

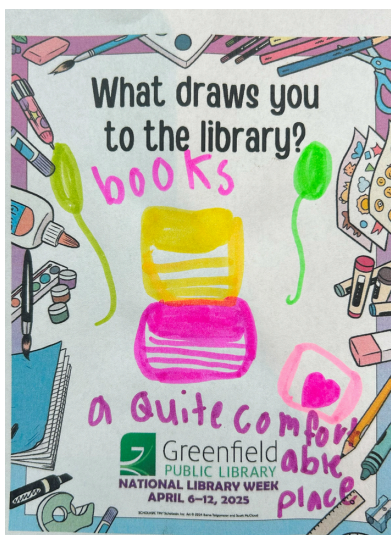
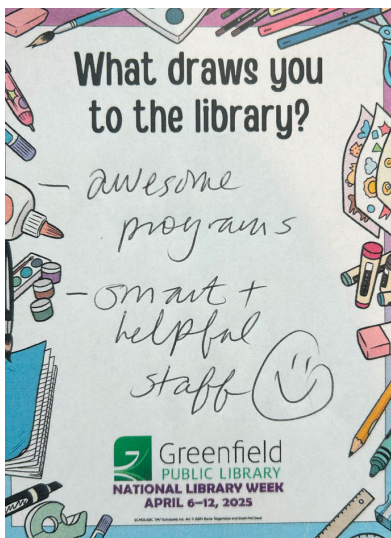
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April 2025



April Program Highlights

The library provides space for a variety of activities each month. Library staff organize and lead many of the events, which are made possible by the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library's generous sponsorship, while other events are arranged by outside individuals and organizations. Here's a quick look at *just a few* of the past month's library-sponsored activities:



ADULT PROGRAMS

Talk to an Assessor

Tuesday, April 1

Greenfield Ukulele Players

Fridays, April 4 & 18

Kostya Kennedy:

The Ride: Paul Revere and the night that saved America
Monday, April 7

The History of Hip Hop Music and Dance

Tuesday, April 8

Intro to Tracking the Menstrual Cycle

Saturday, April 12

Literary Teas: North Woods

Tuesday, April 15

Greenfield Recycling Program

Meet & Greet

Tuesday, April 22

Poet's Seat Poetry Contest Celebration

Tuesday, April 29

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board Patio Clean Up

Monday, April 14

Bookends Intergenerational

Book Group: *Running with Sherman*

Thursday, April 24

MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS

Drop In and Draw with Kemah

Tuesdays, weekly

GPL Zine Club Presents:

Layout & Printing Workshop

Monday, April 7

Simple Rugmaking

Monday, April 14

Collaging with Victoria

Friday, April 17

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

PJs Storytime

Tuesday evenings, weekly

Meet a Therapy Dog

Thursday, April 17

Bird Scavenger Hunt

April School Vacation Week

ULTIMATE LEGO Club

Wednesday, April 23

LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBITION

Life is a River:

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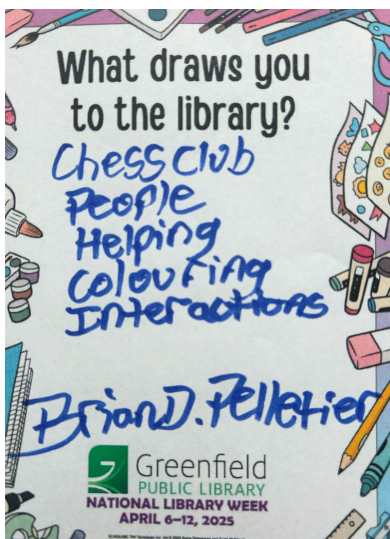
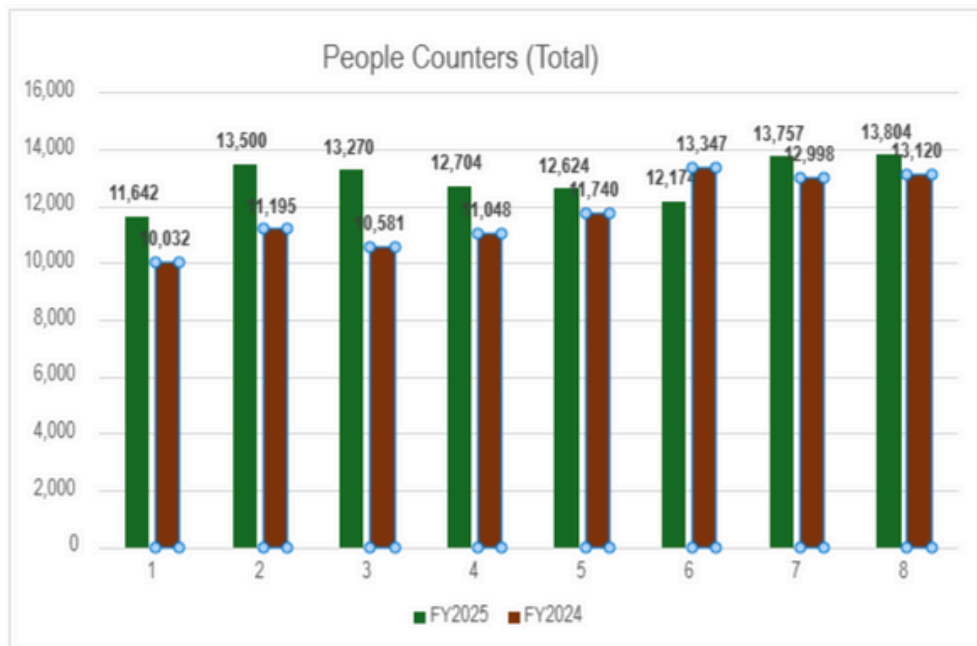
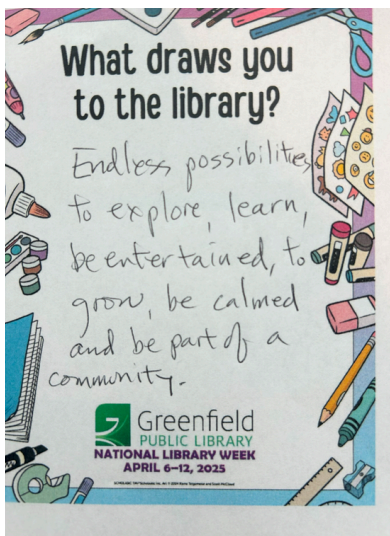
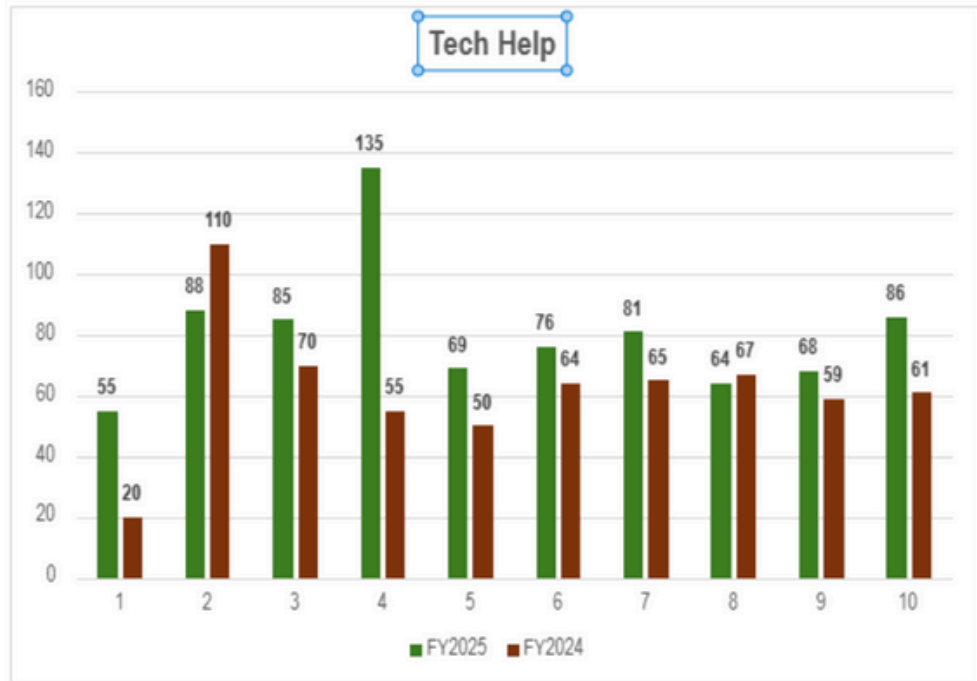
April 1-30

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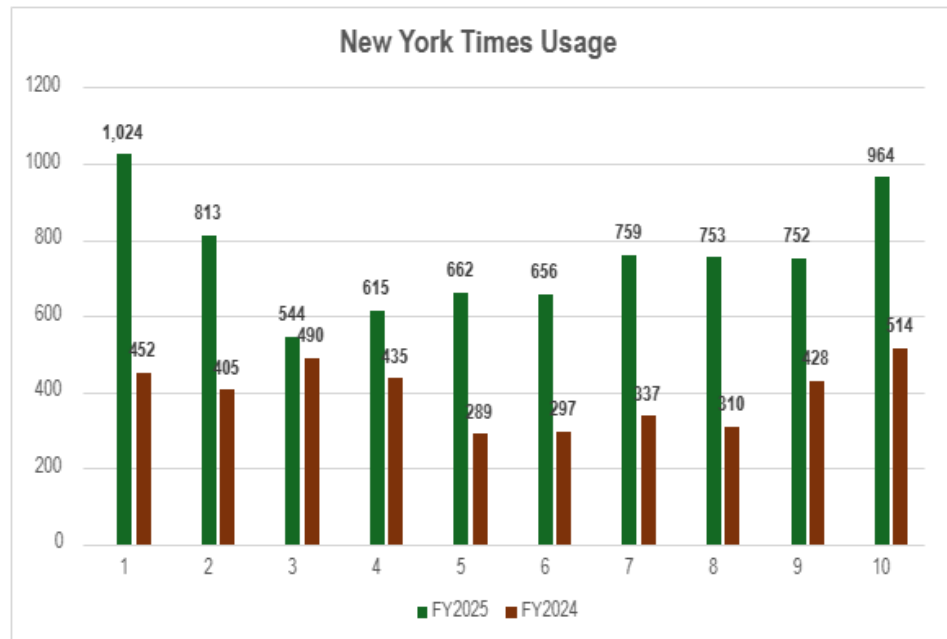
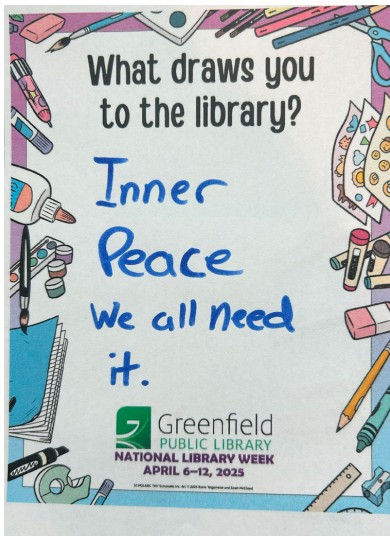


NUMBER OF ATTENDEES, LIBRARY SPONSORED EVENTS DURING APRIL: 376
NON-LIBRARY EVENTS HELD AT THE LIBRARY DURING APRIL: 20

Statistical Highlights (library usage):



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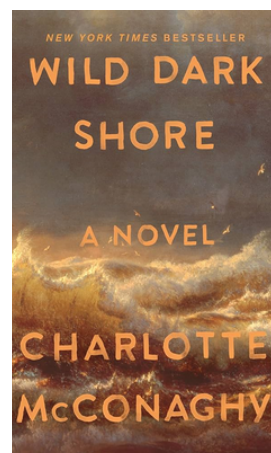
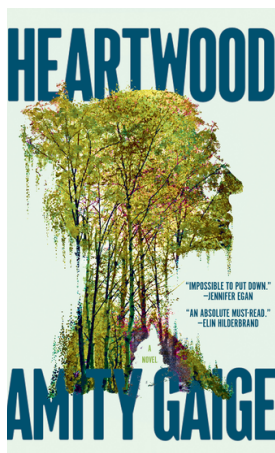


Circulation:

Patron borrowing (by item): 15,842

Newly added materials: 557

Top borrowed titles:



Staff News:

We are excited to announce that Delia Lavigne has been appointed Assistant Head of Borrower Services, replacing Jeremiah Rood who is now our Head of Borrower Services. Delia has been with the GPL since April 2021. We also welcome into a full-time position Tarah Dunn. Tarah joined us in September 2024 as a part-time library assistant position. She will be moving into the full-time library assistant position that Delia previously held. Finally, Jesse Cole, our Technical Services coordinator recently concluded their Master of Library Science degree program with Simmons University, which they have been pursuing over the last few years. We are so excited for them and know that they will do great things with their knowledge and work experience.

Professional Development:

In order to remain current and aware of happenings inside librarianship and adjacent professions, GPL staff participate in a variety of professional development opportunities. From monthly committee meetings to one-off training, staff are committed to ensuring they stay up-to-date and have the skills needed to fulfill their job duties and serve our community. We thank the Greenfield Public Library Foundation for their continued support of staff professional development.

Following are some of the professional development trainings that GPL staff have participated in the past month:

- Youth Partnership Summit, Community Health Center, Franklin County (April 4, 2025 Anna Bognolo & Francesca Passiglia)
- Social Cohesion Summit, Massachusetts Library System (April 11, 2025, Anna Bognolo & Pamela McBride)
- Zine Libraries of Western Mass and Beyond! Hosmer Gallery, Forbes Library (Special exhibition, April 2-29, 2025, Jesse Cole)
- Connected Leadership (Yale University and Coursera) (Asynchronous course, Jeremiah Rood)
- Introduction to GivePulse (Volunteer management system) (Ongoing, Jeremiah Rood)
- Speak Up! Public Speaking, Massachusetts Library System (7 week course, Francesca Passiglia)
- Franklin County YMCA Healthy Kids Day (April 26, 2025, Anna Bognolo)
- First Summer Farmer's Market, Greenfield (April 26, 2025 Pamela McBride, Delia Lavigne)
- Greenfield Business Association Meet the Mayor, Jon Zon Community Center (April 29, 2025, Anna Bognolo)

Facilities Updates:

- New date for installation of children's glass mural, Sunday, May 24th.
- Signage in the library has begun! We have the Children's, Tweens, and some service desks identified. Much more to come!

Community Feedback:

- An incredibly generous and kind anonymous patron has donated a lovely bouquet to the GPL for the next three weeks from Nettlepont Flower Farm. Whoever you are (and we hope you are reading this), a deep thank you from all of the staff here at the GPL.

Other:

We're often asked why computers are available in the children's room, and we're always glad to explain. These questions give us the opportunity to talk about one of the library's core values: access. In today's world, access in the public library means more than just books—it includes technology and digital resources as well.

We recognize that not every family wants or needs their child to use a computer at the library. Some may prefer to avoid screen time during visits, while others may not agree with having computers in a children's space at all. We respect those views, and ultimately, it's each parent or caregiver's choice whether their child uses the computers.

At the same time, we know that many families rely on the library to provide access to technology they may not have at home. Even families with home internet sometimes choose to limit digital use to the library, where they know their children can safely explore educational games, age-appropriate databases, eBooks, audiobooks, and other learning tools. These experiences help children develop essential skills in technology use, digital literacy, and responsible online behavior.

Our trained staff are always available to guide children and caregivers in making safe, informed, and positive use of these resources. We see technology as a vital part of a well-rounded library experience—one that complements our books, programs, and spaces, and helps support learning and growth for all children.

Finally, some visitors have asked if the computers could be moved to a less prominent spot. Unfortunately, they must remain where they are because the current location is the only place in the room with access to dataports—connections that allow the computers to access the internet.

We hope this explanation helps clarify why the library provides computers in the children's room. Thank you for your understanding and for supporting our commitment to serving the diverse needs of our community.

Library Snapshots:



Patrons enjoying the Drop In and Draw stations around the Library



Staff members Jesse and Delia at the Forbes Library Zine Exhibit



Collage with Victoria



We're so excited about our new wayfinding signs!