



GLADYS E. KELLY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter 2025

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THE WINTER SEASON

It's always warm at the Library!

We are excited to host another year of family-friendly events this Winter: "Snow Much Fun" is a series of all ages programs held every Saturday, including a talk about Bigfoot, a Teddy Bear Picnic, and a Pirate Adventure! All programs are generously funded by the United Way.

Are you an entrepreneur, micropreneur, or a small business owner? The Nest is a small business and community incubator, located on the second floor of the Library. The Nest offers large format printing and laminating, vinyl printing and cutting, free legal aid, workshops, and community connections. Please see our website for more information! This project has been funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act, the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, the Library Trustees, and the Friends of the Library.

Hoping you all have a warm and cozy Winter season,

Sondra Murphy
Library Director

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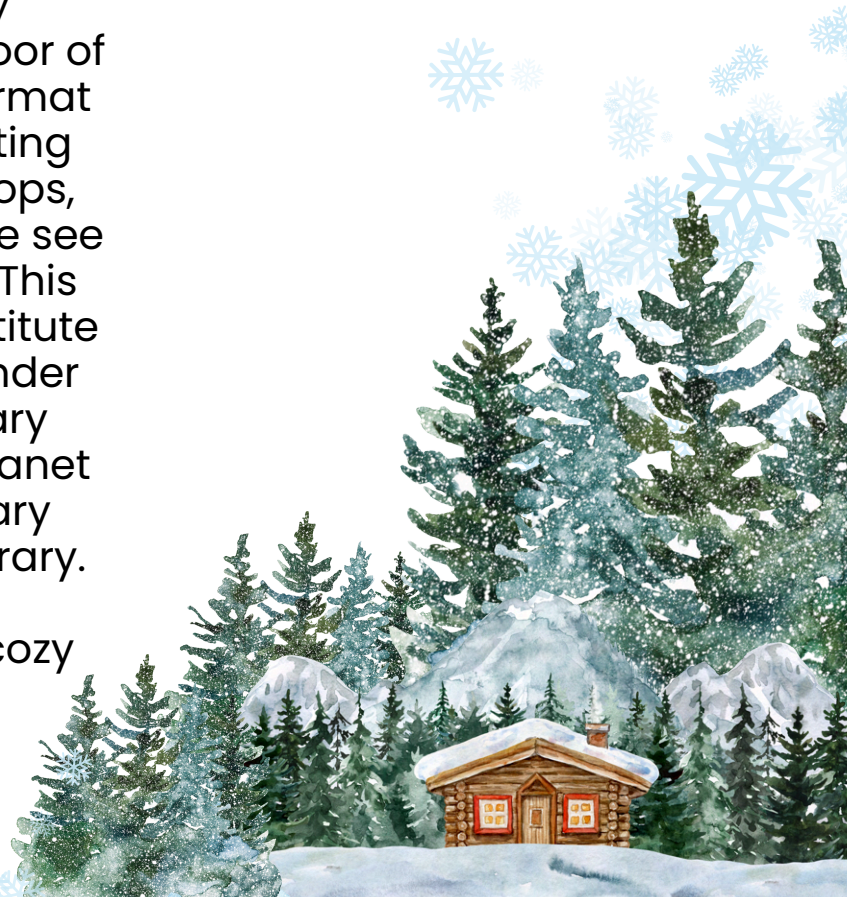
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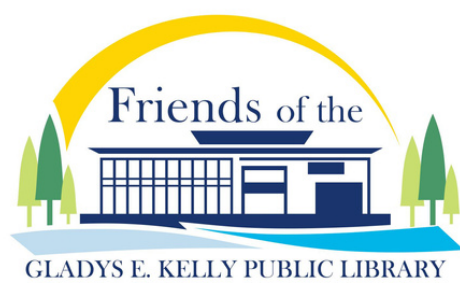


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HAPPY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you have had a happy holiday season and we look forward to sharing another year with you at the library. What a year 2024 was at the Gladys E. Kelly Public Library! Looking back – there were so many activities and programs every season – always something new and interesting for everyone.

The highlight of the fall was the return of Bites, Books, and Blooms on October 17! The event was well attended, the food from Bistro Eighty Ates was delicious, the music was great, and the floral displays were beyond description! We are already in the planning process for a hopeful return of BBB in 2025.

The Library Garden was winterized and will soon need your green thumb to wake it up and get it ready for spring prep, planting, and produce. Watch for Friends notices, asking for volunteer gardeners. Winter is a good time to curl up with a good book...so the Friends are having a January Book Sale! Fill a bag of books for only \$5! Come to the lobby, find your favorite author, and fill the bag. Then relax in your favorite chair and read, read, read.

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. We fundraise and use community grants to financially support library programming. Friends volunteers are also very important for the success of our library programs. 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

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!



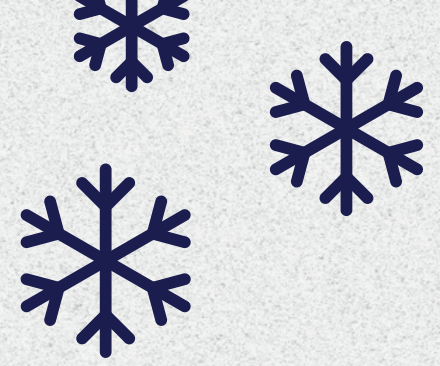
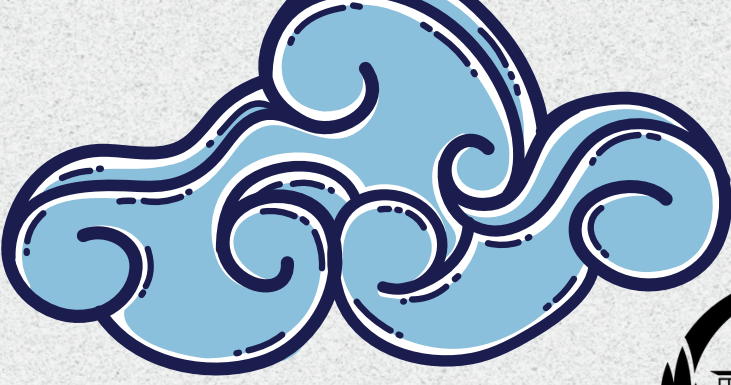
Scan this code to enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. It's easy! Just search for our Library and sign up. Or, visit the Library to sign up in person!



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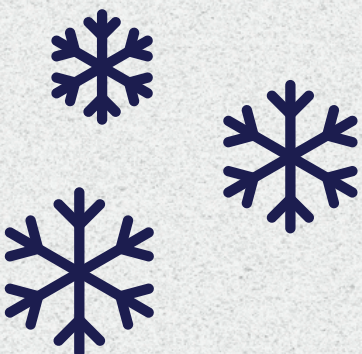
Snow Much Fun!

Join us every Saturday this Winter

January 4th to
March 29th, 2025

These events are generously funded by the
Friends of the
Gladys E. Kelly Public Library and The
United Way.

Please check the Website Calendar of
Events for more details!



A Winter Saturday Series

January 4:

**11:30am to
12:30pm**

Bingo

January 11:

**11:30am to
1:30pm**

Henna

January 18:

**11:30am to
12:30pm**

Bluey Storytime

January 25:

**11:30pm to
12:30pm**

Bigfoot Jr

February 1

**11:30pm to
12:30pm**

Teddy Bear's Picnic
with Julie Stepanek

February 8:

**11:30pm to
12:30pm**

Dragons Love Tacos
Storytime

February 15:

**11:00am to
2:00pm**

LED Minigolf
with OneUp Games

February 22:

**11:30pm to
12:30pm**

Elsa and Anna - The
Snow Sisters

March 1:

**11:30am to
12:30pm**

R.I. Pirate Guy's
Pirate Adventure!

March 8:

**R 11:30am to
12:30pm**

Owl Always Love You:
Family Paint Event!

March 15:

**R 11:30pm to
1:00pm**

Pop-Up Art: Felt
Froggy Hoop

March 22:

**11:30pm to
12:30pm**

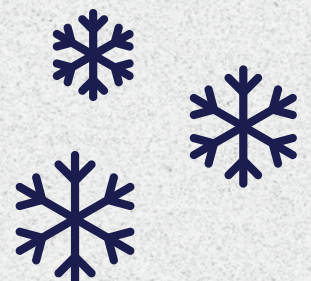
Breakfast with
Biscuit the Puppy

March 29:

**11:30pm to
12:30pm**

Animal Adventures

R= REGISTRATION
REQUIRED





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.

Small Business Workshops & Mentorship From

- E for All, Worcester
- Center for Women & Enterprise
- Nichols College
- One-on-One Legal advice for Business Start-ups with David Dupont
- The Webster-Dudley Business Alliance

Services We Offer

Large Format Printing

Large Format Lamination

Vinyl Printing & Cutting

Heat Press for Imprinting Logos onto Fabric

Social Media Content Creation Kit

Upcoming Events:

Local Business Success Stories



Featuring:
**Lorri Ducharme
of Prestige Nails**
 March 24, 2025
 6pm

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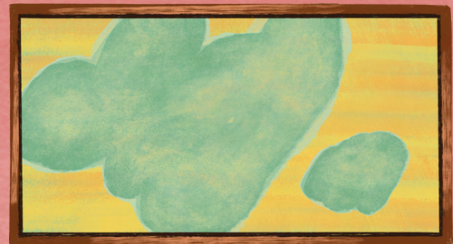
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Calling All Artists!

**WE WANT TO
DISPLAY YOUR
WORK IN OUR
EXHIBIT SPACE!**

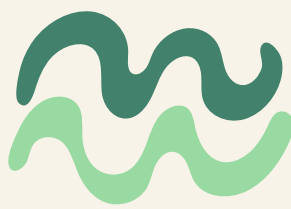


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IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT: JESSICA FONTAINE
AT [JFONTAINE@CWMARS.ORG](mailto:jfontaine@cwmars.org)



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TRUSTEES CORNER

Per the Charter of the Town of Webster, the Library Board of Trustees is an elected Board made up of seven members elected to the Board for terms of three years each, so arranged that the term of office of as nearly equal number members as is possible shall expire each year.

As an elected Board, the Library Board of Trustees represent the citizens of the Town and are responsible for the care, custody and management of the public library and all property related to the library.

Typical agenda items for the Board include review of the budget, approval of expenditures, development and approval of policy items and a review and discussion of the library statistics. The statistics can tell us so much: the patron count, the number of programs (both adult and children's), computer use and circulation statistics. By reviewing this data, the Board can make informed decisions about the staffing and program needs to benefit our community. Just as no two towns are alike no two libraries are alike, and each library serves the needs of its community.

Recently, members of the Board reviewed the five-year Strategic Plan for the library. One of the major goals of the plan is to prioritize community outreach by building and strengthening community connections.

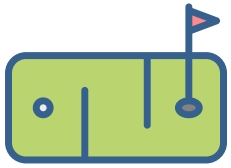
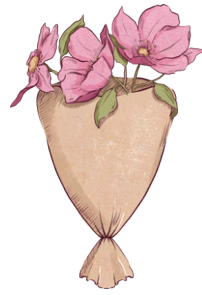
How can you help build our community connections? Talk to your librarians let them know what you see as priorities for materials and programs. Talk to your Board members, let them know what is going well and what needs improvement.

We need to hear from you, we are your representatives!

**Respectfully,
Rena Klebart, vice chairperson Library Board of Trustees**

Kids

FEBRUARY BREAK Special Events



Saturday, February 15

One Up Games LED Minigolf

11:00 AM–2:00 PM (Funded by The United Way)

Tuesday, February 18

Decorate your own Candylab Car

Session 1 10:00–10:45 AM *Registration Required*

Session 2 11:00–11:45 AM

Wednesday, February 19

Valentine's Day Slime!

10:00–11:00 AM

Thursday, February 20

Me and My Mini Winter Special

10:00 PM–10:45 AM

Thursday, February 20

Puzz Fest - Team Race

5:00 PM–7:00 PM * Registration Required*

Friday, February 21

Mo Willem's Pigeon Storytime

10:00–11:00 AM

Friday, February 21

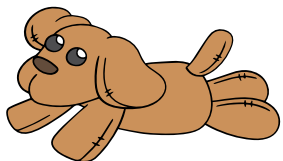
Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Movie

2:30 PM–5:00 PM *Movie begins at 3:00*

Saturday, February 22

Elsa and Anna - The Snow Sisters Story Time

11:30 AM–12:30 PM (Funded by The United Way)



Adult

Spring Concert Series



Our concert series continues in March with an exciting lineup of performances! Join us for a variety of live music events from March through June, all held here at the library. This series is sponsored by--- and begins



NEW ADULT PROGRAMS

Genre Book Club



Join Jess on the fourth Tuesday of the month for our new genre book club. We'll be exploring a variety of genres throughout the year, from romance to memoir. This genre book group kicks off in February (on the third Tuesday) with Before I Let Go by Kennedy Ryan.

Adult Puzzle Night

Join us for a fun puzzle night as we tackle a 3,000 piece puzzle together. Come back each month to make progress!

February 25th at 6:00 PM

All Ages

NEW ALL AGES PROGRAMS!

BINGO



Join us for a fun all ages Bingo event! Small prizes will be awarded for the winners. All are welcome, no registration required. January 4th at 11:30 AM.



PUZZ FEST

Join us for our first puzzle race! Gather your team (up to 5 people) and compete in the Community Room to see who can finish their 500-piece puzzle first. Enjoy popcorn while you work, and keep your puzzle when you're done!
February 20th at 5:00 PM

FAMILY COOKING CLASS

Join us for a Family pizza making event! We will have all the ingredients you need to make a delicious savory meal.
March 11th at 6:00 PM. Registration Required.



Kids

NEW KIDS PROGRAMS

MESSY ART STORYTIME



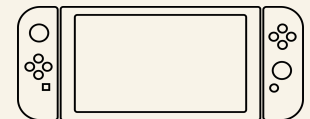
Come explore different art mediums through stories and fun creations! This program is perfect for ages 2-5 and will have your little one creating and learning about different art weekly. Please wear art-appropriate clothing.



ORIGAMI

Are you interested in making origami, but you don't know where to start? You can start here. And if you do know how to make some origami, feel free to come make some as well. For kids of all ages Fridays at 3:45 PM.

TEEN VIDEO GAME TIME



Teens are invited to play games on our Nintendo Switch on Thursdays 3:00-6:00 PM.



PLAYDOUGH

Unleash your creativity with Play-Doh in our Children's Program Room! Enjoy a fun, sensory playtime with colorful Play-Doh, sculpting toys, and sets. Ideal for ages 2-6. Siblings welcome! Monday's at 10:00 AM.