



THE WINTER SEASON

We have been working on a very special project! We have recorded audio and video from community members who lived and worked in Webster when it was a booming mill town, from the 1950's through the 1970's. This Oral History project will showcase stories and memories of mill life and Downtown night life. We have interviewed 15 participants. The interviews are now being edited and compiled into a longer video, and will be screened at select locations in the area during the month of April!

Thanks to Karen Warinsky, Nichols College, Samuel Slater Experience, and the Webster Senior Center for their cooperation and participation in this exciting endeavor!

Hope you're staying warm this Winter,
Sondra Murphy
Library Director

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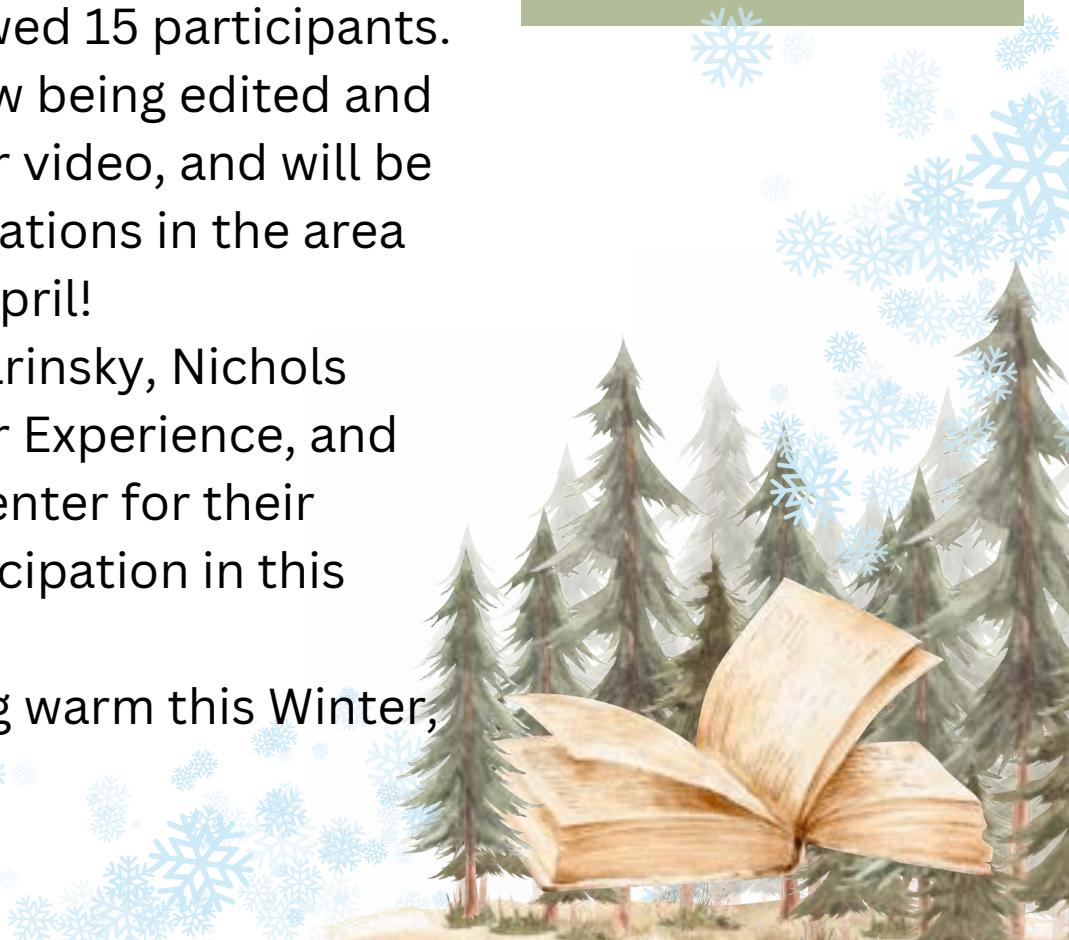
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Happy New Year from the GEK Friends!

We hope you have all had happy holidays and that the New Year will be a good year for you and for all of us at GEK. 65,754 patrons came through the GEK door counter in 2025! We hope to count you in 2026!

Look back at Fall 2025 highlights at Gladys E. Kelly Library with us...

Bites, Books, and Blooms happened on September 25. What a good evening it was - we had a full house, 26 wonderfully creative floral arrangements, and delicious food. It was truly a community celebration! Goose the Lizard was our very special visitor on November 1! He brought his Alligator friend with him - what a fun hands-on experience with nature.

We hope Goose will come back for some summer fun!

In anticipation of the holidays, the Friends had a successful Lobby Book Sale and an on-going Gift Wrapping event in the Community Room. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited on December 20 and we had a 'Noon Years Eve' party with crafts, snacks, and a balloon drop at 12:00 noon!

There are many activities planned for all of you at the GEK Library through the winter - come inside, get warm, find a new book, and enjoy!

Who are the Friends? 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. More Community grant awards decreased 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. ***TO BE A FRIENDS VOLUNTEER - email us at gladyskfriends@gmail.com. ***.

It's fun! It's rewarding! And we need you!

Thank you again for your support. We hope to see you at the library soon!

The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library



ADULT PROGRAMS

WINTER 2026

Ayurvedic Nourishing Daily Rhythm

Something From Nothing Cooking Series

Yoga Nidra

Ice Harvesting

Try Yoga

Grief Support Group

Something from Nothing Pantry Series

Foundations of Watercolor: A Series

Joys of Nature

Midnight Society Book Club

The Chatty Chapter: Romance

Midnight Society

Adult Book Group

Chatty Chapter

Cook Book Club

Writing Group

JANUARY 8TH 6:30 PM

JAN 29TH, FEB 23RD, MARCH 16TH 6:00 PM

FRIDAYS 8:15 AM

JANUARY 22ND 6:30 PM

SATURDAYS 9:15 AM

JANUARY 24TH 10:00 AM

JANUARY 29TH 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 3RD 5:30 PM

FEBRUARY 14TH 11:00 AM

MARCH 4TH 6:30 PM

MARCH 26H 6:00 PM

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY

EVERY 4TH THURSDAY

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

EVERY 4TH MONDAY



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WINTER 2026

The Library Boogie: A Musical Puppet Show with Tom Knight
Pancakes with Penelope Rex
Teen Advisory Board
Tween/Teen Cupcake Wars
Tween Cupcake Wars
Bingo
Pokémon Party
Joys of Nature: Animals in Winter
Boba Slime
Princess Tea Party
Twist and Shout Balloon Show
Rockabye Beats

JANUARY 10TH 11:15 AM

JANUARY 17TH 11:00 AM

JANUARY 14TH 2:45 PM

JANUARY 15TH 5:30 & 6:30 PM

JANUARY 26TH 5:30 PM

JANUARY 31ST 11:00 AM

FEBRUARY 7TH 11:00 AM

FEB. 14TH 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM

FEBRUARY 17TH 4:00 PM

FEB. 21ST 11:00 AM

MARCH 7TH 11:00 AM

MARCH 28TH 10:30 AM

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Saturday Programs for Kids

WINTER		2026
1/10	11:15 AM	THE LIBRARY BOOGIE: A MUSICAL PUPPET SHOW WITH TOM KNIGHT
1/17	11:00 AM	PANCAKES WITH PENELOPE REX
2/7	11:00 AM	POKÉMON PARTY!
2/14	11:00 AM + 12:30 AM	JOYS OF NATURE: NEW ENGLAND ANIMALS IN WINTER K
2/21	11:00 AM	PRINCESS TEA PARTY K
3/7	11:00 AM	TWIST AND SHOUT BALLOON SHOW
3/14	11:00 AM	FAMILY DISNEY TRIVIA K
3/28	10:30 AM	ROCKABYE BEATS



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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.



Art of Chainsaw Sculpture

January 24th at 11:00 AM

Bingo

January 31st at 11:00 AM

Puzz Fest

February 5th at 6:00 PM

Joys Of Nature

February 14th 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM

Mommy & Me

Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Feb. 19th – March 12th

Family Disney Trivia

March 14th 11:00 AM

March Mini Craft Series

Two sessions, every Thursday in March

5:00 PM & 6:00 PM



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Arm Chair TRAVEL SERIES

An exciting program for seniors, join us in the community room for a virtual tour of these cities with a real live tour guide who will be video chatting with us!

PARIS

Friday, January 30th at 10:00 AM

Join us for an unforgettable journey through the enchanting city of Paris, often referred to as the "City of Love" and "City of Lights." Our expert tour guide Cecilia will lead you through the iconic landmarks and hidden gems that make Paris a true global treasure. With a **LIVE GUIDE** leading the way, ask questions, make requests, and enjoy a truly interactive experience as Paris unfolds before you!



ROME

Friday, Feb 27th at 10:00 AM

The tour takes you through some of Rome's most iconic landmarks. Starting at Venice Square, we'll continue to Capitol Hill with its panoramic view of the Roman Forum, then explore the Forum more closely before finishing at the Colosseum.



VIENNA

Friday, March 27th at 10:00 AM

In this city tour, we will visit its remarkable historical center with an expert in local history. We'll explore its spectacular monuments, quiet streets and unique elegance, gaining a broader view of the city and the many forces that have shaped this remarkable area.





WINTER READING RAFFLE

Do you love to read?

Have you set a reading goal for the year and want to get a head start?

Join our Winter Reading Raffle!

We have prizes for readers of all ages. Prizes will be on display in the glass cases upstairs with signs indicating which prize group they belong to.

**Your challenge takes place
throughout
January & February**



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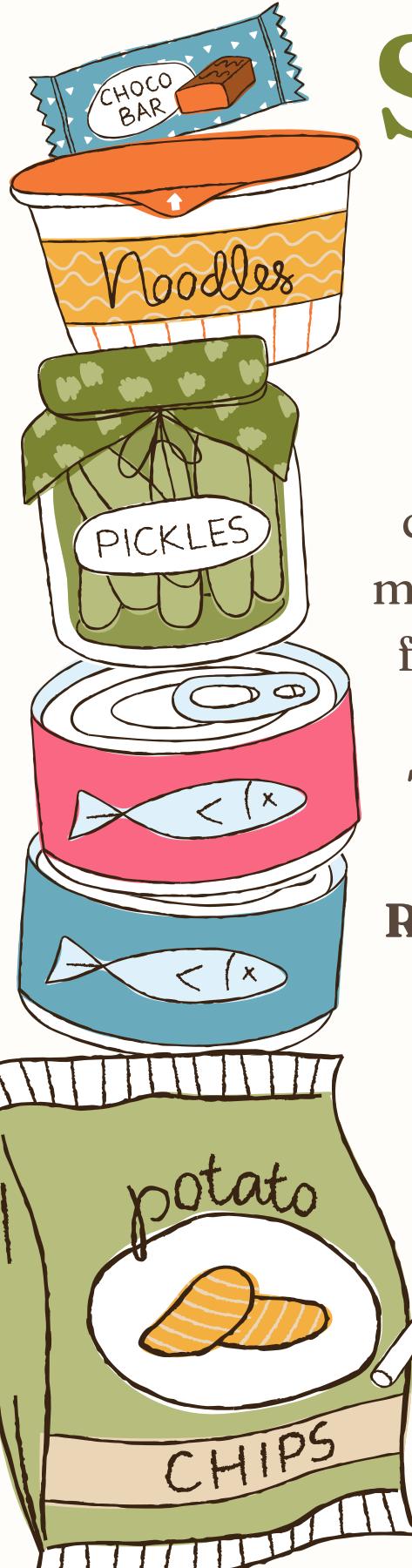
Something out of Nothing Series

Join us for our Something out of Nothing cooking series, from January-March. Each month we'll focus on creating a simple recipe from low-cost ingredients that you can put together at home!

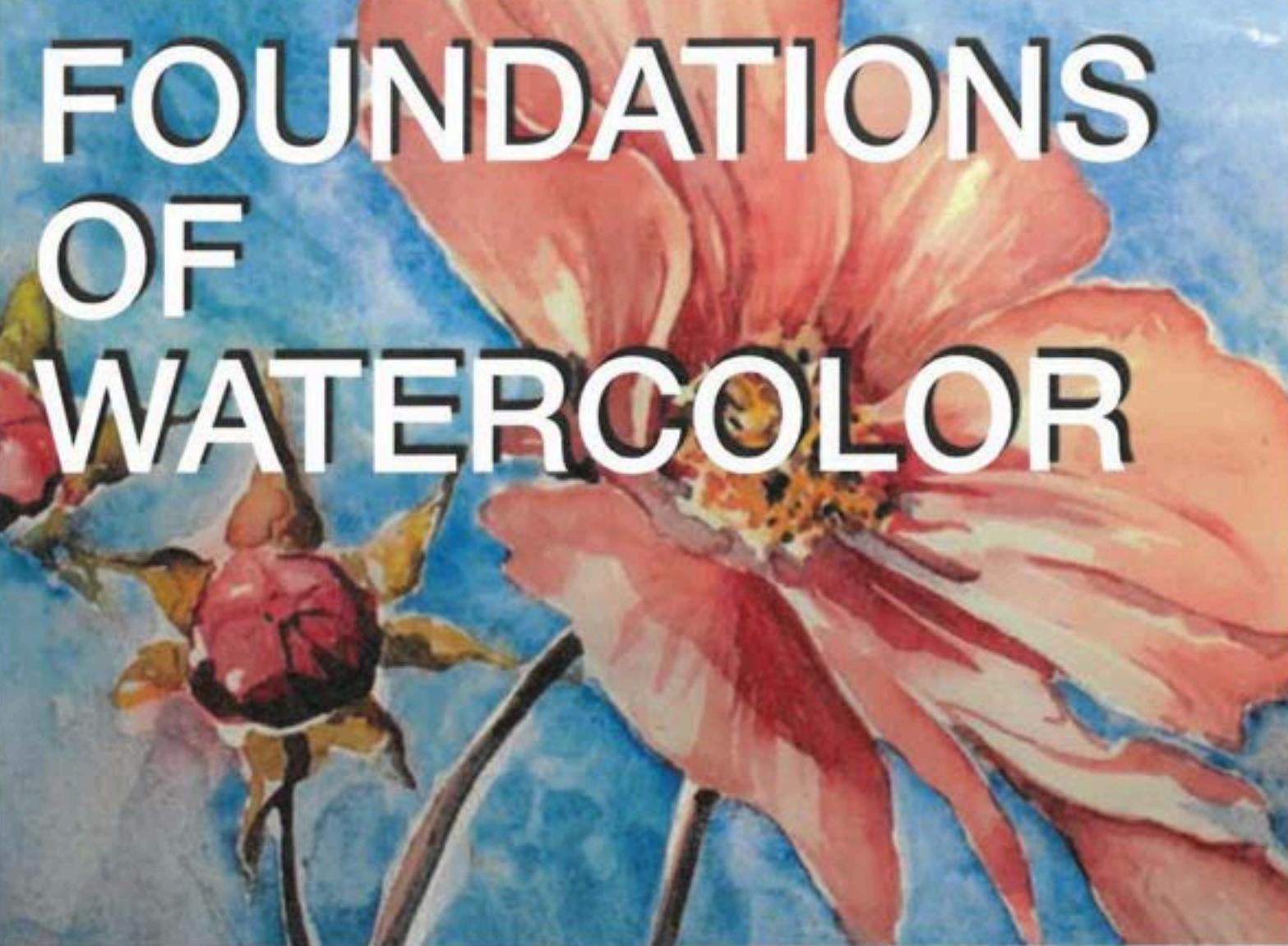
**This program is for adults and requires
registration.**

**Register at the desk, give us a call, or sign
up on our website!**

- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 6:00 PM**
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 6:00 PM**
- **MONDAY, MARCH 16TH 6:00 PM**



FOUNDATIONS OF WATERCOLOR



**8 week class -
Foundations of
Watercolor Painting
"Registration required"**

Feb-Mar
tues. 7-9 pm

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Have you ever looked at a watercolor painting and thought "How beautiful...I wish I could do that". Have you always wanted to learn but don't where to start.

Join us during February and March and learn the 8 foundations of watercolor painting. Taught by local watercolor artists.

Each class we will learn about a foundational principle and then paint a simple picture exploring that principle.

Registration is required..
so book your spot early.'

Together we will learn about:

1. Paper Quality & Preparation
2. Understanding Water Control
3. Brush Handling & Technique
4. Pigment Knowledge & Color Mixing
5. Layering (Glazing) & Timing
6. Light, Value, & Transparency
7. Composition & Design Principles
8. Mindset & Practice (Letting Go of Control)



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Grief Support Group



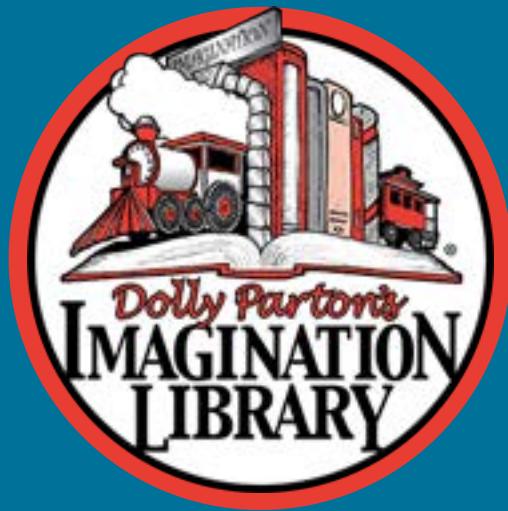
**Losing a loved one is never easy.
Please know that you are not alone.**

If you need support in trying to navigate the changes in your life, join us in a place of safety and 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.



Every 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM
Every 4th Saturday 10:00 PM

Enroll your child for free monthly books!



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



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!

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.



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The Nest

The Nest is a collection of tools, technology, resources, and community connections for entrepreneurs and small business startups.

The Space

The Nest accommodates groups, non-profits, and businesses looking for a meeting space for up to 20 people. Mobile furniture can be reconfigured to meet the needs of the presenter, and a Smart Board is available for presentations. Study Rooms may be booked to use as break-out rooms. A Meeting Owl, a video streaming device, allows for outside groups to watch and participate.

Services We Offer

Large Format Printing

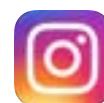
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Vinyl Printing & Cutting

Heat Press for Imprinting Logos onto Fabric

Social Media Content Creation Kit

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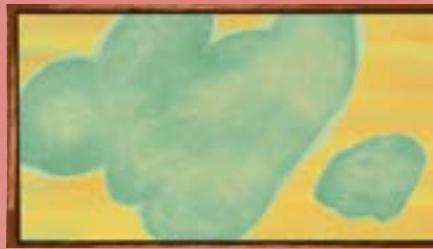
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