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## June 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:

## SUMMER READING 2025 IS BREAKING RECORDS!

Summer Reading for adults, teens, and children launched on June 13, and wow—what an incredible start! According to Ellen, Francesca, and Jeremiah, our dedicated staff leading the children's, teen, and adult departments, we've had an all-time high of community members signing up to participate.

Ellen shared that in just the first two weeks, she saw more sign-ups than she had during all of Summer 2024—and Francesca said the same! They both credit this year's success to our outreach efforts, including classroom visits to Greenfield Public Schools in late spring and our information table at the Summer Eats Kickoff event on June 14. Clearly, meeting people where they are—in schools, parks, and community events—makes a big difference.

This momentum is more than just numbers; it's a reminder of the vital role libraries and books play in our community. That's something we can all be proud of.

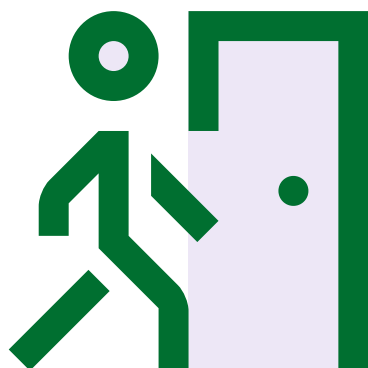
Summer Reading wraps up on July 26, so if you haven't signed up yet—there's still time! Join the fun and get in on the action while it's hot!

- **Number of library sponsored events: 78**
- **All non-library sponsored events: 13**

*Thank you to the Friends of Greenfield Public Library who generously support and fund all of the Library's programs.*



# Statistical Highlights (library usage):



## MONTHLY DOOR COUNT

**Total:** 11,980

Circa 400 visitors/day

**Fiscal Year 2025 To Date:** Door counts have risen 8.5% from last year



## MONTHLY STUDY ROOM USAGE COUNT

**Total:** 384

**Fiscal Year 2025 To Date:** Study room usage has risen 43% from last year



## MONTHLY WIRELESS USAGE

**Total:** 2,493

**Fiscal Year 2025 To Date:** wireless connectivity has risen 34% from last year

# Circulation:

- Patron borrowing: 16,534
- Newly added materials: 405
- Top borrowed titles:



# In Our Gallery:

## **New England Dreamscapes: Paintings by Sarah Adam**

Sarah Adam is a visual artist specializing in painted landscapes on mixed media, utilizing acrylic paint on repurposed materials, including found slate stone and reclaimed wood. She is also an accomplished illustrator, creating whimsical worlds for all audiences with delightful children's books and playful greeting cards.



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## **Staff News:**

The library is currently reviewing applications for the part-time Evening and Saturday Library Assistant position in our Borrower Services department. We hope to fill this vacancy in the near future. In the meantime, our substitute pool has been covering many of the hours typically handled by this position.

Additionally, our Youth Services Librarian, Ellen Lavoie, will transition to a four-day work week beginning Friday, July 4. This adjusted schedule will remain in effect for a period of six months.

## **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:

- StokerCon 2025 (the premiere horror literary convention presented by the Horror Writers Association) (Jeremiah Rood, Delia Lavigne, June 12-14, 2025)
- Building Inclusive Collections (Jeremiah Rood, June 2025)
- CWMars Webinar Running Reports in Evergreen (Jeremiah Rood, June 2025)
- American Library Association Annual Conference 2025 (Lisa Prolman, Jesse Cole, June 26-29, 2025)
- Winter Warming Center Planning meeting (Anna Bognolo, June 23, 2025)
- Elliot House Introductory Meeting (Anna Bognolo, Pamela McBride, June 24, 2025)
- Healey-Driscoll Administration Federal Funds & Infrastructure District Information & Listening Session (Anna Bognolo, June 26, 2025)
- Greenfield Unhoused Community Ad-Hoc Committee (Pamela McBride, June 26, 2025)
- Franklin County/North Quabbin Mobile Outreach Block Party (Pamela McBride, Delia Lavigne, June 27, 2025)

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## Facilities Updates:

In case you haven't seen them yet, the library now has a set of new bicycle racks located near the parking lot entrance. As part of the construction planning process, the building committee invited local artists to submit creative designs for the racks. Local sculptor Josh Ruder was selected for the commission and designed two themed sets: one inspired by birds and the other by trees.

All of the racks have been completed by the artist; however, only the bird-themed racks have been installed so far. The tree-themed racks will be placed near the Main Street entrance of the library and are expected to be installed later this July.

## In the News:

The GPL received some great local media coverage during the month of June! If you missed the articles, you'll find the headlines and links below.

If you're unable to access them from your device, don't worry—we have print copies available in the library's Local History Room, and we can also help you access the digital versions. Just visit or call our Information Services staff for assistance.

***Go fish: Greenfield Public Library teams up with MassWildlife to offer free fishing equipment rentals*** Greenfield Recorder, June 6, 2025

***Greenfield Public Library to celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day***,  
Greenfield Recorder, June 12, 2025

## Other:

On June 7, the Greenfield Public Library was proud to participate in the Greenfield Pride Parade! Nearly 30 amazing library supporters and community members of all ages joined us, and we want to give a special shoutout to those who carried the GPL banner from start to finish.

Despite the heavy rain, spirits were high! Library staff truly appreciated all the cheers, waves, and calls of "We love the library!" from folks along the parade route. It was a wonderful day—rain and all—and a powerful reminder of the importance of community.

# Library Snapshots:



Therapy dogs visited the library!



So thankful to these two library patrons for carrying the banner the entire parade and in a downpour!



Josh Ruder and his bicycle birds!



Teen Summer Reading Kickoff with Francesca



Pamela and Delia at Franklin County/North Quabbin Mobile Outreach Block Party



Children's librarian, Ellen, at Summer Eats Kick-off party

# Upcoming Events of Note:

Here are some highlights for July:

More details available on our calendar at [greenfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://greenfieldpubliclibrary.org)



- Coffee With a Cop, Monday, July 7, 9:30-11:30am
- Tween & Teen Escape Room with Wicked Fun Games, Friday, July 11
- Community Legal Aid Information Session, Tuesday, July 15, 5-6:30pm
- Author Talk: Craig Harris, *Bob Dylan and The Band*, Wednesday, July 16, 6pm
- Drone & Remote Control Car Obstacle Course, Saturday, July 19, 11am - 2pm
- "From Around Western Mass" Photographs by Trevor Powers, Artist's Reception, Saturday, July 12, 12-2pm
- Resume Writing for Teens and Young Adults with Career Counselors from MassHire, Wednesday, July 23, 3:30-5pm

**Make a Butterfly Feeder**

Saturday, July 12  
9:30am-1:30pm  
(drop-in)

Great for ages 5-12

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**Greenfield SUMMER EATS**

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**At Greenfield Public Library**

**TUESDAY EVENINGS**

- Supper provided by GPS Food Truck from 5-6pm
- Movies shown by Greenfield Public Library (5:30pm start)
  - Wild Robot 7/1
  - Dogman 7/8
  - Paddington in Peru 7/15
  - The Garfield Movie 7/22
  - Despicable Me 4 7/29
  - Sonic 3 8/5
  - Transformers One 8/12
  - Moana 2 8/19

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**GIANT Family Twister**

At the Greenfield Public Library

**Wednesday, July 23**

**6pm**

Held in the Community Meeting Room

Pizza and freeze pops included!

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**Mending Clinic**

Starts Tuesday July 15

Third Tuesdays from 2-4 pm

Have a sweater with a hole? A shirt with a missing button or a bag with a torn strap?

Join us in the Maker Space to brainstorm solutions.

Sewing and knitting supplies will be on hand to get you started!

For ages 16 and up

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Wednesday Mornings  
GPL Makerspace

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**GPL ZINE CLUB**

**COMMUNITY ZINE COLLAB!**

**MONDAY JUL 7**

**6 PM**

**MAKERSPACE**

Join zine club to contribute 1-2 pages to a collaborative zine! All supplies provided. Ages 13+.

Spots limited! Pre-register with the QR Code or at [bit.ly/gpzineclub](http://bit.ly/gpzineclub).

**What's a zine again?**  
A zine is a DIY print work, often on a subject that falls outside of traditional publishing.

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