of Trustees of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library welcomed two members – Ashleigh Dziedzic and Sarah Reed. Both are eager to bring their passion and unique talents and perspectives to bear in supporting this beloved and indispensable community resource.

Ashleigh is a lifelong resident of Webster, where she currently resides with her husband and three young children. She is active in both the St. Joseph and St. Louis parish communities as well as coaching tee ball for Webster Little League. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Simmons University in 2016 and a Master of Science degree in nursing education from Worcester State University in 2021. She currently works part time as an RN in the post-anesthesia care unit of a Boston hospital. Ashleigh believes the library is one of Webster's greatest assets and can frequently be found attending programming with her children. Being involved in the town has always been a priority for her and her family; she is excited to begin her term as a trustee and contribute to the continued growth and success of the library.

Sarah has lived in Webster with her husband and three children for 16 years. This fall, she will have two high school students and one fourth grader. Her children have all attended Park Avenue Elementary School and Webster Middle School; her older two will attend Mass Academy of Math and Science at WPI and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School. Professionally, Sarah is a full-time photographer, content creator, recipe developer, and author of the upcoming cookbook, *Small Bites, Big Moments: Sweet, Savory, and Whimsical Recipes for Sharing*, to be published in April 2027. Sarah enjoys community involvement, frequently volunteering at her children's schools and serving on the Webster Middle School Council for the past three years. As her family constantly borrows books and loves attending library events, she is excited to join the Board of Trustees and give back to a place her family loves. With the election of Ashleigh and Sarah, the Board bid a grateful farewell to veteran trustees Sue Buehler and Rich Franas. Their dedicated service will continue to inspire us as we dutifully and enthusiastically advance the mission and vision of the library.



ADULT PROGRAMS

SUMMER 2026

Historical Walking Tour of Webster

Ayurveda 101

Sea Songs & Stories

Taxation, Tyranny, and Treason Virtual Talk

Women and the American Civil War

Abigail Epplert "Stars, Stripes, and Strings"

Building a Brand that Fits Your Life

The Music of McCartney

Computer Basics with Evan and Jess

Expressive Arts Workshop with Kaylah

Writing Group

In Concert: Melodious Zach

Trivia Palooza 9

Sultana: History and Legends Through Song

Create A Book in Bloom

Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan: Songs and Stories

Computer Basics

Local Success Stories - Lionizing Entertainment

JUNE 20TH 10:00 AM

JUNE 22ND 6:30 PM

JUNE 25TH 6:30 PM

JUNE 26TH 10:00 AM

JULY 6TH 6:00 PM

JULY 9TH 6:30 PM

JULY 13TH AT 6:00 PM

JULY 16TH AT 6:30 PM

JULY 17TH AT 11:00 AM

JULY 23RD 6:30 PM

JULY 27TH 6:00 PM

JULY 30TH 6:30 PM

AUGUST 3RD 6:00 PM

AUGUST 6TH 6:30 PM

AUGUST 12TH 6:00 PM

AUGUST 13TH 6:30 PM

AUGUST 14TH 11:00 AM

AUGUST 24TH 6:00 PM

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



SUMMER 2026

Movin' on Up Puppet Show with Tom Knight

Curiosity Lab

Reptiles Rock

Slime Time!

BenAnna Band

Ready, Set, GROW! Magic Show

The Stacey Peasley Band

Slime Time!

Dinosaurs with Dinoman!

Discover Our Local Butterflies

Stomp, Chomp and Read: Jurassic Balloon Magic

The Toe Jam Variety Show

Summer Reading Send-Off

Storytime and Blueberries at Lapsley Orchard

JUNE 24TH AT 10:00 AM

JUNE 24TH AT 5:30 PM

JUNE 27TH AT 10:30 AM

JUNE 29TH AT 5:00 PM

JULY 1ST AT 10:00 AM

JULY 8TH 4:30 PM

JULY 14TH 10:30 PM

JULY 27TH 5:00 PM

JULY 28TH 4:30

JULY 30TH 11:00 AM

AUGUST 5TH 5:00 PM

AUGUST 12TH 1:30 PM

AUGUST 13TH 4:30-6:00 PM

AUGUST 14TH 1:00 PM

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WEEKLY EVENTS FOR KIDS SUMMER 2026



Creators Club

MONDAYS: JULY 6TH TO AUGUST 24TH AT
4:00 PM

Sensory Bin Exploration

MONDAYS: JUNE 29TH TO AUGUST 17TH AT
10:30 AM

Slime Time!

MONDAYS: JUNE 29TH, JULY 27TH, AUGUST
17TH AT 5:00 PM

Tiny Groovers

TUESDAYS: JUNE 23RD TO AUGUST 18TH
AT 10:30 AM

Kim the Lego Lady

TUESDAYS: JULY 7TH, JULY 21ST, AUGUST
4TH, AUGUST 18TH AT 4:00 PM

Wiggles & Giggles

WEDNESDAYS: JULY 8TH, JULY 22ND, AND
AUGUST 5TH AT 10:30 AM

Curiosity Lab

WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 24TH, JULY 1ST, JULY
15TH, JULY 22ND, JULY 29TH, AUGUST
12TH, AUGUST 19TH AT 5:30 PM

Messy Art Storytime

THURSDAYS: JUNE 25TH TO AUGUST 20TH
10:30 AM

Apple Country Music Together

FRIDAYS: JULY 10TH TO AUGUST 14TH
10:30 AM

Family Capoeira Workshop Series

THURSDAYS: JUNE 25TH TO AUGUST 20TH
3:00 PM



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FAMILY PROGRAMMING

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.



Mini Bookshelves

June 18th at
5:00 PM & 6:00 pm

Capoeira for Families

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 pm
June 25th through August 20th

SUMMER READING KICK OFF: Rainforest Reptile Shows

June 27th at 10:30 AM

Puzz Fest

July 16th and August 20th
at 6:00 PM

Salsa Tasting Class for Families

July 20th at 5:00 PM

Joys of Nature: Helping Endangered Species

July 23rd 4:30 & 5:30 pm

Pet Portraits

August 4th at 4:30 PM

Family Paint Night with Julie Harrold

August 10th at 3:00 & 4:00 PM

Hatch the Quail

August 20th



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SUMMER EATS



Join us to kickoff our annual Summer Eats program! Everyone eats for free at the Kickoff Party, adults included!

JUNE 27TH, 12-1:30 PM

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ALL KIDS + TEENS



EAT FOR FREE.



Summer Eats will be held on the Library Lawn

Mondays through Fridays

July 7 - August 14th

12-1pm

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



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PROJECT BREAD



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Celebrate SUMMER Reading



Rubber Ducky Club

This program is ideal for babies, toddlers, preschoolers. Our youngest readers can earn and collect special rubber duckies for completing fun early literacy activities through the summer. Every rubber ducky earned is one raffle ticket towards our larger raffle prizes (max of three).



Reading Dragons

This program is for readers entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. This brand-new program offers kids a chance to earn and level up special dragon trading cards just by spending time reading. How many can you collect before summer ends? Every adult dragon card earned is one raffle ticket towards our larger raffle prizes.



Teen Summer Reading

This program is for readers entering grades 7-12. Every day teens visit the Teen Room they will spin our prize wheel to earn fun rewards. Anyone who participates in our Reading Bingo will be able to enter our grand raffle to win larger scaled prizes.



Adult Summer Reading

This program is for our adults. Sign up for our Summer Reading Program and receive your Reading Bingo sheet. Receive a raffle ticket for every square you complete on your Bingo sheet. There will be 10 adult prizes for you to enter to win. Good luck and happy reading!





HONOR AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US!



**SEA SONGS & STORIES
FROM SHORE TO DEEP
WATER**

June 25th at 6:30pm



**TAXATION, TYRANNY, AND
TREASON VIRTUAL TALK**

June 26th at 10:00am



**WOMEN IN THE
AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

July 6th at 6:00pm



**ABIGAIL EPPLETT'S
"STARS, STRIPES, AND
STRINGS"**

July 9th at 6:30pm



**SULTANA PERFORMS
"HISTORY AND LEGENDS
THROUGH SONG"**

August 6th at 6:30pm



**ANGEL OF THE
BATTLEFIELD: AUTHOR
TALK WITH PAUL MACEK**

October 15th at 6:00pm



**MARCHING STILL: A
MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO
CIVIL WAR POETRY**

October 22nd at 6:30



**GHOSTLY TALES OF THE
BERKSHIRES (AND A LITTLE
BIT CLOSER TO HOME!)**

October 29th at 6:30pm



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Grief Support Group




Losing a loved one is never easy. Please know that you are not alone.

If you need support in trying to navigate the changes in your life, join us in a place of comfort with others who have also experienced loss. This grief support group is a place to find understanding as we explore our grief, share coping strategies and begin to heal.



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2nd Monday of the month
at the library, at 6:30 pm.
4th Saturday of the month in
July & August, at Generations in
Webster, East Main Plaza 129
East Main Street at 10:00 am.



**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!**

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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