



GLADYS E. KELLY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# THE SUMMER SEASON

We recently received two grants that will bring a whole new set of programming to the Library. Thanks to the ARSL Sustainable and Resilient New England Libraries grant, we were able to purchase all the supplies needed to build a Library Garden! The garden is fully planted with flowers, herbs, and vegetables, and is located next to our parking lot. In the coming months we will be hosting tasting classes, open garden hours, and workshops using the vegetables we're growing.

In order to complement our new garden, we applied for a Janet Malser Humanities Trust grant. We were recently awarded the funds to purchase a mobile kitchen cart, called the Charlie Cart. The Charlie Cart has all the kitchen tools you need to host cooking classes, it will be an excellent addition to our program offerings!

Keep an eye on our events calendar for all these new and exciting programs!

See you soon,  
Sondra Murphy, Library Director



The Charlie Cart will be an amazing resource for our upcoming food literacy programs!



Our new  
Library Garden!

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# WEEKLY PROGRAMS

## OPEN PLAY GROUP

**TUESDAYS**

**June 6, 13, 20, 27**

**10-11AM**

Caregivers are welcome to bring children ages 0-5 to our open play group. We'll provide the toys!



## SENSORY BIN EXPLORATION

**WEDNESDAYS June 7,14,21,28**

**10-11AM**

Children and their caretakers are welcome to come explore their sense of touch as they play in different sensory-stimulating materials like rice, orbies, epsom salt, and more.



## BABY MASSAGE CLASS

**THURSDAYS June 1,8,15,22**

**1:30-2:30 PM**

Baby Massage can help with gas, constipation, bonding, soothing, and sleep. Sheryl will model the strokes on a doll as the parents practice the techniques on their babies.

## OUTDOOR MESSY PLAY

**THURSDAYS July-August**

**3:30-4:30 PM**

Messy Outdoor 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.



## EVERY WEEK!

## MAKER MONDAYS

**3:30-4:30PM**

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

## MINI-STEM CHALLENGE

**TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30PM**

Every month we will have a rotating challenge for you to complete! This program is self-guided with instruction sheets provided. Adult supervision recommended. Ages 5+.





## Summer Eats

*July 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27*  
*August 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17*  
**12PM-1PM**



A totally free-of-charge program that provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under, at locations all across Massachusetts during the summer months. **Part of Project Bread, the Massachusetts' Department of Education, and local school and community meal providers.**



## Summer STEM Beginnings Pre-K Class

*Tuesdays July 11, 18, 25 August 8, 15, 22, 29*  
**10:30-11:30AM**

With each class, the children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, engaging stories, music and movement, challenges, and even simple experiments ideal for little hands

## Wiggles & Giggles

*Wednesdays July 5, July 19, August 9, and August 16*  
**10-11:00am**

Children ages 2-5, with a parent/ caregiver, will sing, move, play musical instruments, learn rhythm and listen to stories with music teacher, Laine Hanlon.



## Little Wiggles & Giggles

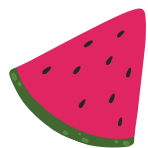
*Thursdays July 6, July 20, August 10, and August 17*  
**10-10:30am**



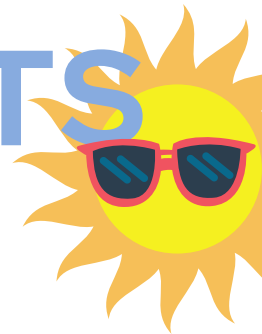
Your little one will enjoy this 30-minute music enrichment class facilitated by music teacher, Laine Hanlon. Created for children, with a parent/caregiver, ages 6 months - 23 months

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# SUMMER EVENTS



## JUNE



**Monday, June 26th:**

**Animal Adventures**

**10:00-11:00AM**



Join us for this exciting outdoor event marking the kickoff of summer reading! There will be animals of all shapes and sizes. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library**

**Tuesday, June 27th:**

**Movin' on up Musical Puppet Show**

**3:00PM - 4:00PM**



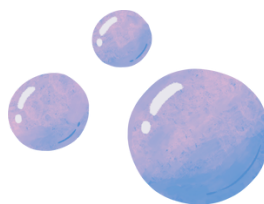
Families will enjoy songs, movement and laughs with Tom Knight and his puppet pals, and every child will receive a book to take home. Ages 3-6

**Registration link on our website event calendar (Link will bring you to the YFCP website)**

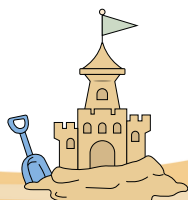
**Thursday, June 29th:**

**Vinny the Bubble Guy**

**10:00AM - 11:00AM**



Using giant bubble wands designed and constructed by the Bubble Guy himself, he will gather kids for an hour long game of watch, chase, and pop the bubbles! **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**



THANK YOU TO THE FELS FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR A GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS OUR SUMMER PROGRAMMING!

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# SUMMER EVENTS



## July



### Friday July 7th:

**Raising Our Voices: A Song & Story Celebration with Davis Bates**

10:30 - 11:30AM

A participatory program of songs and stories celebrating the 2023 Summer Program Reading Theme. Hear how the coyote got his howl, about a brave parrot, and sing to a dancing wooden dog named Bingo. Family stories, sea stories, sing-alongs, spoon playing and more!

**Funded by the Webster Cultural Council**

### Monday July 10th:

**Ed The Wizard: Balloon Twisting Workshop**

10:00 - 11:00AM



Ed the Wizard will teach children ages 7 and up to twist their own Dogs, Bunnies, and Cats! Limited to 30 participants **Funded by the Webster Cultural Council**

### Monday July 17th:

**Hands on Nature: Wildlife Tracking**

3:30 - 4:30PM



Children of all ages will discover the tracks of local mammals and learn to identify which mammals leave which types of tracks. They will also discover other signs such as fur traces, scat and scratch marks. They can also make some track rubbings to take home! **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**

### Monday July 24th:

**Flying High Dogs**

10:00 - 11:00AM



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

**Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**

### Monday July 24th:

**Laser Tag for Kids**

6:00 - 8:00PM



Up to 20 participants grades 3-5 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. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**



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## August



### Tuesday August 1st:

Eyes on Owls

10:00 - 11:00AM



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! **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**

### Monday August 7th:

Goats & Giggles

10:00 - 11:00AM



This program consists of hands-on playtime and baby goat cuddles with 7-10 of our Fainting Goat x Nigerian Dwarf kids born. Audience members are free to watch while 20 participants at a time interact with the goats directly for 20-30 minutes. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**

### Monday August 7th:

Laser Tag for Kids

6:00 - 8:00PM



Up to 20 participants ages grades 6-8 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. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library**

### Tuesday August 15th (Raindate: Thurs. 17th):

Book a Cruise

9:30AM - 1:30PM



Boat Rides & Fun Activities at Memorial Beach for participants in Webster's Children Summer Reading Program and their family. Snacks will be provided. Boats are provided by the Webster Lake Association.

**Registration is Required**

### Monday August 21st:

Raffle

3:00 - 4:00PM



You've hit your summer reading goals and now you've qualified to win one of our grand prizes. Jerry's Famous Soft Serve will be here to celebrate! Summer Reading Program participants can turn in their tickets for a free ice cream, Others may purchase on-site. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E.**

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# Teen Summer Programming

## OPEN GAME PLAY WITH VR

**JUNE 26TH / 3:00 – 6:00 PM**

The Teen Summer Reading Program kicks off with One Up Games. 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. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library**

## ESCAPE ROOM

**JUNE 29TH / 4:30 – 5:30 PM**

You and your group have crash landed on a Rogue Planet. Repair the ship, plot a return course, & survive the journey home! Up to ten participants ages 12-17 can take part in this program from Wicked Fun Games. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library.**

## LASER TAG FOR TEENS

**JULY 10TH AND 31ST / 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Up to 20 participants ages 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. **Funded by the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library**

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**12:00 – 1:00 PM**

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## ANIME AFTERNOON

**JULY 11TH AND 25TH, AUGUST 8TH**

**3:00 – 5:00 PM**

Anime, popcorn, and fun!

## TEEN TIE-DYE

**AUGUST 14TH / 4:30 – 6:00 PM**

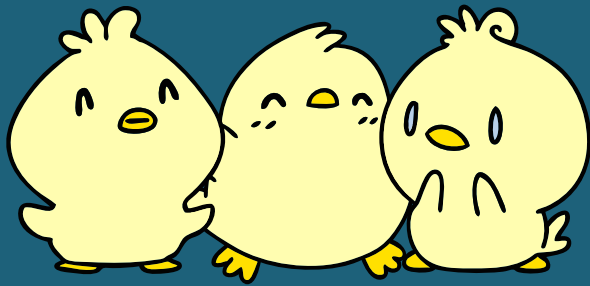
Stop by and tie-dye a shirt!

## POST SUMMER READING PROGRAM RAFFLE WITH ICE CREAM

**AUGUST 21ST / 3:00 – 4:00 PM**

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# HATCH THE CHICKEN



WE HAVE EGGS INCUBATING IN THE MAIN LOBBY OF THE LIBRARY! THEY ARE DUE TO HATCH AROUND JUNE 13TH. STOP BY OR WATCH OUR FACEBOOK TO WATCH THEM HATCH!



LEARN HOW TO CARE FOR CHICKENS IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD OR A SUSTAINABLE FARMING OPERATION. MEET REAL CHICKENS!

OPEN TO ALL AGES  
(ADULTS AND CHILDREN)

## CHICKENS AROUND THE WORLD

June 12th at  
5:00 PM

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



# OPEN GARDEN HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9-10AM

JUNE 5TH THROUGH

SEPTEMBER

ALL AGES!

COME GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY!

EVERY DAY WILL BE A DIFFERENT PROJECT, DEPENDING ON WHATNEEDS TO BE DONE. PROJECTS INCLUDE WEEDING, WATERING, AND HARVESTING.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS USING THE INGREDIENTS IN OUR GARDEN!



Thanks to the ARSL Sustainable and Resilient New England Libraries Grant, we were able to purchase supplies and plants for our own garden (located by our parking lot).

# BOOK SALE



**FRIENDS OF THE  
LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

**JUNE  
8TH-10TH**

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

# Events for Adults



## YOGA WITH JULIE

Saturdays at **9:30 AM**

Tuesdays at **6:00 PM** (For July and August only)

**June:** 3rd, 17th, and 24th

**July:** 11th, and 25th

**August:** 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th

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 Meetings: 1st and the 20th

July Meetings: 10th and the 24th

August Meetings: 7th and the 28th

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

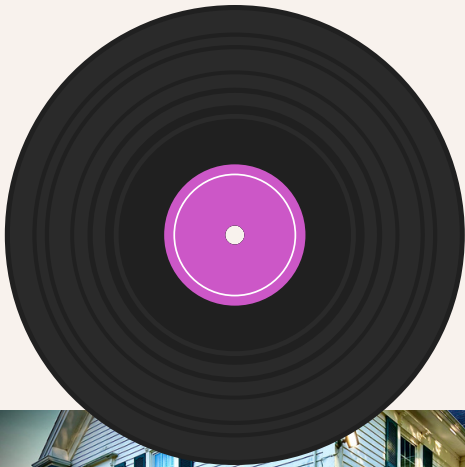
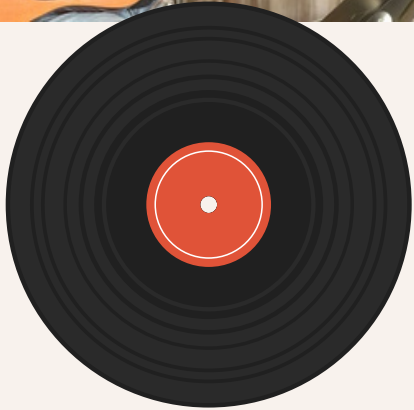




## JOHNNY CASH: SONGS AND STORIES WITH MATT YORK

Tuesday, July 18th  
6:00-7:30PM

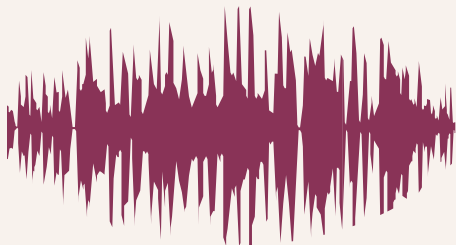
Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash and tell stories about Cash's career spanning from the 1950's to his passing in 2003. He'll discuss Cash's emergence as a groundbreaking artist in the 1950's, his marriage to June Carter and many of his other career highlights. York was recently nominated for the Boston Music Award for Best Country Artist and his album Gently Used was just named one of Worcester Magazine's best albums of 2022. **This program is supported in part by a grant from the Webster Local Cultural Council.**



## THE CAT NIP JUNKIES

Tuesday, August 17th  
6:00-7:30PM

The Catnip Junkies are a New Orleans style swing band whose motto is to bring the streets of New Orleans to the streets of New England! Their show is a colorful three ring circus of sorts as they share their version of some of your favorite songs. The trombone, Sax, Seusophone, Banjo, piano, dancing and shenanigans will leave you smiling all the way home!



# CRAFTS FOR ADULTS



## NEEDLE FELTING

Thursday, June 22th, 6:00 PM

Create a beautiful sunflower and learn how to needle felt! Pop up Art School will show you how to use a barbed needle and wool roving to sculpt the petals and leaves. You'll leave the program with the tools and knowledge you need to needle felt on your own.

**Registration opens June 8th, please visit the website or call the library.**

## PAINT NIGHT WITH JEAN WALKER

Thursday, July 27th, 6:00 PM

A Summer Paint Night with Jean Walker! **Registration opens Monday, July 10th, please visit the website or call the library.**



## CURLY SOAP MAKING

Thursday, August 24th, 6:00 PM

Each participant will make their own fun and quirky swirl soap using a glycerin based soap, colorful soap curls, color, cosmetic glitter and a variety of scents. We will discuss the process of making cold process soap, blending of essential oils and the role of exfoliants in soap making.

**Registration opens August 10th please visit the website to register or call the library.**





# Cookbook Club



***TUESDAY, JUNE 27th***  
***6–8 PM***

June is the last Cookbook Club meeting until September! This month there is no chosen cookbook; just make your favorite dish, and if there is a cookbook that goes along with it you are welcome to bring it along to share.





# 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!

July Spice:  
**Sage**



August Spice:  
**Lavender**



**These selected herbs can be found in our Library Garden!**





# TRUSTEES CORNER



## Strategic Planning

Representatives from the Board of Trustees, the Staff and the Friends have been working on a five year strategic plan for the library. We have completed phase one and two of the project which included developing the project plan and collecting and summarizing feedback from the Staff and the community.

First and foremost, a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the focus groups and who completed the surveys. Your responses are an important part of the data collection and will help us to develop the strategic plan for the Library.

We have conducted three focus groups, three internal surveys (Trustees and Friends, Staff members, and strategic planning committee surveys) and two public surveys (community members and the tween and teen survey). We have collected a lot of information from a wide range of community members.

You may ask: Why develop a strategic plan? A strategic plan will help the Trustees to develop long term and short term goals and objectives. The data collected will be used to not only identify the strengths of the current library but to help the Trustees better understand the needs of the community so that we can plan for the future of the library.

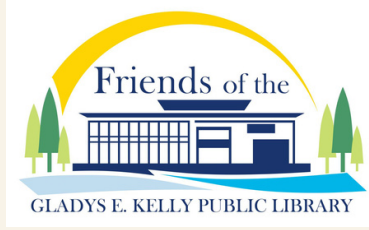
A strategic plan will help us to answer questions like: How can we reach all of the members of our community? What type of programming will help us to respond to our current needs and help move us into the future? What is needed to improve our facility? What are our staffing needs?

The Trustees have collected information from the community and have begun to synthesize and summarize that information. Our next steps will be to develop a strategic plan which will include a mission statement, a vision statement and goals and objectives.

It is exciting work, work that will help our library to continue to grow and be responsive to the needs of our community!

Rena Klebart  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees for the Gladys E. Kelly Library





# The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library

The Board of the Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library wishes you a happy summer season!

You can enjoy floating on the lake with a book, watching a borrowed movie in the air conditioning, or enjoying one of many library summer events.

The **Annual June Book Sale** is here! June 8th-10th open during the hours of the library. Books under \$1 – how can you say no to that? If you miss it, don't worry, we will have our ongoing book sale in the lobby during the rest of the summer season.

The April 27th, 2023 **Bites, Books and Blooms: A Taste of Webster** was a huge success! Between the delicious food, beautiful flower arrangements, and upbeat music – the library was swinging. We were also excited that the Blooms were open to the public for viewing Friday and Saturday.

We cannot thank the restaurants, Bloom creators, volunteers, and library Staff enough. THANK YOU! Please check out our official page listing all the restaurants and Bloom creators. When you go to their businesses, let them know you saw them at Bites, Books, and Blooms or on the thank you page and thank them for participating. It took a community to create, and we wish to continue to support the community.

People often ask – what do the Friends do and why should I join? We are a non-profit volunteer organization whose purpose is to financially support the library so that it can thrive by helping improve and expand library services, facilities, equipment, and programming for all ages.

Members are needed for many reasons. Your volunteering helps support our fundraising efforts – the proceeds go directly back to the library. Membership funds also go back to the library. All library programming is paid for by the Friends and grants - every dollar counts!

We will be surveying Friends members to discover talents and ideas. Do you know how to knit, paint, or another skill? Do you know your way around computers or know many people in town? Do you have programming ideas? Maybe you can teach a class, help build a program or bring more people into the library. We will keep you posted about the survey.

We are expanding our Board and are looking for 3 new members– if interested in learning more about how to become a Friends Board member, please email [GladysKFriends@gmail.com](mailto:GladysKFriends@gmail.com)

Becoming a Friend is an easy way for you to help our library and community. Membership cards are available at the front desk or go to our Friend's page on the library website to join online.

We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting our new Friend,

The Friends of the Gladys E. Kelly Library Board

