

SAWYER NEWS

June 2026

Mapping Memory: Gloucester's Oral History Project



Join the Local History Research Center to celebrate the launch of *Mapping Memory: Gloucester's Oral History Project*, a new community initiative to gather first-hand accounts from longtime residents, community leaders, and underrepresented voices that document life in Gloucester's neighborhoods.

[Learn More](#)

Kick Off Event with Gloucester Neighborhood Jeopardy!

Saturday, June 6
10:30 - 11:30 AM

[Register](#)

Poetry Without Paper

Please join us to celebrate the winners of our annual Poetry Without Paper contest! Come applaud these talented local voices and enjoy readings of their award-winning work.

Thursday, June 11
5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)

POETRY
without
PAPER

Community Connections

**Mah Jongg Meet Up
Just Drop In!**

Tuesdays
1:30 - 3:30 PM

**Chess Club
Just Drop In!**

Tuesdays
4:00 - 5:30 PM

Chair Yoga

Fridays
10:45 - 11:45 PM

[Register](#)

Page to Screen Book Group

Book: *The Kite Runner*

Thursday, June 18
5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Adult

**All About CATA
(Win a Raffle Prize!)**

Thursday, June 4
5:00 - 6:00 PM

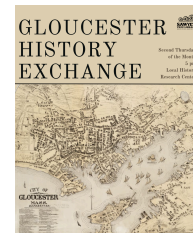
[Learn More](#)



**Gloucester History Exchange Discussion Group:
Gloucester During the Revolution**

Thursday, June 11
5:00 - 6:00 PM

[Register](#)



**Gloucester Writers Center
Focus Group**

Thursday, June 11
5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Memoir Writing Series with Gail Brenner Nastasia

Saturday June 13, 20, and 27
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Register for One or All Sessions](#)



Gloucester's Historic Waterfront Part 2

Saturday, June 13
2:00 - 3:00 PM

[Register](#)

The Land of the Living with Tim Crellin

Thursday, June 18

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Register](#)

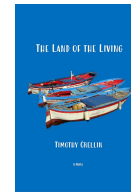


Poiesis String Quartet Performance

Thursday, June 25

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Geology is Destiny: Tree Talk

Thursday, June 25

5:30 - 6:30 PM

[Learn More](#)

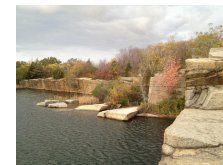


The Color of Light Screening: Joseph Solman

Friday, June 26

3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Register](#)



Gloucester Genealogy Group: Massachusetts State Archives Resources

Saturday, June 27

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)



New Titles

Book Groups to Go!



Read caption for more information!



Hot off the press! Our Book Group to Go Kits have gotten some great new additions, so if your book club is in need of something new to read, look no further! We provide the books and discussion questions, and all you need is your library card and a group of friends!

[Learn More](#)

Virtual Author Talks

Our monthly virtual author talk series features best-selling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. In June, hear from the Smithsonian about State Fair crafts, apocalyptic mayhem from Matt Dinniman, stories of grandfatherhood from Ted Page, and chat with Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy about Diaspora Spice Co., the progressive spice company rooted in flavor and equity.

[Learn more and register](#)



Storytelling and Stagecraft

How does a story travel from the library shelf to the center stage? Join us for an engaging "Theater Talk," exploring the creation and production of Gloucester Stage Company's regional premiere of *Bad Books*, a sharp-witted new comedy that tackles the modern-day firestorm of book banning.

Featured panelists:

Playwright **Sharyn Rothstein**

Gloucester Stage Artistic Director **Rebecca Bradshaw**

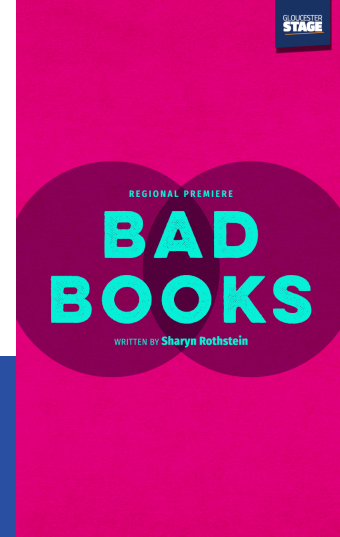
Mass. Library Association Intellectual Freedom and Social Responsibility Committee Co-Chair **Andrea Fiorillo**.

Storytelling and Stagecraft: A Conversation on *Bad Books*

Saturday, June 6

5:00-6:30 PM

[Register](#)



Digital Services

Podcast & Audio Studios Now Open to Book!

- Record a song demo!
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- Record your own Audiobook!

Whether you're a musician, an influencer or a podcaster, you now have FREE access to two fully outfitted studios at Sawyer Free!



Book Time in the Studio!

Build your Scam Awareness Skills at Rose Baker Center!

June 26th 10:30am

At The Rose Baker Center for Aging Well

Register in-person at Rose Baker Center or Call Natalia at: 978-325-5812



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Matz Gallery Exhibition: Etched by Light



Anchored at Gloucester, 30"x20"

Ethereal Photogravures and Photographs
Solo Exhibition by Bruce Fieldman
June 1-29, 2026
Artists Reception: Thursday, June 11, 5-6:30

Teen & Tween

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, June 6

11:00 - 1:00 PM

[Register](#)



Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, June 11

4:30 - 5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



Homeschool Takeover

Wednesday, June 17

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Learn More](#)



Sewing Workshop for Teens and Tweens

Wednesday, June 24

3:00 - 4:30 PM

[Register](#)



Book Page Ships for Teens and Tweens

Tuesday, June 2

3:00 - 4:30 PM

[Register](#)



Broom Making for Teens and Tweens

Friday, June 26

3:00 - 4:00 PM

[Register](#)



Teen/Tween Super Smash Tournament

Saturday, June 27

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

[Register](#)



Teen Advisory Board

Monday, June 29

4:30 - 5:30 PM

[Learn More](#)



Children

Toddler Tunes & Tales

Music, movement, and hands-on early literacy fun

For ages 18-36 months.

Mondays at 10 AM

[Learn More](#)



Babies, Books, and Bubbles

For ages 0-12 months

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

[Learn More](#)



New! Open Play

For ages 0-3

Thursdays at 10:30

[Learn More](#)



Meet Wylie

Meet Our Therapy Dog!

Wednesday, June 4

3:30 PM

[Drop-In](#)

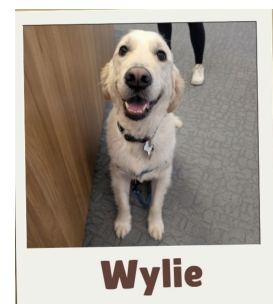
Read to Wylie

Read to a Therapy Dog!

June 11, 18, & 25

3:30 - 4:30 PM

[Register](#)



Lego Fun

For grades K-5

Friday, June 12

3:15 PM

[Register](#)



Musical Story Time:

Spring Has Sprung

Friday, June 26

11 AM

[Learn More](#)



The library will be closed on Friday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. We will reopen on Saturday, June 20, as we officially kick off our Summer Hours. Please note that our new Saturday hours will be 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Programs are held at 2 Dale Avenue unless otherwise noted. Programs are accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all.

To request an accommodation, contact the Library at 978-325-5500.



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