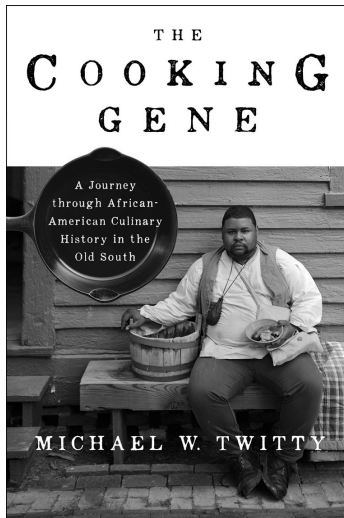


APRIL-JUNE 2021 SPRING EVENTS NEWSLETTER

A James Beard Award Winner Zooms into Groton!



MICHAEL W. TWITTY, Thu. June 10 at 7 pm

Author of *The Cooking Gene: Tracing My African American Story Through Food*

Join a community of 25 public libraries from across the state to welcome **Michael Twitty**, as he discusses his book, *The Cooking Gene*, the 2018 James Beard Foundation's Book of the Year Award-winner.

African American culinary historian Michael Twitty found there was a giant hole in the story of American cooking and in the story of most African American families. In this unique memoir, Michael starts to trace his family history through the story of Southern and American food. Using genetic research, historic

interpretation, nature study, heirloom gardening, and interviews with contemporary voices in food, his journey led him back to his family's origins in West and Central Africa and put him center stage in the discussion over race and food in American life through his popular food blog, Afroculinara.

As 25 town libraries are collaborating to make this event possible (with the expected correspondingly sized audience), we will be utilizing two viewing modes: Zoom webinar and livestreaming through NewTV, to ensure everyone will be able to view the event at the same time. Sponsored by the GPL Endowment Trust.

Help Us Plan 2021-2022 Adult Programming!

The past year has held many challenges and taught us many lessons in going about daily life in new ways. As we plan the next year of library programming in Groton, we want to hear from you! Keep an eye out for an electronic survey in the future to help us better serve you.

We've introduced a few new things so far in 2021 and we aren't done quite yet! Look out for new outdoor programs, support for parents, social equity and diversity programs—not to mention partnerships galore! Have new ideas or programs you would like to attend in the next year or programs you miss from the past? Let us know!

Always listening,

Beth Dalal, Adult Programs Coordinator

adultprograms@gpl.org



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Groton, MA 01450

**GPL Programs are
Free and Open to All.**

For more information on programs and to sign up:

- * Visit our calendar at GPL.ORG,
- * Email info@gpl.org, or
- * Call our main phone # at 978-448-1167

Summer Reading is COMING!

There will be lots to enjoy for all ages.

Starts June 15!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Please sign up at gpl.org.

- * **GPL Craft-to-Go!** Miss Nancy provides instructions and materials. Watch a video on Facebook @GPLChildrensMA. Pick up craft kits at the Children's Room window. Sign up once for the weekly series. Runs through May 25.
- * **ZOOM Mother Goose Storytime for Infants & Toddlers.** Wednesdays in April, 10:30 am.
Join Miss Lauren & Bunny for a sweet storytime with books, songs, and rhymes! For babies and toddlers, but preschoolers, too. Sign up once for the weekly series. *No storytime April 21.* Runs through April 27.
- * **ZOOM Story Time for 3—5 Year Olds.** Thursdays in April, 10:30 am.
Let's meet up virtually. Join Children's Room librarians for a fun storytime! Sign up once for the weekly series. *No storytime April 22.* Runs through April 28.
- * **Mirrors & Windows Storytime for Ages 0-8: Cultural Celebrations.** Fridays, 4:15-5 pm, April 16, 23, & 30.
Mirrors & Windows Storytime and Craft is a collaboration between the GPL and the community group, A Better Community: Social Justice Families (ABC Families). Each week's book features authors and main characters from racially diverse backgrounds. Discuss the books and more with other parents!
- * **READ ALOUD with Miss Jennie on ZOOM for Grades K-2.** First & Third Thursday, each month, 4-4:30 pm.
Drop-in and be ready for your imagination to soar listening to Jennie Fitzkee read live from the best children's chapter books. Apr 15 & 29, May 6 & 20, Jun 3 & 17.
- * **ZOOM Read to a Dog.** 2 slots available: Wednesdays, 4 or 4:15 pm. Apr 7: Shiver or Apr 21: Blitzen.
Children gain confidence by reading aloud to a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Shiver and Blitzen have been hard at work mastering Zoom. Sign up for one 15-minute session per child.
- * **Virtual Book Groups for Kids**
Enjoy talking about books with friends! Sign up to receive your Zoom invitation. Check out the selected book for the next meeting at the Children's Room window.
Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Second Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Apr 8 & May 13.
Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. First Tuesday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Apr 6, May 4, & Jun 1.

April is National Poetry Month!

Check out a poetry book at the Children's Room Window this month and enter to win a raffle!

Also, try out our outdoor poetry board for kids!



SUMMER READING BEGINS JUNE 15!

Kick-Off Event: Flying-High Dogs!

Thursday, June 17, at 11 am OR 1 pm

For All Ages! Town Field (behind the Library).

Space is limited, so please sign up!

Children's Window Service & Curbside Kids

Open 10-4:30, Tue-Sat

The Children's Room continues to be closed but we are still serving you...through the window! Follow the path through the garden to visit with our wonderful children's team! Pick up Grab & Go bags, children's holds, craft kits, children's library cards, and much more. Call us at 978-448-1168 or email kids@gpl.org. We're here for you!

TEEN PROGRAMS APRIL-JUNE



3D Modeling and Printing Class on Zoom

Thursday May 6, 4-5:30 pm

(Grades 6-12)

Come join us for a fun 3D printing virtual class! Students will design a 3D name keychain and watch while it is printed in two colors. Through a presentation, hands-on activity and live demo, students will experience 3D printing and 3D modeling. Keychain pickup from the library will be available one week after the class.

Bread Making Class: Fancy Focaccia! Join Food Explorer's Katie Shepherd who will guide us step by step in the creation of this delicious masterpiece! Monday, May 10, 4-6 pm. Grades 6-12 (on Zoom)

Take and Create Crafts (Grades 6-12) Various arts and craft projects. Participants are required to sign up, pick up supplies at the library, and attend the Zoom class. Thursdays, 4-5 pm. April 15, May 13, & June 10.

Painting Class with Sherry Hoffman (Grades 6-12) Paint a fun frog. Thursday, April 8, 4-5 pm.

Diverse Voices Book Group (Grades 6-12) Interested in diverse perspectives? Read the selected book each month then join our group and discuss with us! First Wednesday of each month on Zoom, 4-5 pm. Books available via curbside pickup or email the YA Librarian. April 7, May 5, & June 9.

Book Worm MASTERS for Grade 6. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month on Zoom, 4-5 pm. Books available through the Children's Room Window or Curbside. April 13, May 11, & June 8.

Creative Writing Club (Grades 6-12) Last Tuesday of the month, 4-5 pm. Fun activities, brainstorming and practice. April 27 and May 25 on Zoom.

YA@GPL Game Club: Play Free Among Us app and Chat on Zoom. Join us to play and chat together. Every Friday 3:30-4:30 pm.

Minecraft Meet-Up (Grades 5-10) Minecraft enthusiasts play on the library servers and chat on Zoom. A Java Minecraft account is required. Every other Wednesday 3:00-4:30 pm. April 7, April 28, May 12, May 26, & June 9.

Young Adult Advisory Council. If you love the library and library programs, we need your help to advise and assist the Young Adult Librarian. Great way to earn volunteer hours! We meet once a month on Zoom. Thursday 4-5 pm. April 29 & May 27.

Contact teens@gpl.org for other opportunities to volunteer as well.



Summer Reading Program for Grades 6-12

June 15-Aug. 31

Record your reading online and earn prizes!

To contact Teen/Young Adult Librarian Deb Dowson: Email teens@gpl.org or call 978-448-1167 x 1325.

All info. as of April 7, 2021; please check the gpl.org calendar for updates and to sign up! Or call us at 978-448-1167.

ADULT EVENTS ON ZOOM

Berberé in Everyday Cooking with Chef Kelcy, Thu. April 8 at 7 pm

Dive into the world of the Ethiopian spice blend, berbere. Packed with flavor, you will be amazed to learn not only how to make this delicious blend at home for yourself, but also how to take this (perhaps) unfamiliar ingredient and blend it into your everyday cooking. For this demo, Chef Kelcy will be walking you through her spiced crispy skin chicken thigh paired with mashed roasted sweet potato and braised kale that is sure to hit on every flavor note!



Edible Wild Plants and Mushrooms In and Around Groton, Tue. April 13 at 7 pm

Groton and surrounds are home to over 100 species of edible wild plants and dozen of species of edible wild mushrooms. Many of these species are more nutritious and/or flavorful than their cultivated counterparts, such as native species like Black Raspberry and Hazelnut, to non-native weeds like Burdock and Chicory, to exotic invasive species like Dame's Rocket and Autumn Olive. Join **Russ Cohen**, wild edibles enthusiast and author of *Wild Plants I Have Known and Eaten*, as he covers many of the tastiest species in the area—from species you might know well (Daisies and Dandelions) to those you've never even heard of (Calamus and Carrion Flower). He'll cover several of the easier-to-recognize edible mushrooms—from Morels (spring) to Black Trumpets (summer) to Hen-of-the-Woods (fall). Identification keys will be provided with info. on edible portion(s), season(s) of availability, and preparation methods, with guidelines for safe & environmentally-responsible foraging.

Get Ready for Spring with Suzanne Mahler, Tue. April 20 at 7 pm

This timely talk covers spring pruning, transplanting trees and shrubs, dividing perennials, and garden-themed ideas. Bring your landscaping questions! Suzanne Mahler has been sharing her passion for gardening for more than 30 years—presenting at the Boston, Rhode Island, & New England Spring Flower Shows and MFA's *Art in Bloom*, to the EPA and garden clubs and organizations throughout New England.

The Social Impact of Tea in our History, Thu. April 22 at 7 pm

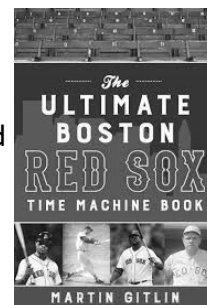
This lecture will be an engaging discussion on the social impact of tea in our history and society. **Danielle Beaudette** of the Cozy Tea Cart will begin with the discovery of tea and its spread throughout Europe as well as the tea trade with China and the Opium Wars. She will continue exploring through World War I to the status of tea today. Throughout, please enjoy sipping teas from the major tea producing countries from the safety of your own home. Sign up by April 9 to get a tea sample!

Henna Alchemy for ADULTS with Mandy Roberge, Thu. May 6 AND Fri. May 7, both at 7 pm

Learn to make your own henna paste, a little bit about the art of henna, and get started on your henna journey! This two-evening event (Thursday and Friday) includes all materials to make the henna paste as well as a workbook to help build skill through practice. Space is limited, so sign up early!

The Ultimate Presentation for Red Sox Nation, Tue. May 11 at 7 pm

Take a fun and enlightening journey through Boston Red Sox history with **Martin Gitlin**, author of *The Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book*. This presentation features videos and photographs of the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events, and moments in Red Sox history. There will be trivia questions as he covers Sox history from the Royal Rooters (who launched Red Sox Nation), all the way to the four World Series championships and beyond. Author Martin Gitlin will have autographed and personalized copies of his book available online for purchase following the program.



ADULT EVENTS ON ZOOM

National Parks of the Eastern United States with Steve Farrar, Tue. May 18 at 7 pm

Not all National Parks require New Englanders to make extensive travel plans! Join Steve Farrar on a pictorial tour to visit eight parks east of the Mississippi stretching from Maine to Florida. Whether arranging a day trip or planning a long weekend, you will learn how exciting and accessible these parks are--from the most-visited to some relatively unknown destinations.

Vegetable Gardening 101, Wed. May 26 at 7 pm

To have a bountiful vegetable garden, 'all' you need to do is provide your plants what they need. But what do they need? And how do you provide it? Learn about sunlight, space, water, and most of all, soil, and you'll have the basics to develop the garden you've always wanted. **Gretel Anspach** is a Life-time Master Gardener (Mass. Master Gardener Assoc.) and a Trustee of the Mass. Horticultural Society.



Pakistani Cooking Demonstration with Shua Khan Arshad, Thu. May 27 at 7 pm

The smells, the taste, and the color of Pakistani food are alluring. Join Groton local Shua Khan Arshad for an evening of Pakistani cooking. After decades of cooking happily for family and friends, Shua's practice has shaped into a creative art in the moment. "When I cook, it is like a conscious meditation," she says. Enjoy watching the cooking and ask your questions during your virtual visit to Shua's kitchen. She will cook Basmati rice with peas, boneless chicken with spices, and finely chopped salad with love.

From Struggle to Hope Through Music in Harlem with Kevin Harris, Thu. June 3 at 7 pm. Presented in partnership with Indian Hill Music.



From an innovative community-based response to the hardship of the 1920s and 30s, to today's reprise of that creativity to overcome isolation and also, again, financial adversity, Kevin Harris will discuss and play some of the musical innovation born of struggle.

During the 1920s' and 30's, following the diaspora, market crash, Great Depression, and more, African Americans in Harlem started organizing what are now called "rent parties" to raise money primarily to make the rent, but also to help out those in need in the neighborhood. Musicians were hired and out of that time and opportunity to share make-shift stages came some of the greatest in jazz, ragtime, etc. Certainly a determining event for music and dance, but also a time for those who were the most affected from the struggles of the time, to be able to unburden themselves, breath, rejuvenate, hope.

This event is made possible by a grant from the Town of Groton's Trust Funds' Lecture Fund.

Bird Walk with Steve Hale, Sat. June 5 at 8:00 AM

Join bird watching expert, Steve Hale, on a private, guided bird walk through Groton Conservation Trust property. Please be sure to wear proper footwear and attire and to protect yourself against black flies, mosquitos, and ticks, as you will be hiking through wild areas.

Protest Portraits at Lawrence Academy, Sat. May 1 at 1 pm

Take a stroll around Lawrence Academy's quad while observing powerful photographic portraits of people protesting what they are passionate about. Small groups will enjoy the exhibit at timed intervals. While the exhibit will continue, this will be the only opportunity for the public to participate!

LIFELONG LEARNING @ THE LIBRARY

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP meets 2 Tuesdays per month (usually 1st & 3rd) year-round, at 7 pm on Zoom. Have fun while you learn and practice! Led by a native speaker & Spanish teacher, VERÓNICA MAZZU. Spring dates: Apr 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, and Jun 1 & 15. *Sponsored by the GPL Endowment Trust.*

Find your inspiration, connect with other writers, and have a good time, too!

- **WRITING CRITIQUE GROUP for All Genres. Two Different Monthly Groups:**
Third Tuesday, 6-8 pm **OR** Fourth Wednesday, 6-8 pm.
- **BODIES IN THE LIBRARY for Mystery Writers.** Monthly, First & Third Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 pm. Advice and encouragement from others who love all forms of the mystery genre.

Held in partnership with the Seven Bridges Writers' Cooperative (SBWC), these groups are for writers interested in feedback, support, and revision. Email SBWC at 7bridgewriterscollaborative@gmail.com to register. For more information, go to sevenbridge.org.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Take and Makes for Adults

Why should kids have all the fun? Sign up for each month's Take and Make for Adults! All materials (except household basics like tape, glue, scissors) are included as well as detailed and illustrated instructions for assembly. Kits will be available each month via curbside pickup. You must register in advance to claim your kit. *Please note these kits are meant for adults only.*

April—Moss Art (bring the green without the maintenance)

May—Star Wars Quote Art

June—TBD



Spice Club for Adults

Whether you're a foodie, a newbie, or just interested in trying something new – Spice Club is for you! Pick up a new kit each month. We'll feature spices from a different culinary traditions around the world – from Indian to Peruvian to Moroccan to Japa-



nese. A sampling of the spice(s), recipes, with some history and use will be included in each kit. Let's explore these great flavors and the world together!

April—Ethiopian Berbere spice blend

May—Chinese Five Spice

June—TBD

Trivia Tuesdays

Each Tuesday, GPL will share the Tuesday Trivia form via social media or email.

- You can answer the questions on the form individually or in a team (no looking up answers, though!)
- You will receive points for correct answers
- You can share your first/team name and email us and we will keep track of your total points from week to week, or you can just do it for fun!
- Correct answers will be shared each Thursday.



ZOOM IN & JOIN THE DISCUSSION! BOOK GROUPS AT GPL!

*Copies of books are available to borrow from Circulation one month in advance.
Email circulation@gpl.org to request a copy for curbside pickup or delivery.*

GPL BOOK GROUP meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm

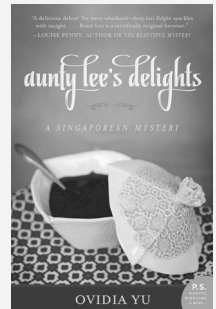
Apr 27 *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout
May 25 *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright
June 22 TBD



MYSTERY BOOK GROUP meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday, with two meeting options:

Meet in person at the Groton Center at 1:30 pm (space limited) or via Zoom at 7 pm

April 15 *An Unwanted Guest* by Shari Lapena
May 20 *Aunty Lee's Delights* by Ovidia Yu
June 17 TBD



GREAT BOOKS* GROUP meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

Read selections from *Imperfect Ideal*—available at GPL and the Great Books Foundation at greatbooks.org.

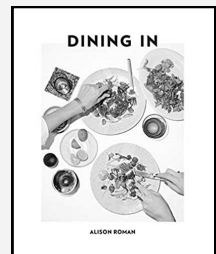
Apr 14 Our Incomplete State: I
May 12 Our Incomplete State: II
June 9 Unrest in the Soul

**Great Books, in spite of the potentially intimidating name, is fun and casual. It's for readers who like to hash out what they've read. Selections are from a wide range of fascinating books, poems, and essays recommended by the Great Books Foundation.*

COOKBOOK CLUB meets every other month on a Thursday at 7 pm

Cookbooks are available at the Circulation Desk. We will delve into different cultures, techniques, and more. Join us!

May 13 *Dining In: Highly Cookable Recipes* by Alison Roman
July 29 TBD



Need help with Zoom? Contact Reference Librarian Susanne Olson at info@gpl.org to set up a time to practice 1-on-1!

We are delighted to welcome **Nicole Irvin** as our New Head of Circulation & Adult Services! She will be a wonderful asset to GPL & all of Groton!

Weekly Knitting & Handicrafts Club

Every Thursday, 1:30-3:30 pm, on Zoom

Bring your own project, troubleshoot a problem, or discover something new as you chat with other knitters via Zoom. All are welcome regardless of experience level.



NEW! Plant-Based Eaters Group

First Wednesday of Each Month at 7 pm

Interested in exploring plant-based eating? Trying to include more fruits and vegetables in your diet? Want to expand your vegetarian or vegan options?



Zoom in and join a group of Groton area locals to discuss plant-based eating each month. The group is welcoming of everyone, regardless of their place in the journey of plant-based eating.

Info. as of April 7, 2021; please check the gpl.org calendar for updates and to sign up! Or call us at 978-448-1167.

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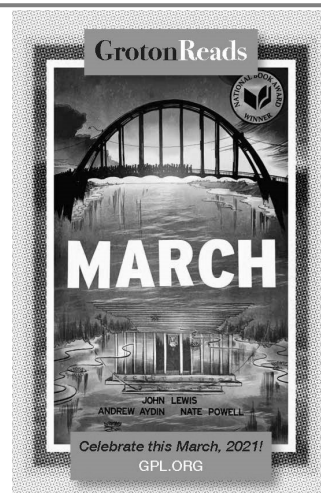
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Miss any Groton Reads *March* by John Lewis March Events or Celebrations?

Don't worry! Many were recorded! Some are available on Groton Cable Download on Demand through April 30 or you can email adultprograms@gpl.org for the link.

And some Groton Reads events are still going on! An outdoor art exhibit walk at Bates Trail is happening and the Groton Reads Bingo card of *March*-related activities can be played through April 30! Each Bingo earns \$1 donation to First Teachers Boston, thanks to the generosity of the GPL Endowment Trust, which supports all of Groton Reads.

Resources still available at GPL.ORG and the graphic novel trilogy and discussion kits are available for check out at GPL or on Hoopla!



APRIL-JUNE SPRING 2021 LIBRARY EVENTS NEWSLETTER!



Curbside Pickup & Curbside Kids

TUE-SAT, 10-4:30

Or Groton delivery!

LIBRARY SERVICE HOURS: TUE-SAT, 10-5

Service by phone, email, mail, curbside, delivery, children's window,
AND

TOP FLOOR OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

Go to GPL.ORG to book an appointment and review protocols.

Services Available:

Computer, equipment (printers, copier, scan, fax), tables and carrels for work/study, read newspapers and magazines, "concierge" browsing (we'll bring materials to you!), and reference / research assistance.

ADULT BROWSING on the Second Floor By Appointment, TUE-SAT, 10-12

Browsing on the second floor is OPEN! It's only for 30 minutes, only for 1 individual or household (up to 4) at a time, with a limit of one appointment per week, but it's what we've heard you've missed the most!

Browse new fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, audiobooks, music, large print, fiction, and video games. A small New YA collection is available for teens (and adults) to browse as well.



LIBRARY RETURNS

Returned items go into **24 hour** quarantine before being checked in. Items are backdated when checked in with fines waived (temporarily). before being made available to others.