Announcing the 2020 Selection for One Book Region

Narrating the complexities of betrayal and love, Crazy Brave is a haunting, visionary memoir about family and the breaking apart necessary in finding a voice. Joy Harjo is a nationally recognized poet and the first Native American Poet Laureate. In addition to Crazy Brave, Harjo has published nine books of poetry, several plays, and children’s books. A virtual kickoff celebration for the book was held on June 17 with keynote speaker Sandy Grande, Professor of Education and Director of the Center for the Critical Study of Race and Ethnicity at Connecticut College.

Participate in A Life in One Line: A Community Memoir

Submit your one sentence memoir to be included in our New London County memoir, published this fall.

Summer Reading Program

JUNE 12 – AUGUST 14

Explore the world of stories this summer with the Groton Public Library. Open a book and discover a new world!

All ages are invited to participate in our Summer Reading Program:

1. Create an online account to track your reading.
2. Read 7 books over the summer.
3. Collect your prize at the end of the program!

Get Outside with Groton Public Library!

It is our goal this summer to challenge YOU to explore the Groton area! We have chosen a variety of locations to visit and learn about each week. Watch our short videos released every Friday, and join in the fun by engaging with the Library via Facebook and Instagram.

ATTEMPTION:

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
FRI., JULY 3

Fermented Foods

WED., JULY 29, 3 PM

Learn about fermented foods from the experts at Tri Gable Lea Farm in Colchester. Watch the entire process in this virtual workshop.

Beginner Beekeeping

WED., AUG. 5, 3 PM

In this virtual workshop, the experts at Tri Gable Lea Farm will teach you about the three types of beehives, the basic needs of the hive, real costs and time involved, and how to install your first bees. These workshops are made possible by a generous donation from the Circle of Friends.

Shred-It Day

SAT., AUG. 8, 10 AM-12 PM

It’s that time of year to start cleaning out all your old files. Liberty Bank is hosting a free Shred-It Day event in the Groton Public Library parking lot. Bring up to three file-size boxes for complimentary safe and secure shredding.

CONNECTIONS

LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Thursday 10-6; Friday 10-5:30; Saturday 10-1

Groton Public Library | www.grotonpl.org | 860-441-6750 | 52 Newtown Road | Groton, CT 06340
**Job Club**  
**MON., 12-2 PM BY APPOINTMENT**  
Ask for advice on everything related to the job search, including job applications, resumes, cover letters, interview skills, and more. One-on-one appointments via Zoom can be scheduled with Jessa Franco at jfranco@groton-ct.gov.

**Protect Against Identity Theft**  
**MON., JULY 20, 1 PM**  
In this webinar, hosted by our partners at Liberty Bank, discover how to protect your identity and other assets. Learn what to do in the event of identity theft or fraud, and also how insurance can help protect you from financial loss.

**Use Google Tools to Find Your Next Job**  
**WED., JULY 22, 12 PM**  
This workshop will focus on supporting job seekers and will discuss how Google Search can help them find new job opportunities. Other topics include using G Suite tools to keep organized and best practices to improve resumes, communicate effectively online, and prep for virtual interviews.

**Financial Preparation & Recovery During a Disaster**  
**MON., AUG. 17, 1 PM**  
In this webinar, we partner with Liberty Bank to help you prepare for the worse. Learn how to save money, time, and stress when financial disaster does strike.

**GPL Book Group**  
**TUES., JULY 21, 3 PM**  
Join us for an online discussion of *Little Sister: A Memoir* by Patricia Chadwick. Described by the publisher as “a tale of resilience and grace, *Little Sister* chronicles, in riveting prose, a surreal childhood and does so without rancor or self-pity.”

**Connecticut Author Trail: Patricia Chadwick**  
**TUES., AUG. 4, 6:30 PM**  
In her memoir, *Little Sister*, Patricia Walsh Chadwick sheds light on her childhood growing up in a religious cult in the 1950s and 60s, with no access to the outside world or contact with anyone, including family, that lived outside the community.

**Read on a Theme**  
**TUES., JULY 28 & AUG. 25, 3 PM**  
The Library is challenging our readers to find a book based on a particular theme. Your books can be from any genre: fiction, nonfiction, graphic novel, etc. After reading, join us online via Zoom to learn about each other’s selections and possibly add a few to your “to-read” list.  
Looking for book suggestions? Visit our digital collection on OverDrive or Libby to borrow the featured titles.  
- July 28: Heroes & Villains  
- Aug. 25: Travel

**GPL Book Group**  
**TUES., AUG. 18, 3 PM**  
This month is reader’s choice! We are leaving it up to the reader to pick their own book and share in our online discussion.

Please register for all virtual programs through the Library’s online calendar. Zoom meeting information will be emailed to our newsletter subscribers, registered attendees, and by request.
**Teen Volunteers**

Looking to earn volunteer hours this summer? Check out the options below. Contact Ms. Jessa for details or visit the [Teen Volunteers link](#) on our website.

**Instagram Book Reviews**

Each review is worth 1 service hour. Reviews must include:
- A photo of the book
- The author/title in the caption
- Why you recommend the book
- Tag the Library’s Instagram account @grotonpubliclibrary

If we like your review, we may share it to our page!

**Earth Day All Year**

Clean up 1 bag of trash for 2 service hours. Email a photo of you and your bag of trash to Miss Jessa at jfranco@groton-ct.gov. Please include your full name in the email.

**Inter-Generational Pen Pals**

Write to a senior pen pal this summer. Each letter is worth 1 service hour with a minimum of 3 letters to participate. Your address will not be shared. The senior center and library will coordinate delivery of your letters to your new pen pal. An [application](#) is required for participation.

**Queer Lit**

**THURS., JULY 16 & AUG. 20, 5 PM**

Join us for a virtual meeting of our Queer Lit book club. Take part in the conversation as we share our favorite teen LGBTQ+ titles. *This event is hosted in partnership with OutCT of New London County.*

**Nutmeg Book Club**

**THURS., JULY 30 & AUG. 13, 3 PM**

The 2021 Nutmeg Nominees have been announced! Join us online to discuss two of the middle school nominees. Copies of the book are available via contactless pickup and OverDrive. *This event is hosted in partnership with Groton Public Schools.*

- **July 30:** *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya
- **Aug. 13:** *The Nowhere Girls* by Amy Reed

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**Fairy Tales & Food**

**WED., 3 PM**

Explore classic fairy tales through food this summer with Miss Lindsey and Miss Jessa! We will be learning basic cooking skills while we prepare and enjoy dishes inspired by Snow White, Thumbelina, Humpty Dumpty, and more. Check out our YouTube video for ingredient lists and follow along with us. Episodes debut Wednesday afternoons on [YouTube](#).

**Librarians Learn: Virtual Life Experiences**

**TUES., 3 PM**

Join our library staff as we challenge ourselves to learn something new this summer. These videos will include our learning process, failures, support, and successes. Will we be able to successfully dye our hair with tissue paper? Can we learn to play the ukulele in three minutes? Tune in to find out! Episodes debut Tuesday afternoons on [YouTube](#).
CT Summer Meals Program
MON.-FRI., 9-10 AM
CT Summer Meals are free, nutritious, meals and snacks that are provided to kids and teens, 18 years of age and younger, throughout the summer when school is out. Groton Public Library is a designated site, operating Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Friday will cover meals for the whole weekend. Registration is not required, and meals are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit the Groton Public Schools Child Nutrition Program Facebook page for more information.

Be a 4-H Brainiac
WED., 10 AM
Register to receive a 4-H activity that you can build along with during Facebook live sessions. Kits will be available for pickup at the Library on the Monday or Tuesday before the Facebook Live Build.
- July 15: Breakfast Nails & Ballerinas
- July 29: Suck-A-Bug
- Aug. 12: Buckle Up Egg

4-H Break out! Escape Room
WED., 10 AM
JULY 8, 22, AUG. 5, 19
Our digital escape rooms will challenge you to solve the puzzles and BREAK OUT! They can be done alone, with a sibling, or as a family team. Reach out on the UConn 4-H New London County Facebook page if you need a hint. Register for a free account at breakoutedu.com, and enter in the library’s code (D52HM9) to participate. Need help signing up? Watch this video.

Junior Friends' Grab & Go Crafting for a Cause
WED., JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Pick up: 11 AM - 2 PM
Are you a Junior Friend who is missing our monthly events? Pick up a Grab & Go Craft Bag on Wednesdays at the Junior Friends' table in the Library's vestibule. Our kits will contain easy instructions and most of the supplies you will need to create a project that spreads good will and cheer. Note: Grab & Go Craft Bags are available while supplies last and limited to current Junior Friend members.