



GLADYS E. KELLY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall 2025

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FALLING FOR FALL

We had an amazing Summer- our best yet! Our program attendance statistics are through the roof, (we had over 16,000 attendees to all our programs last year!) and we're busy planning even more fun things for the Fall & Winter.

Thanks to support from the Town and the Friends, we were able to hire a new full-time position, promoting Janessa to the role of Circulation Manager and Tech Services. She will be overseeing everything at the Circ Desk and cataloging all our new material. This new position also allows us to open to the public for 3 additional hours per week. We are looking to expand hours in October or November, and will make a formal announcement when we do. No more closing at 1pm on Wednesdays, yay!

Sondra Murphy, Library Director

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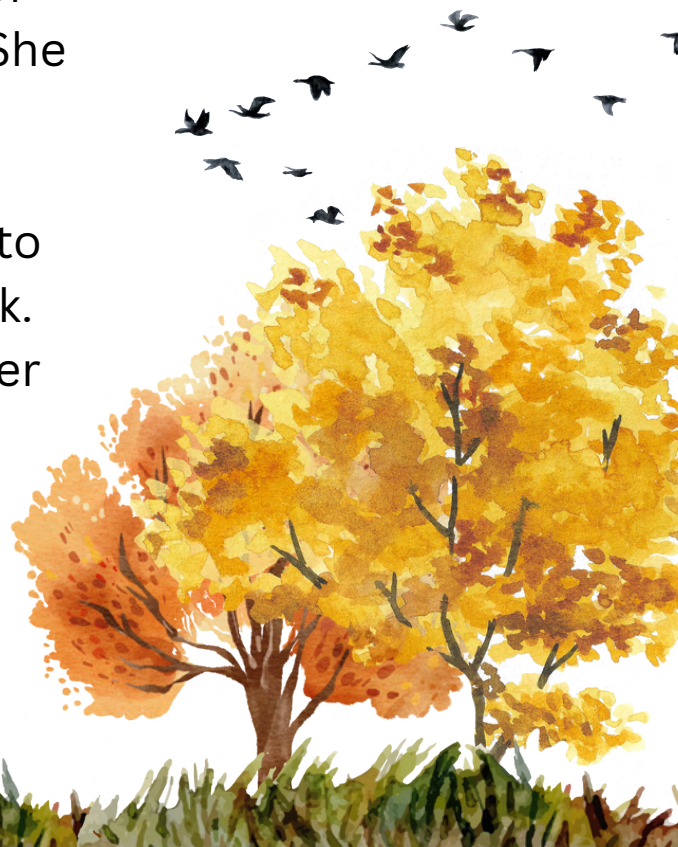
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Hello and Happy Fall from the Library Friends!

Summer was busy, busy, busy at the Gladys E Kelly Library! There were many programs for children and adults which were supported and paid for by the Library Friends. TriviaPalooza, Cookbook Club, concerts, our community garden, yoga classes, summer reading raffles, and 2 thriving book groups were favorites of the community and also of Friends board members. What did you go to? What did you like best? Anything that you've missed and want to return? Let us know!

As you are reading this, the Friends annual meeting will have happened – Thursday, September 11th. Board members were nominated and elected – and we welcomed new board member Chris McManus.

The highlight of the Friends fall activities is Bites, Books and Blooms on September 25. There will be 26 creative floral arrangements, food from Bistro Eighty Ates, and music! Get your tickets online. We hope to see you there!

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. Some Community grant awards have declined over the last year, so Friends' support has become even more important – both financially and through your volunteering. Our Friends volunteers are so very important for the success of our library programs. And, as always, volunteers will be needed for many upcoming activities – 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



TRUSTEES CORNER

The change of seasons in New England always seems to spark a kind of renewal. The fall especially, with the start of school, football, and sweater weather. So, too, with the Board of Trustees for the Gladys E. Kelly Library. Fall marks the transition of summer programming to a new year of working toward the continued success of this vibrant community resource.

Our role as an elected body is to oversee operational and administrative policies. What does that mean? As residents of Webster, you have entrusted us with managing the budget, making personnel decisions, and planning for the library's future. It is a role we take very seriously.

In monthly meetings, we review the progress of the highly dedicated and capable staff. Library Director Sondra Murphy and Assistant Director Evan Hale update us on the programs and services that contribute to the overall library experience; we monitor – and marvel at – the growing number of residents and visitors who participate in an increasingly diverse lineup of activities; and we address strategic goals such as meeting the evolving needs of the community, strengthening community connections, and ensuring the accessibility and safety of the physical plant.

In between meetings, we are vigilant about opportunities to promote the library, support the work of the Friends to the Library to ensure the return on their investment in programming, and generally participate in the life of the library as passionate volunteers and book lovers.

Like you, we embrace the power of reading to transport and unite us. We also recognize that today's libraries offer so much more, and we are committed to seeing that the Gladys E. Kelly library continues to serve your interests and remains a point of pride for Webster.

Susan Veshi, vice chair, Board of Trustees for the Gladys E. Kelly Library

JOIN US FOR

BITES, BOOKS & BLOOMS

Tickets \$45

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER
25TH 6:00–8:00 PM**

**A magical night of stunning
floral displays inspired by
books, plus local food and
live music!**



**Scan the QR code to purchase
tickets.**

**Proceeds benefit the Friends of
the library, and programs!**

**GLADYS E. KELLY
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WEBSTER, MA**

*Food provided by Bistro Eighty Ates,
Live music by Carlos Odria Trio*





ADULT PROGRAMS



AUTUMN 2025

Banned Books Read-In

Fall Concert Series - Dan Cloutier

Chamomile Tea Party for Adults

Pet Portraits

Historical Walking Tour with the
National Park Service

Jeff Belanger: Ghosts and Legends

Puzz Fest: Spooky Town

Tiny Art Show: Clay Art on Canvas

Paint Night with Jean Walker

Music Concert: Miss Maybell & Her
Ragtime Romeos

A Gathering of Celtic and

Christmas Concert: Rock Voices

OCTOBER 7TH 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 9TH 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 10TH 3:00 PM

OCTOBER 17TH 3:30 PM

OCTOBER 18TH 10:00 AM

OCTOBER 27TH 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 30TH 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 3RD 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 4TH 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 13TH 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 4TH 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 11TH 6:30 PM

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2025

Storytime at Lapsley Orchard

Clay Animals

Pet Portraits

Annual Pumpkin Glow

Storytime with Susan Richmond

Haunted Library

**Halloween Storytime and
Costume Parade**

Tiny Art Show: Clay Art on Canvas

Tiny Art Show: Crayon

**Creations with Esteban the
Magnificent and Red Crayon**

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

The BaNannies

OCTOBER 3RD 4:00 PM

OCTOBER 10TH 2:00 PM

OCTOBER 17TH 3:30 PM

OCTOBER 23RD

SESSION 1: 4:00 PM

SESSION 2: 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 25TH 11:30 AM

OCTOBER 30TH 4:00 PM

OCTOBER 31ST 10:00 PM

NOVEMBER 3RD 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 8TH 12:00 PM

NOVEMBER 13TH 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 15TH 10:30 AM

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PRESENTS...

TINY ART SHOW

CALLING ALL ART LOVERS! THE GLADYS E.
KELLY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS HOSTING A TINY ART
SHOW, SHOWCASING MINIATURE
MASTERPIECES FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!
STARTING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, PICK UP A
3 IN. X 3 IN CANVAS AT THE CIRCULATION OR
CHILDREN'S DESK. ANY MEDIUM IS
ENCOURAGED – FROM PAINTING AND
PHOTOGRAPHY, TO SCULPTURE.

WATCH OUR CALENDAR FOR DROP-IN EVENTS
TO CREATE YOUR SUBMISSION WITH US.



IMPORTANT DATES:

CANVAS PICK UP:
NOVEMBER 3RD-21ST

ART SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH! PLEASE
BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE
SUBMISSION FORM WITH YOUR
ARTWORK.

ARTWORK ON DISPLAY:
ALL OF DECEMBER





AUTUMN CONCERT



Series



OCTOBER 9TH

Dan Cloutier

NOVEMBER 13TH

Miss Maybell &

Her Ragtime Romeos

DECEMBER 11TH

Rock Voices



THURSDAY
NIGHTS:

6:30PM

FREE ADMISSION

ALL AGES



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FRANCIS N. SCZEPANSKI

Our Artist On display

***September -
October 31st***

“Remember When” is a series of paintings of historic locations in Webster created by artist Francis N. Sczepanski in the 1980's and 1990's. His work is on display in the community room now!

There will a talk on October 2nd about his works and the history of webster.



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Historical Walking Tour

Join Allison Horrocks from the National Park Service for an historic walking tour of downtown Webster! Whether you're a lifelong resident, new to the area, or just visiting for the day, you're sure to learn something new.



October 18th 10:00—11:00 AM



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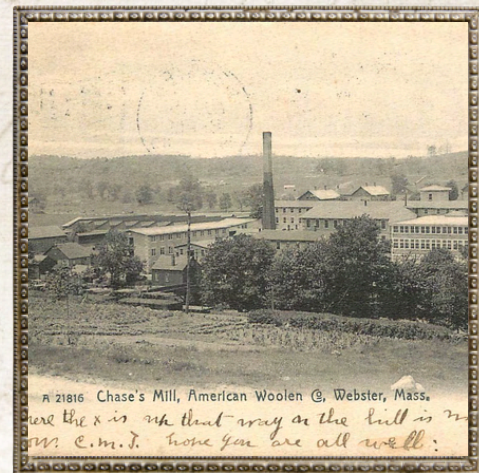
Share your story!

**This Fall, the Gladys E. Kelly Library is
inviting Webster residents to share
memories from Webster's industrial era.
Contact us to participate in this exciting
oral history project!**

**Contact: Evan Hale ehale@cwmars.org
or call 508-949-3880 ext. 1056**



What's your story?



BANNED BOOKS READ-IN

JOIN OUR READ-IN TO PROTEST AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST BANS.

Attendees will receive a free audiobook!



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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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- 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.

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**Heat Press for Imprinting
Logos onto Fabric**

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Creation Kit**

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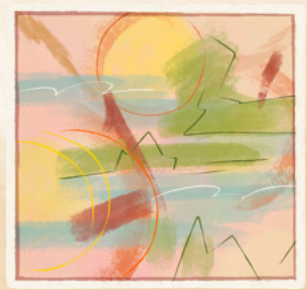
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