

Greensboro Free Library

Summer 2021

We Thank You!

We are so very grateful to be emerging from our pandemic cocoon! Thank you for your generous support through it all. We've made good use of our somewhat quieter time, and also enjoyed a steady stream of patrons, calling in and stopping in with news and library needs. We are honored to serve, and so look forward to your next visit! Your support lifts up our entire community.

Join us this summer at GFL for family programming in the backyard!

The summer reading theme is Tails & Tales. Come in to get your summer reading supplies to keep track of what you read, bookmarks, stickers, and tattoos. Bring your reading log in at the end of summer, everyone gets a celebration prize!

- **Thursdays at 10am** starting in June we will have Storytimes for little ones ages 0-6.
- **Tuesday July 6th** Kid's Bike event
- **Tuesday July 13th** Animal Yoga with Sophia Barsalow.
- **Tuesday July 20th** Water Ecology with Kim Wojnar of WonderArts.
- **Tuesday, August 3rd** Modern Times Theater.
- **Tuesday, August 10th** Abenaki Storytelling
- **Tuesday, August 17th** Fishing Lessons

Keep up to date on all the programs and happenings when you check out our calendar at greensborofreelibrary.org

Our Motto: Find Joy Here!

Inspired by a grant from the Rural Library and Social Wellbeing Project, we are finding small treats to spark delight as visitors return to our space after this difficult year. Check the sidebars for our summer



programming bound to interest all ages. Here are some other ways you can find joy here this year. We hope to see you soon!



Check out our new displays for books, magazines, and movies. Maybe you can't judge a book by its cover, but those covers sure are enticing!



Explore our vast ongoing book sale upstairs to find your own treasures and support your library.



Borrow one of our three new Chromebooks to connect with the world online.



Add a sticker to our mystery Sticker Art poster and observe as the picture slowly emerges.



Kids can listen to favorite stories in our new media center – look for the soft beanbag chairs! We also have kids' computers here and learning tablets to take home.



Teens will find new soft chairs facing the lake in our Young Adult room.



Young children can choose a sticker featuring Elephant and Piggie or Dr. Seuss characters, and search the library each week for a dragon egg. Earn a chance to win a dragon puppet at summer's end!



Families can explore all kinds of topics by checking out our themed discovery kits. New kit themes include Gardening, Snap Circuits, and Talking to Kids About Race.



Our new backyard family space will feature a sandbox, outdoor play kitchen, and lawn games.

Find joy beyond the library walls too!

Summer Programs for Adults

- **July 22 Greater Greensboro Progress Report:** Leaders of the four task forces formed in 2019 will highlight their efforts to improve broadband access, wastewater infrastructure, lake quality, and walkability in our community.
- **July 29 Book Discussion:** Join local ministers and mental health specialists for a conversation featuring two books about social connections: *Together*, by Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, and *Lost Connections*, by Johann Hari. Both books are available at the library.
- **August 5 Author Talk:** Local author and minister Anthony Acheson presents his new book, *Beyond Denial: Essays on Consciousness, Spiritual Practice and Social Repair*.
- **August 10 Author Talk:** Celia Ryker shares her stories of healing through hiking the Long Trail from her new book *Walking Home: Trail Stories*.
- **September 9 Slide Presentation:** Aging Gardens, Aging Gardeners, with Advanced Master Gardener Ann McEntee.

July/August Hours:

Sunday	11:30-1:30
Monday	10am-4pm
Tuesday	10am-7pm
Wednesday	10am-4pm
Thursday	10am-4pm
Friday	10am-4pm
Saturday	10am-2pm

Greensboro Free Library is now an AmazonSmile charity. Please consider signing up to support us GFL with every purchase you make—at no extra cost to you!

- PayPal gifts can be made online at greensborofreelibrary.com.
- Please contact beckyparnold@gmail.com about legacy giving.



• If you can't find a title here, ask us about Interlibrary Loan. We borrowed over 600 items for patrons in the past year, and also purchased over 50 brand-new titles upon request.

• Sign up for our Overdrive service to read or listen on your devices at home, and register for Kanopy to stream films for all ages. Patrons have streamed over 1300 films since we began offering Kanopy last fall.

• Learn magic tricks from home! We purchased a one-year license for "Become a Magician" online classes featuring common household objects. Find free lessons and a magic show here: greensborofreelibrary.magicianswithoutborders.com.

• Explore Vermont's state parks and history sites, as well as the Old Stonehouse Museum and the American Precision Museum, by checking out discount entry passes at the library.

• Families, enjoy our story walks set up in various spots in the community this summer.

Wiggles and Giggles

(also "Winter Weary")

Though our bodies are
Winter weary
Buds swell on leaves
Of bushes and trees
Doves hum in the morning
Robins forage on grass
on a mild day
And more than we know
Roots are wiggling and giggling
in the earth.

From Phyllis Larabee's book, Pollage, a collaboration with artist Gina Jenkins. Pollage is dedicated to the staff, volunteers, and patrons of Greensboro Free Library.



Remembering Phyllis - 9/30/38 - 4/7/21

Loyal friend, artist, activist, playwright, poet, wit. Thank you for your many gifts to Greensboro Free Library and to our community, and for your insightful poetry and wisdom freely offered with love and good humor. We'll feel your gentle presence by the fireplace and among our bookshelves.

Volunteers are our Heart: You Keep Us Circulating!

Our library volunteers are vital as the library returns to full summer hours and a new influx of vacationers. We are grateful for a small corps who have helped us through the past year, and offer special thanks to a crew who showed up for spring cleanup in early June. We will soon welcome new members to this important team with group training sessions. Our volunteers cover our circulation desk, greet patrons, and check out books. They also help with shelving, processing interlibrary loans, preparing donated books for our collection or book sale, setting up for programs, and selecting books and movies for displays. It's not all work though; we often talk books with patrons, share community stories and share laughs. Volunteers, you are our heart, and we love you for it.