2019 One Book, One Region
WED., JUNE 19, 6 PM
The seventeenth annual One Book, One Region kickoff will take place at the BioCT Innovation Commons, 93 Shennecossett Road, Groton, CT. The 2019 “one book,” Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, will be introduced to the audience at the event through video clips and a presentation by Connecticut College Assistant Professor of Theater Ginny Anderson who will provide context for the novel. Refreshments will be prepared by Brigaid. Copies of Hey, Kiddo will be available for purchase courtesy of Bank Square Books.

Award-winning author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka was raised by his grandparents in Worcester, Massachusetts. Hey, Kiddo traces his search for his father, his difficult interactions with his mother, an incarcerated heroin addict, his day-to-day life with his grandparents, and his path to becoming an artist. The book provides a unique opportunity for learning through the graphic novel format, as well as discussing alternative families and the impact of opioids on our community.

Book discussions and programs are planned at libraries throughout the summer. Hey, Kiddo has also been chosen for the Connecticut College Summer Read program. Krosoczka will appear at Connecticut College’s Palmer Auditorium on September 17, at 7 p.m.

The goals of One Book, One Region are to bring people together to discuss ideas, to broaden the appreciation of reading and to break down barriers among people.

Food for Thought Series
TUES., 7 PM
JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25
Food editor Lee White will host a weekly series, featuring local chefs, farmers, and cookbook authors.

- June 4: Panel discussion of local chefs and restaurant owners, featuring Susan Devlin, Amy Garcia, and Olivia Formica.
- June 11: Four food writers will talk about their favorite food memories, including Linda Guica, Priscilla Martel, Pem McNerney, and Lee White.
- June 18: Dugan Tillman-Brown and his mother, Beth Tillman, of Firefly Farms in North Stonington will talk about life on the farm with animals, all of whom are humanely treated and organically fed.
- June 25: Marge Perry and David Bonom, both professional chefs and food writers, will talk about their new book, Hero Dinners.

Summer Reading Kickoff
FRI., JUNE 21, 10 AM
Join us for a Frisbee show with two-time world freestyle Frisbee champion Todd Brodeur. His high-energy, interactive performance captivates audiences by demonstrating basic tricks and catches. He includes a unique learning lesson on Frisbee history and aerodynamics as well. All Summer Reading Program kickoff registrants will receive a free Frisbee (while supplies last). Everyone who attends the kickoff will also be entered to win a pair of Pawtucket Red Sox tickets.

Make Music Day at Groton Family Farm
FRI., JUNE 21, 12 PM
Make Music Day is a global celebration where musicians of all stripes can showcase their talents. With the help of the Library and Groton Parks and Rec, Groton Family Farm will provide an outdoor stage for a variety of bands, including blues, folk, acoustic, swing, orchestral, and more. There will be food vendors onsite, with some dishes made with vegetables from the garden, recently revamped by the students at Grasso Tech.
Job Club
MON., 12–2 PM & EVENINGS
BY APPOINTMENT
JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24
Looking for work? Join the club! Ask our staff for advice on everything related to the job search, including job applications, resumes, cover letters, interview skills, and more.

Book Discussion
WED., JUNE 12, 7 PM
Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel
Condemned by tradition to look after her tyrannical mother and remain a spinster, Tita finds her destiny in the kitchens of the family ranch. Her recipes for Mexican dishes are woven into the story of her doomed romance with Pedro, her brother-in-law. Earthy, magical, and utterly charming, this tale of family life in turn-of-the-century Mexico blends poignant romance and bittersweet wit. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Community Conversations
WED., JUNE 26, 7 PM
“Defining The Next Chapter”
This panel discussion will highlight recent graduates from a variety of education levels (high school, undergraduate, graduate, trade schools, doctoral programs). Come and be inspired to dream about your next chapter. Moderated by community activist Kevin Booker, Jr.

Genealogy Club
THURS., JUNE 27, 3:30 PM
Meet with other people interested in researching their family history, and learn research techniques, databases, websites, and everything related to genealogy.

Woodstock: 50th Anniversary Celebration
SAT., JUNE 8, 2 PM
Musician and historian Craig Harris takes you back to that wild and magical weekend in August 1969 with this participatory, multimedia program about the groundbreaking music festival. Drummer Craig offers a short film experience, a play along with the music moment, plus anecdotes from back in the day.

Lunch & Learn: Identity Theft
MON., JUNE 10, 12–2 PM
Enjoy lunch while learning about smart money practices, such as protecting yourself against identity theft, recognizing scams, planning for unexpected life events, and more. Registration is required. This program is sponsored by Liberty Bank.

Family Chess Club
SAT., JUNE 29, 10 AM
Chess enthusiasts of all ages and ability levels are welcome to join us for the Library’s Chess Club! Whether you have no experience and want to learn how to play or you know the game and are looking to meet and interact with new players, make the Library’s Chess Club part of your Saturday routine. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Chess enthusiast Richard Perez will be on hand at every class to instruct beginners.

Adult Summer Reading
Please join us in participating in our Adult Summer Reading Program! We know you read, so why not enter your reading into an online reading log to win weekly prizes? There will even be a final drawing for an Amazon Kindle culminating at the end of the program on August 10.
**Service Saturday**
**SAT., JUNE 8, 2 PM**
Earn up to two hours of service by helping with projects and events at the Library. To register, visit tinyurl.com/gplteensignup.

**Queer Lit**
**THURS., JUNE 13, 6 PM**
Join us for a book club that celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community. Teens are invited to take part in the conversation as we read books by and about queer people. We will be discussing graphic novels with LGBTQ themes. Copies of next month’s book selection will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is hosted in partnership with OutCT of New London County.

**Techy Teens & Savvy Seniors**
**TUES., JUNE 25, 4 PM**
Please note: this program meets at the Groton Senior Center. Teens are invited to this workshop to help seniors with their computers, phones and devices. Contact Ms. Jessa for volunteer applications.

**Teens vs. Library Staff Kickball Game**
**FRI., JUNE 28, 3 PM**
Join us for our third annual teens vs. library staff kickball game. The librarians and teens have each won a game; let’s see who comes out on top with this record-breaking event! Teens are welcome to participate, while their friends and families are invited to cheer from the sidelines. Please bring exercise-appropriate clothes and shoes as well as a water bottle.

**Comics and Cartooning**
**TUES., JUNE 25, 2 PM**
Join us for a hands-on cartooning workshop with Matt Ryan from Free Lunch Studios. Expand your drawing skills and learn tips and techniques from a professional. Matt will guide the group through character design and page layout. For ages 7 and up; registration is not required. This program is sponsored in part by Connecticut Humanities.

**Art Exploration: A Creative Mission for Teens & Adults**
**WED., 3:30 PM**
**JUNE 26, JULY 3-31, AUG. 7**
Join us for a weekly art exploration, where adults and teens entering grade 5+ can experiment with different forms of artistic expression. To acrylic and beyond, we want to try it all! Supplies are limited on a first-come, first-served basis. See the schedule below for each week’s project:
- June 26: Origami Stars
- July 3: Astronaut Selfies
- July 10: Galaxy Painting
- July 17: Airbrush Tattoos
- July 24: Moon Phase Wall Art
- July 31: Galaxy Jars
- Aug. 7: Space Jewelry

**Teen Volunteer Training**
**JUNE 18-20, 6 PM**
Summer is back and with it is our annual teen volunteer training! Any teen who wants to volunteer this summer must attend one of the three training dates. During these sessions we will learn:
- What volunteer positions are available
- How to sign up for volunteer shifts
- How to check in for your shift
- What the assigned duties are for each of the positions, followed by a quick orientation.

To register, visit the SignUp link at tinyurl.com/gplteensignup or call the Library at 860-441-6750. Volunteer applications are also available during the training sessions or at the Library’s information desk.
CT Summer Meals Program
JUNE 24-AUG. 16
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 beginning Monday, June 24, and ending Friday, August 16. The program does not require registration.

The Connecticut No Kid Hungry campaign is a partnership of End Hunger Connecticut and Share Our Strength. The program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is administered by the Connecticut Department of Education.

Summer Reading Program
JUNE 21-AUG. 10
The Library has a fresh new look for our online Summer Reading Program! This year’s theme is “A Universe of Stories.” Sign up at grotonpl.org to start logging the books and pages you read. Earn a digital badge for every 100 pages read, which can then be redeemed for prizes and raffle tickets!

Did You Know?
The Library offers discounted or free admission passes to a variety of museums, parks, and local area attractions. To check out these passes, individuals will need a valid library card. Please call the Library at 860-441-6750 for availability. Thank you to our Circle of Friends group for sponsoring these passes.
Volunteer Spotlight

The only thing better than one wonderful volunteer is two! And that is just what we have in the dynamic sister duo of Gemma and Katie Houghton. The girls have been active members of the Junior Friends since 2015 and hardly miss a meeting or event.

Why did you join the Junior Friends? Katie thought it would be something fun to do in the Library, and Gemma was little and just came along.

What Junior Friends event do you like best? “We like Bumpers & Books because people can decorate their cars to be like any book they want. And we get candy!”

What activities would you like to see the Junior Friends do in the future? “Put on plays, plant a garden, and turn the Library into a haunted house.”

Why is volunteering important to you? “We like to be helpful and see our friends. It’s really fun!”

How can other people help the Library? “We are so lucky to have our Library close by and near Dairy Queen. People can help by going to the Library and supporting their fundraisers.”

Circle of Friends Monthly Meetup
SAT., JUNE 22, 9:30 AM

You already love the Groton Public Library, so why not become more involved with us? Stop by and meet some of our Friends, join on the spot — membership is free — and learn about all of the wonderful things the Circle of Friends do to support our Library. We would love for you to become an active member of our Circle of Friends and make a lasting difference in our Library.

JUNIOR FRIENDS EVENTS

Crafting for a Cause
WED., JUNE 5, 5:30 PM

Join the Junior Friends to make cool crafts using a variety of mediums. There’s just one catch—you can’t keep what you make. The crafts are given away to local senior citizens, veterans, homebound individuals and nursing home residents.

Family Film & Fundraiser
SAT., JUNE 22, 2:30 PM

The Junior Friends present the recently-released film, The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part. Refreshments will be sold by the Junior Friends, and the proceeds will benefit the Library. Feel free to bring your pillows and blankets. This film is rated PG and runs for approximately 107 minutes.

Library Helper Day
MON., JUNE 24, 3:30 PM

During this busy hour, the Junior Friends will assist Library staff in a variety of projects, including preparing craft and program materials, dusting and light cleaning, straightening shelves and special event preparation.

Toiletry Drive
JUNE 24-AUG. 5

If your summer vacation includes a hotel stay, please save your unused hotel toiletries. The Junior Friends are collecting unopened soap, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, razors, shower caps, deodorant, and other travel-size products to donate to area homeless and women’s shelters. Bring your toiletries to the Junior Friends’ collection bin in the Children’s Room by August 5.

Five Below Shopping Fundraiser
JUNE 23-29

The Junior Friends of the Groton Public Library are sponsoring a shopping fundraiser at Five Below (917 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford Commons). When you shop between Sunday, June 23 and Saturday, June 29, 10% of your total purchase will benefit the Library. Note: You must present a Five Below shopping voucher, available at all of the Library’s checkout stations, when you make your purchase.
Space is limited and registration is required. Register online for computer classes by calling 860-441-6750 or visiting http://tinyurl.com/yat4kj3a.

**Book-a-Tech**
**MON.-WED., 2–4:30 PM**
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**
Having trouble setting up an email account, downloading e-books, or using your smart phone or tablet? Book a 20-minute appointment with a Library staff member and receive one-on-one help with technology-related questions.

*Registration is required.* Call the Library at 860-441-6750 to reserve your spot. **Please note:** Staff cannot help you set up a home computer or laptop.

**Open Tech Center**
The Library has open hours for assistance in our Tech Center on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment necessary.

**TECHNOLOGY CLASSES**

**Windows 10**
**TUES., JUNE 4, 3 PM**
Find out how to navigate the start menu, discover the difference between Edge and Internet Explorer, and use your new personal assistant, Cortana.

**Streaming Music**
**WED., JUNE 12, 10:30 AM**
Curious about online music, but having trouble navigating all of the options? Take a closer look at the music streaming services that are available and learn how to use them. This class will also dive into the world of podcasts.

**Facebook for Beginners**
**FRI., JUNE 7, 10:30 AM**
Learn the ins and outs of Facebook, the popular social networking site. Dive right in to finding friends and family, writing a post, and navigating the security settings. This class is designed for individuals who have already signed up for Facebook; please bring your login information to follow along with the instructor.

**Photo Editing and Organizing**
**TUES., JUNE 18, 3 PM**
As long as you have a smartphone and inspiration, you can take pictures like a professional photographer. Learn how to take photos using your phone, edit them, and share them with others.

**Phone Photography**
**TUES., JUNE 11, 3 PM**
Learn how to navigate the start menu, discover the difference between Edge and Internet Explorer, and use your new personal assistant, Cortana.

**Internet Basics**
**WED., JUNE 19, 10:30 AM**
The internet is used in many aspects of our everyday lives, so it is helpful to have a basic understanding of how to navigate the online world. Learn about web browsers, as well as how to use search engines and bookmark favorite websites.

**Connecticut Passport Agency Acceptance Event**
**SAT., JUNE 29, 10 AM–3 PM**
The Library and other passport acceptance facilities across the United States are hosting events to help you and your family apply for your passport. Most events are for first-time customers and children. If you are eligible to renew your passport, please do so by mail.

Applications will be available at the Library in advance of the event. Valid documentation and applicable fees are required; payment must be check or money order only. Please visit travel.state.gov for complete information.